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World Cup fans without tickets can enter Qatar

New ‘Early December’ feature now available on Hayya Card platform

Qatar has launched a new Hayya Card option which will allow non-ticketed fans to enter the country following the conclusion of the FIFA World Cup group stage.

The ‘Early December’ feature, which allows fans without tickets to apply for a Hayya Card, came into force yesterday midnight.

Fans will need to show proof of accommodation and pay an entry fee of QR500 to obtain the Hayya Card and enter Qatar, the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) announced in a statement yesterday. Children under 12 will not be charged.

In a tweet, the Ministry of Interior explained that non-ticketed fans can

book hotel reservation on the website, qatar2022.qa/book

The Hayya Card is mandatory for FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 fans. It provides access to stadiums with a valid match ticket, entry to the FIFA Fan Festival and free public transport.

Khalid Ali al-Mawlawi, deputy director general, Marketing, Communications & Event Experience, SC, said: “It’s been a wonderful tournament so far. We’ve welcomed hundreds of thousands of fans from across the world for an unrivalled festival of football and exchange of cultures.

“As we move into the knockout stages of the tournament, we’re delighted to offer the chance for more fans to visit Qatar and experience the special atmosphere of the first FIFA World Cup in the Middle East and Arab world.”

Fans have plenty of entertainment options away from the stadiums in Qa-

tar, including the FIFA Fan Festival at Al Bidda Park, the 6km Corniche Activation and a vast array of live music, cultural experiences and fan zones.

Fans who wish to apply for the Early December Hayya Card feature should note the following: Ticket holders for matches from today (Saturday, Dec 3) will not be required to pay QR500. Fans who pay the QR500 entry fee and purchase FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 tickets later will not be eligible for a refund.

After paying the QR500 entry fee and confirming their accommodation, fans will receive an entry permit to Qatar via e-mail. Fans are advised not to travel until completing the Hayya Card application process as they will not be allowed to board a flight or enter through the Abu Samra land border without the entry permit. Hayya Card holders are able to stay in Qatar until January 23, 2023.

Amir meets New York City mayor



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani met yesterday evening at Al Janoub Stadium with Mayor of New York City Eric Adams, who is currently visiting the country to attend part of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 matches. During the meeting, they discussed co-operation relations between Qatar and the United States, in addition to discussing several issues of mutual interest. **(QNA)**

Amir holds phone call with UK PM

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani held a phone call yesterday evening with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. During the call, Sunak congratulated the Amir for the launch of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, praising the good organisation, and wishing the participating teams well in the competition. The call dealt with discussing bilateral relations, the means to enhance them in all fields of co-operation, besides discussing the latest regional and international developments. **(QNA)**

International protection urged for Palestinians

The Palestinian presidency said yesterday that crimes which have become an official policy for the successive Israeli governments require urgent intervention to provide international protection for the defenceless Palestinian people. In a statement, it stressed that the continued international silence led to the commission of such crimes, stating that the ongoing policy of impunity and lack of accountability have encouraged these governments to commit more crimes against the Palestinian people. The presidency slammed the cold-blooded killing of a Palestinian youth at the hands of an Israeli soldier as a heinous crime and as part of the series of crimes committed daily against the Palestinian people. **(QNA)**

COMMUNITY

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Today's schedule

Round of 16

Netherlands vs USA, 6pm
at Khalifa International Stadium

Argentina vs Australia, 10pm
at Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium

Yesterday's results

Group G

Cameroon 1 Brazil 0

Serbia 2 Switzerland 3

Group H

Uruguay 2 Ghana 0

South Korea 2 Portugal 1

S Korea, Switzerland reach World Cup last 16

South Korea reached the World Cup knockout phase in dramatic style yesterday, scoring in stoppage time to beat already qualified Portugal and condemn Uruguay to a painful exit.

With the clock ticking down at Education City Stadium, the Koreans knew they needed one more goal to leapfrog the South Americans and Hwang Hee-chan delivered to secure a 2-1 victory.

The Korean players stood in a huddle watching the final minutes of the Ghana vs Uruguay match on a mobile phone as they waited for their place in the last 16 to be confirmed.

Uruguay, leading 2-0, needed one more goal to go through but fell agonisingly short despite piling on the pressure.

Uruguay and South Korea ended the group phase level on four points and with an identical goal difference but crucially the Koreans had scored two more goals, which meant they finished second in Group H behind Portugal.

Tottenham forward Son Heung-min, who produced a brilliant assist for the winner, said he was crying “tears of happiness”.

“We waited really long for this moment and we as players believed altogether we could do this,” he said. “There were moments when I wasn’t



Players of Switzerland celebrate defeating Serbia 3-2 and qualifying to the next round of the tournament, at the end of the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group G football match between Serbia and Switzerland at Stadium 974 in Doha yesterday.

able to do my best and I am thankful for my team-mates that they were able to cover me in the moments I wasn’t able to fulfil my duties. I’m very proud of them.”

Earlier Uruguay crashed out of the World Cup despite beating Ghana 2-0 after South Korea scored a late winner in the other Group H match to leapfrog the South American side.

Georgian De Arrascaeta netted twice in quick succession in the first half, with 35-year-old Luis Suarez having a hand in both goals.

However, Suarez finished the match on the bench in tears as the news came in of South Korea’s last-gasp victory over Portugal, which meant the Asian side had moved above the Uruguayans into second place in Group H on goals scored.

“We had several chances to score the third goal (which would have put Uruguay through),” said Uruguay coach Diego Alonso.

“For 80 minutes we were qualified and we had lots of chances, but in the end it wasn’t possible.”

Also yesterday, Switzerland booked



South Korea’s Kim Young-gwon scores their first goal against Portugal during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Group H match at Education City Stadium yesterday. **(Reuters)**

a last-16 showdown with Portugal at the World Cup after a 3-2 win over Serbia in a bad-tempered match secured them second place in Group G.

Xherdan Shaqiri’s deflected strike put the Swiss ahead but Aleksandar Mitrovic’s fine header brought Serbia level at Stadium 974.

Dusan Vlahovic then gave Serbia the lead only for Brael Embolo to equalise before half-time.

Remo Freuler’s brilliant goal early in the second half sent the Swiss through to the knockout rounds for

the fourth time in five World Cups.

In an inconsequential match, Vincent Aboubakar headed in a stoppage-time winner and was then sent off as Cameroon claimed a memorable 1-0 victory over favourites Brazil at the World Cup yesterday, but still failed to go through to the last 16.

Aboubakar, who had come in to captain Rigobert Song’s team, connected with a cross from substitute Jerome Ngom Mbekeli to break the deadlock in the 92nd minute at Doha’s Lusail Stadium. **Sport Pages 1-8**

Qatar condemns attempts to politicise and racialise sports

QNA
New York

Qatar has condemned attempts to politicise and racialise football and sports, stressing that it refuses to engage with malicious campaigns, and will continue to adhere to its national and Arab values, and international standards in preventing the politicisation and racialisation of football in general.

This came in a statement by HE the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN Sheikhha Alya Ahmed bin Saif al-Thani at the 77th UN General Assembly to discuss sports and development and a draft project on sports as a factor helping achieve sustainable development.

Qatar is facilitating discussions over the projects since it co-chairs, along with Monaco, the Group of Friends of Sport for Sustainable Development.



HE Sheikhha Alya Ahmed bin Saif al-Thani

The General Assembly’s discussions coincide with the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which is being hosted by the country.

HE Sheikhha Alya said that Qatar was delivering on its promise, highlighting the historic opening ceremony for the World Cup that took place on Nov 20, inaugurated by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim

bin Hamad al-Thani with inspiring words.

“We have worked hard, along with many people, to make it one of the most successful tournaments. We have exerted all efforts and invested for the good of all humanity. Finally, we have reached the opening day, the day that you have been eagerly waiting for,” she said, quoting the Amir’s speech at the opening ceremony.

“People of different races, nationalities, faiths and orientations will gather here in Qatar, and around screens on all continents to share the same exciting moments. How beautiful it is for people to put aside what divides them in order to celebrate their diversity and what brings them together at the same time,” His Highness added.

She expressed her appreciation of His Highness’s historic speech, saying it was an eloquent reply to the unfair and politicised campaigns, that carried racial elements, target-

ing Qatar’s hosting of the World Cup.

HE Sheikhha Alya noted that the announcement of sustainable development goals at the World Cup 2022 during the historic launch of Scoring For The Goals on Nov 21, which calls for co-operation to achieve sustainable development goals on the sidelines of the competition.

In this context, she noted the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Pavilion on the sidelines of the World Cup competition in the Fan Zone at Al Bidda Park by Chairperson of Education Above All (EAA) Foundation and SDG Advocate Her Highness Sheikhha Moza bint Nasser.

HE Sheikhha Alya confirmed that this pavilion will hold and organise various activities throughout the days of the tournament, in co-operation with the Foundation’s partners from Unicef, Unesco and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, pointing to holding discussion sessions with

world leaders, presenting works of art, and workshops to highlight sport as a means to promote international development and peace, in addition to its role in achieving the goals of sustainable development.

She also expressed Qatar’s pride in this pavilion, which had the honour of visiting UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres during his participation in the opening of the tournament.

HE Sheikhha Alya renewed Qatar’s firm commitment to work with regional and international partners to confront international challenges and problems, and to provide effective solutions to them, especially the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolution.

She praised the report of the UN secretary-general on sports as an incentive for a better and stronger recovery for everyone, calling on member countries to implement the report’s important recommendations.



Official

Amir greets UAE president

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani and HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani sent yesterday cables of congratulations to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan on his country's National Day.

Amir sends cables of congratulations to Lao president

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani sent cables of congratulations to the President of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thongloun Sisoulith, on his country's national day. HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani sent a similar cable of congratulations to Prime Minister Phankham Viphavanh. (QNA)

QNL, QU presidents tour fascinating Darb Al Saai activities

HE the Minister of State and President of Qatar National Library Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari and Qatar University President Dr Hassan bin Rashid al-Derham visited on Thursday evening the Darb Al Saai permanent venue in Umm

Salal Mohamed, accompanied by HE the Minister of Culture and Chairman of the Organising Committee for the National Day 2022 celebrations Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad al-Thani.

The National Day celebrations are held on Dec 18 under

the slogan "Our Unity Source of Our Strength".

During the tour, the dignitaries were briefed on some of Darb Al Saai's heritage and cultural activities.

They reviewed the artistic exhibitions and attended the Poetry and Values seminar at

Darb Al Saai Theatre. The Qatar University president said in a statement that he was pleased to visit Darb Al Saai in its new edition and the permanent venue in Umm Salal Mohamed, and to get acquainted with the new and distinguished activities, praising the remarkable

organisation. Speaking at the event, the QU president said that the first thing that caught his attention was the good and distinguished planning and organisation of activities and shows, adding that this year's edition includes many new activities and ideas that are pre-

sented for the first time. He hailed the Ministry of Culture's activities presented to the general public and the participation of parents, families and children, including citizens, residents, guests and visitors of the State of Qatar in Darb Al Saai activities. (QNA)

Culture minister honours Kuwaiti school delegation

HE the Minister of Culture Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad al-Thani (pictured) and Chairman of the Organising Committee for the National Day Celebrations, honoured the delegation of Balat Al-Shuhada Secondary School for Boys in Kuwait, during their visit to Darb Al Saai yesterday, which hosts the activities of the Qatar National Day, which falls on Dec 18 each year.

The delegation toured Darb Al Saai, during which they learned about various aspects of the cultural events and activities held there, as they expressed their joy and pride in what Qatar offers to its guests, the exceptional organisation of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, as well as the beautiful and various activities in Darb Al Saai.

The Director of Balat Al-Shuhada School, Ali al-Dhafiri, appreciated in a statement the warm welcome of Qatari officials, saying that "warm reception and generosity is not strange for our brothers in our second country, Qatar".

He expressed his admiration for Darb Al Saai, which includes various cultural and heritage

activities and events and their educational implications for students, as they have the opportunity to learn about Qatari and Gulf heritage in general, due to the convergence of customs, traditions and culture as well.

Al-Dhafiri extended his congratulations to the leadership and people of Qatar on the National Day and the success of organising the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, wishing the State further progress and prosperity.

For his part, the Assistant Director at Balat Al-Shuhada School Abdullah Zakaria, said that the visit to this large gathering of heritage and cultural events is very important, expressing his admiration for the design of the buildings in Darb Al Saai, which reflects the old architectural style in the Arab Gulf countries, and provides an opportunity for students to learn about the development of building forms in these countries. The Kuwaiti school delegation, which includes 104 people, the principal, three assistant principals, 32 teachers and 68 students, arrived in Doha to attend part of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 matches. (QNA)

Pele thanks Qatar for tribute

Football legend Pele thanked Qatar and football fans for the positive messages he received during his visit to the hospital.

He posted on his official Instagram account a picture of two towers in Lusail with his picture on it saying "Get Well Soon". Pele wrote: "Thanks to Qatar for this tribute, and to everyone who sends me good vibes." Pele is the only player in history to win three World Cups. (QNA)

Sensory rooms at World Cup stadiums help create memorable experience for fans with special needs

For Yassine Chahboub, it has been a lifelong dream to attend the FIFA World Cup. However, the 30-year-old Morocco fan has sensory needs that make it difficult for him to attend live matches. Big crowds, loud fans and bright lights can be overwhelming for Chahboub – but thanks to the availability of sensory rooms at Qatar 2022, his dream has become reality.

"I never thought I'd be able to support my team from the stands, especially at a World Cup. When I heard that Qatar is offering quiet spaces which I can retreat to if everything becomes too much, I immediately booked my tickets," said Chahboub, who flew to Qatar from Budapest with his lifelong friend, Badre Bedrkich.

Working with local stakeholders, the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC), FIFA and the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 LLC has set up sensory rooms for fans with access requirements at three Qatar 2022 stadiums: Al Bayt, Lusail and Education City. The spaces allow fans to watch matches in a quieter space, equipped with assistive technology and managed by expert staff. This edition of the FIFA World Cup has included the largest deployment of sensory rooms at a mega sporting event in history.

A number of mobile sensory rooms have also been set up across Qatar to give fans the opportunity to step away from large crowds or loud music. Locations include the Corniche, where the SC has organised a vast number of cultural activations, and the FIFA Fan Festival at Al Bidda Park. For Adel al-Awad, bringing his 13-year-old brother, Ibrahim, to a

Al-Muraikhi meets Ghana's minister



HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi met yesterday with Ghana's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, who is visiting the country to attend part of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 activities. During the meeting, they discussed the bilateral relations. (QNA)

Sheikha Jowaher meets Japanese Princess Takamado

Her Highness Consort of His Highness the Amir Sheikha Jowaher bint Hamad bin Suhaime al-Thani met yesterday at the Pearl Palace with Princess Takamado, Japanese Imperial Family member and the honorary president of the Japan Football Association, and the accompanying delegation, who are currently visiting the country to attend part of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 activities. During the meeting, they exchanged cordial talks and topics of mutual interest. (QNA)

Darb Al Saai hosts seminar on poetry and values

Qatar Poetry Centre (Dewan Al Arab) held a seminar entitled 'Poetry and Values' at Darb Al Saai on Thursday as part of the programme of cultural seminars accompanying the activities and celebrations of Qatar National Day on Dec 18. This year, it is held under the slogan "Our Unity Source of Our Strength".

The event was attended by HE the Minister of Culture and Chairman of the Organising Committee for the National Day 2022 celebrations Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad al-Thani, HE the Minister of State and President of Qatar National

Library Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari and Qatar University President Dr Hassan bin Rashid al-Derham, and a number of intellectuals, writers, media professionals, and the audience of Darb Al Saai.

It was attended by poets Lahdan al-Kubaisi, member of the study committee at the Qatar Poetry Centre, poet Ali al-Masoudi, poet Mahmoud Zaibak, and presented by journalist Atta Mohamed.

The seminar highlighted the importance of poetry and values and their definition and tackled the meanings of different values. (QNA)

Qatar records over 7,000 flights in first week of FIFA World Cup

The Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) announced that the first week of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 recorded more than 7,000 flights, noting that the air traffic at both Hamad and Doha International Airports witnessed a significant increase since the kick-off of the tournament. In a statement, the QCAA said that many Gulf carriers began to operate shuttle flights to Qatar. In addition, airlines from Arab countries and the rest of the world enhance their services to Doha to provide integrated air transport for tournament fans. The QACC affirmed that several international airlines, including German Lufthansa, Air France, Finnair, and KLM, in addition to airlines from South America and Africa, have commenced operating regular and charter flights to Qatar, which has led to a noticeable operational intensity between Qatar and the rest of the world. The statement indicated that the development of air transport in Qatar continues with the activation of the Doha Flight Information Region (FIR), which increased capacity and air routes arriving to and departing from Qatar to achieve more streamlined air movements and a greater guarantee of safety. (QNA)



'Qatar ushered in new era of sports diplomacy'

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New York

Kuwait said that Qatar has become the focus of the world's attention after it successfully organised the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, stressing that Qatar ushered in a new era of sports diplomacy and became a sports capital. This came in Kuwait's statement which was delivered by Diplomatic Attache' of the Kuwaiti mission to the UN Mubarak Saleh Abdullah during a session of the UN General Assembly, discussing the notion, "sports for peace and development".

The statement pointed out that Qatar's success in organising the World Cup 2022 is a Gulf achievement and an Arab success, adding that this outstanding edition of the World Cup will become an example for all sporting events in the future and will provide a practical example of the importance of sport and its role in nations rapprochement and human solidarity.

The Kuwaiti diplomat said that his country's participation in this discussion emanates from its strong conviction in sports' role for evolving societies, cementing bonds among nations and raising good youth, he said, affirming Kuwait's support for the UNGA call on nations of the globe to observe "the world day for sports for sake of peace and development".

The best investment is the investment in human resources, he said, noting that sports help immune the youth against extremism, and that Kuwait, years back, had formed the ministry of youth and the public authority for youth and sports.

He also singled the great role played by the Kuwaiti Club for Disabilities "that has incubated special challenges' athletes of steel will".



Katara - Cultural Village is hosting a variety of activities. **PICTURES:** Thajudheen and supplied.

Entertainment galore at Katara

For the 15th day in a row, Katara – the Cultural Village continued yesterday its celebrations accompanying the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, attracting a large crowd of various nationalities and groups. Katara is offering a variety of events to suit all tastes and interests of people from all over the world.

The Katara Traditional Dhow Festival also witnessed a number of official visits, with Katara general manager Prof Khalid bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti meeting with Croatian President Zoran Milanovic and his wife Sanja Masic Milanovic, Oman's Agricultural and Fisheries Minister Dr Saud bin Hamood bin Ahmed al-Habsi and other dignitaries.

The Katara Traditional Dhow Festival attracts visitors from different countries, as William from England, said: "The atmosphere here is wonderful, exceeding all expectations. I enjoy every place in Qatar. I liked very much getting to know the old life in Qatar through the Mahaseel Festival."

Victoria from France said: "I love Qatar very much and visited many places. This is the first time I visit Katara. It is really beautiful and displays many cultures."

Allan from Switzerland said: "The atmosphere of the World Cup is amazing, and I liked the events all over Qatar. Everyone here shares enthusiasm and joy!"

Peter from England said: "It

The cultural village at the heart of Doha is offering a variety of events to suit all tastes and interests of people from all over the world

was a great opportunity to join my friends here in Qatar. I came the day before yesterday and I am very pleased with this atmosphere."

As part of its openness to various types of arts, Katara allows artists to present their various artworks to the public in various places. At the Katara beach promenade, Russian artist Danis and his group present graffiti art.

He said: "I came here to do some artwork. We worked on everything related to football, and the atmosphere of the place helped us to inspire new ideas. This is the first time we have visited Qatar, and I liked the place very much, as the atmosphere is different and the people are very nice. They ask me about the drawing and my choice of colours and shapes."

Further, he expressed his great admiration for Katara, saying that the cultural neighbourhood is very beautiful. "I was inspired by many ideas during my work here. I feel that every day here is a day of joy and happiness, as everyone is harmonious and happy with the international sporting atmosphere, especially with the convergence of many cultures

and peoples," he said. Akzana, a plastic artist from Ukraine, said that she liked to paint in the open at the cultural district, and that the place is very beautiful, expressing her admiration for the beauty of Qatar. She has drawn many scenes from different places in Qatar, including Souq Waqif, Katara, and others, and is happy to discover the splendour of Islamic architecture.

A number of Qatari and foreign artists of various nationalities were also present on Katara Beach and within the Katara Traditional Dhow Festival, presenting their artworks to the audience. Some private pavilions of the participating countries are also presenting various artistic paintings inspired by maritime heritage and fishing life.

The Katara Library for Arabic Fiction is presenting a variety of activities aimed at children of different nationalities in the yard of Building 48. A booklet of drawings inspired by decorations and traditional shapes for children has been prepared for children to colour or draw. This event is very popular with children, and parents lauded it, stressing that it is wonderful that Katara

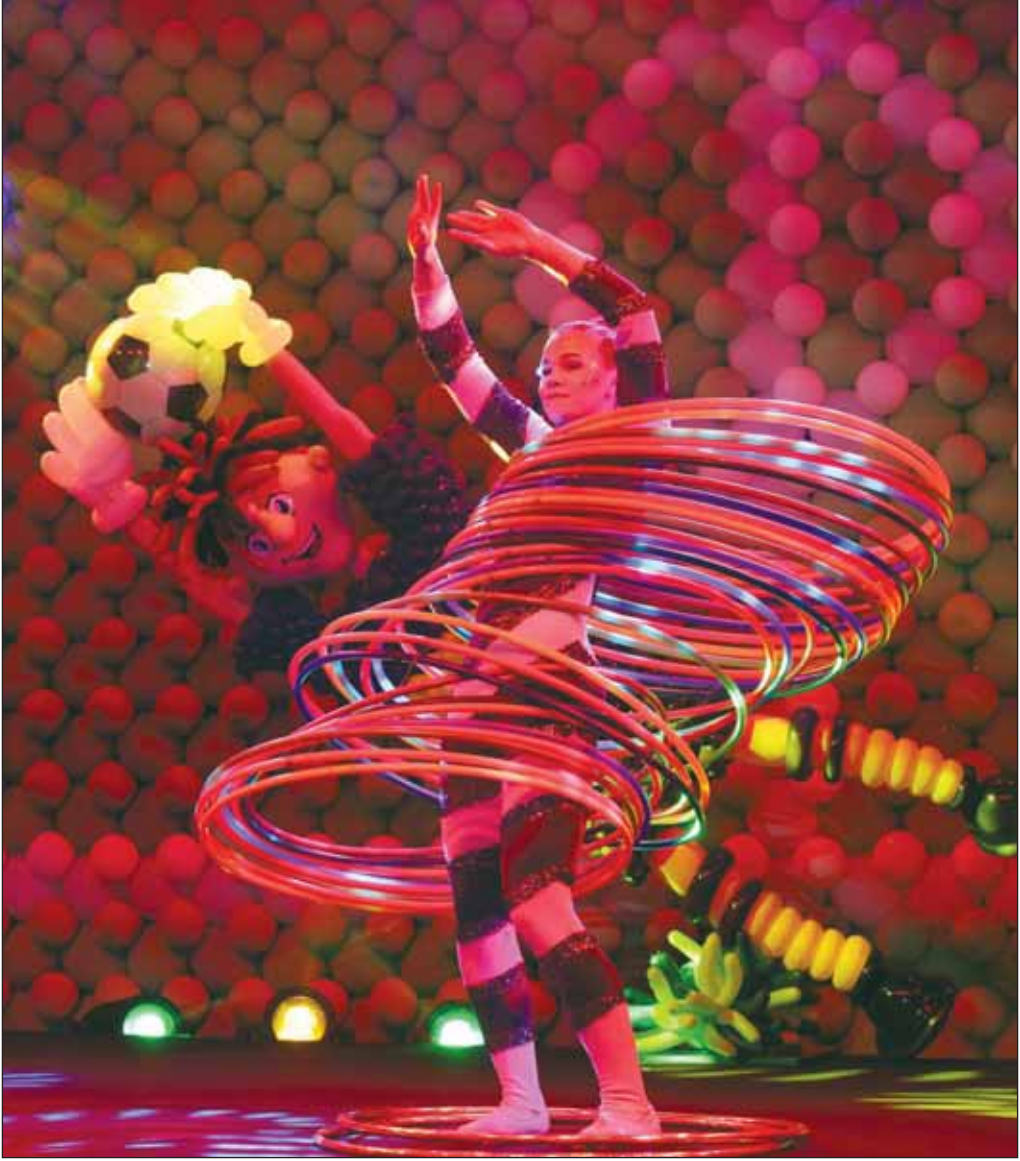
introduces children to the Qatari heritage through beautiful creative activities.

The 'World Wonders Balloon Tour Show' continues to attract the audience, especially children. Today (Saturday, December 3), will be the last day of the show, which will be presented at 5pm and 7pm at Al Hikma Square. The Bosnian embassy, in co-operation with Katara, is presenting a folklore show at 6.30pm and at 9pm at Al Baira Square.

The Katara Fashion Show will continue to present Qatari fashion in a modern spirit. The show's third night: 'The Kindergarten' has been inspired by the flowers and plants in the Qatari environment, and reflects the rainy spring weather in the Gulf. Four Qatari designers are participating - Kholoud al-Musallam, Dana al-Mulla, Jawhara al-Suwaidi and Aisha al-Obaidan.

The Katara amphitheatre hosted a concert by Kuwaiti artist Hammoud al-Khader, which attracted a large audience. Many concerts will be presented on the open stage, including the concert of artist Maher Zain, Elissa and artist Adam on December 7, and a concert by artist Saad al-Mujrad on December 8.

Ahmed Saad and Tamer Ashour will be performing on December 11, and Aseel Hamim, DJ Aseel and Saad Jassim on December 15.



Katara calling all culture lovers



QU Health organises Open Day for Graduate Studies

QU Health, the Health Cluster of Qatar University (QU), recently organised an Open Day for Graduate Studies through the graduate office.

It saw the participation of all QU Health colleges: the College of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy, College of Dental Medicine and College of Nursing.

The event was organised to promote QU Health academic programmes and the opportunities each programme offers. It also aimed to raise awareness of the requirements for applying for graduate studies, introduce the various study plans and the educational and academic opportunities available to students.

The Open Day also provided the opportunity for students to communicate with ambassadors and representatives of each academic programme.

The importance of the Graduate Studies Open Day is to provide all the necessary information and a detailed explanation for students who plan to complete their graduate studies and move forward in their scientific and practical career at



QU, within the graduate studies, diploma, master's or PhD programme.

The Open Day event for graduate studies in QU Health included the presentation of 10 postgraduate programmes in QU Health, including two postgraduate certificate programmes in health professions education and biomedical sciences, in addition to a Doctor of Pharmacy programme, and six master's programmes, namely: Master of Science Programme - Biomedical, Master of Pub-

lic Health, Master of Human Nutrition, Master of Genetic Counselling, Master of Pharmacy, Master of Education in Health Professions, in addition to a PhD programme in Health Sciences.

This event targets students intending to apply for admission to graduate programmes during Spring and Fall 2023, and introduce them to the steps to be followed to successfully complete the process. Each programme's admission requirements and expectations were discussed.

Head of Graduate and Research at the College of Health Sciences, Dr Mashael al-Shafei, stressed the importance of the Open Day, saying: "The aim of the event is to introduce students who wish to enrol in the various programmes available in the sector and its affiliated colleges, the terms of admission, how to apply for these programmes and future job opportunities. We encourage students and workers in the health sector to apply and join the QU Health family."

The application window will open on January 8, 2023, and close on February 16.

MDD launches 'Stronger Together' exhibition

Msheireb Downtown Doha (MDD) has launched its first edition of the 'Stronger Together' exhibition which features some of the best local designers' products in the fields of fashion, jewellery and beauty.

Located in the Doha Design District building in MDD, the exhibition demonstrates the capabilities of emerging design talents in Qatar and reflects the true essence of the Qatari culture to visitors from around the world.

The exhibition offers various local brands in jewellery, cosmetics, and fashion. The brands at the booths are changed weekly to support all small projects and allow them to reach out to the international audience during the period of the world cup tournament.

Maryam al-Jassem, manager of PR and Communication, at Msheireb Properties, stated: "We are honoured to provide this platform to the Qatari talents to support them, share their creations and services with the visitors of our city during this period. It is part of our mission and vision to sup-



The exhibition offers various local brands in jewellery, cosmetics, and fashion.



The exhibition demonstrates the capabilities of emerging design talents in Qatar.

port the new generation of designers. We encourage everyone to visit the exhibition and learn more about local Qatari

products and share it with the world."

The jewellery section features two Qatari designers,

Hairaat jewellery by Nada al-Sulaiti and Ghada al-Buainain jewellery.

Four brands are participating in the fashion section of the exhibition, including 'The Hive' by Noura al-Mulla, 'Harlien' by Ayah Adsani and '1309 Studios' by Ghada al-Suabae. The three female designers offer unique abaya designs with contemporary touches and colours. 'The Project' is a unisex streetwear brand created by Abdul Rahman al-Hamad which uses recycled or leftover fabrics to promote sustainability.

In the cosmetics department, Terra Beauty sells organic skincare, makeup and perfume, while Coating provides manicures while also selling skincare products.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, visitors can find a variety of food and beverage carts including Petit Camion and Cloud & Co.

To celebrate the joyous moment of the year, MDD initiated various events for tourists and fans to cheer for their favourite teams while enjoying the beauty of Qatari heritage-reflecting buildings and its smart facilities.

Handicraft shops at Souq Waqif do brisk business



The handicraft centre at Doha's Souq Waqif has seen a high turnout of customers from among the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 fans. The fans have been keen to buy the traditional handicraft items, with sellers at the shops asserting their sales rose by up to 100%. Local Arabic daily *Arrayah* pointed out that the handicraft centre includes a number of shops that sell various products such pottery, brass items, traditional gifts, shoes, belts, swords, bags and different accessories and figures made of glass, brass and wood. Tourists loved in particular local traditional textile rugs and carpets, and natural leather products, in addition to the miniature models of wooden boats and dhows.



QF girls' ability friendly team meets US soccer team representatives



Qatar Foundation's (QF) girls' ability friendly team has met with US soccer team representatives. Hosted by QF and the US soccer team, the football clinic was led by Amy Griffin, former US World Cup Champion and current US Deaf Women's National Team head coach, along with Stuart Sharp, senior technical director of US Soccer Extended National Team.

The session kicked off with a small-sided game that was played between Griffin, the girls' ability friendly team, and their

coaches. The clinic was attended by US ambassador to Qatar Timmy T Davis, Cindy Parlow Cone, president of US soccer; Alexandra Chalat, director of World Cup Legacy at QF; Generation Amazing youth advocates, as well as members of the Qatar Women's National Football Team.

The clinic concluded with a closed-door women's football roundtable discussion that focused on the opportunities and challenges in disability football, and saw Griffin share her own experience and perspective on women's and disability football.



Qatar joins 'date palm' file on Unesco's Intangible Heritage List

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Qatar has joined countries registered for the "Date palm, knowledge, skills, traditions and practices" file on the List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

This came during the 17th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safe-

guarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Unesco in Rabat, which will continue until Dec 4, with the participation of Qatar.

Qatar is represented in the session by HE the Permanent Representative of Qatar to Unesco Dr Nasser bin Hamad al-Hanzab and Head of the Heritage Department in the Heritage and Identity Department at the Ministry of Culture Abdulaziz al-Mutawa.

In a statement on this occasion, HE Dr al-Hanzab stressed

that Qatar attaches great importance to preserving and protecting tangible and intangible cultural heritage, and has placed the protection of intangible heritage at the core of its national policies and international efforts within the scope of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

He added that the accession of Qatar to the countries registered for the "date palm" file is a testament to the fact that the history and culture of Qatar is

associated with this important element, which has a cultural, social and economic dimension in the local society, especially that the date palm tree has a long and authentic heritage in the culture of Qatari society and the Arab region.

It also has an exceptional symbol of giving around which many foundations in our culture revolve, as it represented the backbone of the economic and social life of the ancestors in the past and throughout the generations until our time, and through

it they were able to build and communicate with other cultures, so the date palm tree remained a basis in the Qatari and Arab society through the ages.

Qatar's Permanent Representative to Unesco also appreciated the efforts of the Ministry of Culture, represented by the Department of Heritage and Identity, for its efforts to prepare the date palm tree file, and many files that are in the process of being prepared.

It is worth noting that after Qatar joined the date palm file,

the countries registered for this file will become 13 Arab countries, including: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt, Palestine, Oman, and Yemen, in addition to Qatar.

The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which consists of 24 elected representatives from 180 States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, examines during the 17th session 56 requests for inscription in

the lists of intangible cultural heritage, of which 46 requests for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, four requests for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, five proposals for inscription on the Register of Good Practice for the Preservation of Heritage, in addition to the request for international financial assistance from Malawi and a series of reports on the status of previously listed items.



A tram tour of Msheireb Downtown Doha (MDD), which offers an immersive and comprehensive experience with FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 activations, has become a big hit among the thousands of visitors. MDD has three zones for fans and media coming from all over the world to enjoy the games and celebrate together. The first is the Baraha Zone, the hub for watching the matches on a giant screen or in special pods which promote privacy while fostering social interaction. The second is the Heritage Zone where visitors can experience various activities and explore the essence of authentic Qatari heritage. The third is the Sikka Zone with selfie-worthy spots covering art exhibitions and cinematic works. It includes interactive zones where fans can play games and relax at cafes and restaurants. Broadcast and media facilities are also available for journalists and content creators. The activities and facilities in Zone 3 also include Connebol Tree of Dreams, Mawater Warehouse Exhibition, Intaj - Film, Television, and Theatre Exhibition and Quest Gaming District. **PICTURE:** Gulf Times news editor Bonnie James.

AIMA Qatar chapter forms new committee

The All India Management Association (AIMA) Qatar Chapter has formed a new committee. The officials are Dr Nizar Kochery (chairman), Salim Mullappilli (president), Kabeer T M (vice president), Shelldince Victor (general secretary), Abdul Jaleel R S (treasurer), Mohamed Faizal (joint secretary) and Rizwin Kochery (joint secretary).

AIMA, established in India in 1957, currently has a strength of over 38,000 individual members and about 6,000 corporate/institutional members through 67 local management associations, a statement said.



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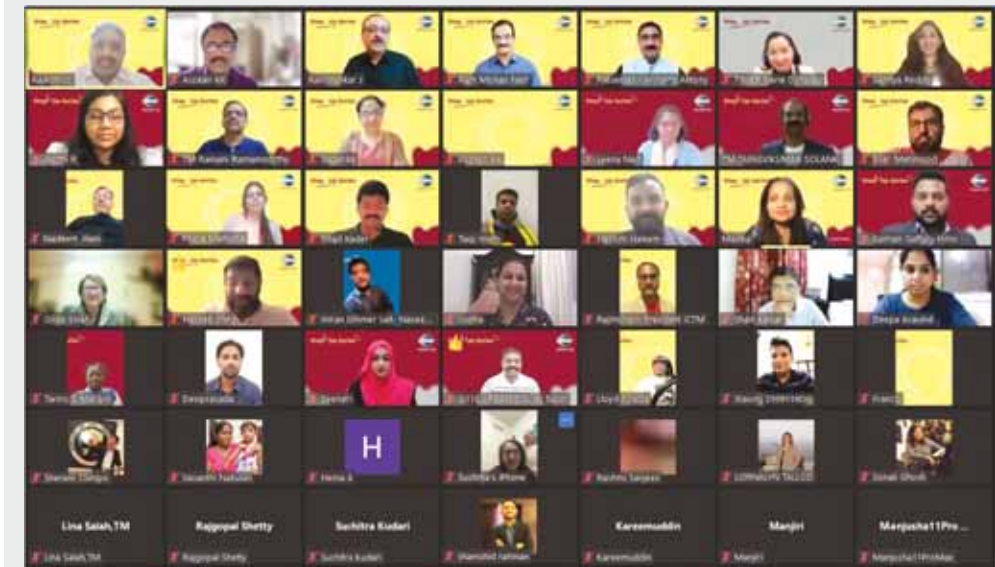


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Abdul Jaleel R S

Step Up series launched



District 116 (Qatar) Toastmasters Association recently conducted the first-ever episode of Step Up Series. Sahitya Reddy hosted the online training session attended by more than 80 Toastmasters from Doha and around the world. The presenters were Anthony Williams (Doha), on what it takes to be 'Toastmaster of the Day' and Hashim Haleem (UAE), on 'Speech - Topic Selection and Crafting'. Programme quality director Ravishankar J acknowledged the contributions of the training manager Ram Mohan Nair and his team. District director Rajesh V C appreciated all stakeholders.

NU-Q students and alumni take part in World Cup activities

Many students and alumni from Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q) are taking part in the media coverage of the ongoing FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 as they work with some of the world's major international media outlets, including CNN, Fox Sports, and regional and international media.

"The kick-off of the World

Cup in Qatar is offering several opportunities to Qatar and the Arab world," Marwan M Kraidy, dean and CEO, noted. "It is also providing a major opportunity to our students and alumni who are taking advantage of the education they received at NU-Q in media and communication by contributing to both the coverage of the event, as well as other com-

munication needs related to the tournament." Kraidy pointed to Lt Majed al-Naimi, a public relations officer in the Ministry of Interior in Qatar, who is among the alumni working on safety communications between local organisations and the public during the tournament. Al-Naimi said that he takes particular satisfaction as a

Qatari in helping to make the games successful - and safe. "Effective communication with audiences who come from different backgrounds and speak multiple languages is key when talking about organising mega sports events with the magnitude and scale of the World Cup," said al-Naimi. Another alum, Shaden Wahdan, is a producer at Al Kass

Sports Channels, based in Qatar. During the tournament, she is on the ground covering games and activities around the country. After the tournament, she said that she will be reporting on the sporting legacy and social impact from the tournament on communities in Qatar. A former Olympian and gymnast, Wahdan said. "Being passionate about sports and as

a journalism graduate myself, it is only natural to be interested in taking part in covering the first World Cup in the Arab world." For students at NU-Q, the World Cup is also offering them internship opportunities at news outlets covering the tournament, including Fox Sports and CNN, as well as marketing communications agencies.

Annastazia Ng'ambi, a student from Zambia, is completing an internship at FIFA Legacy as a broadcast assistant. An aspiring broadcast journalist, Ng'ambi says working on projects related to the World Cup offers her the chance to put into action the reporting skills she has learned at NU-Q as well as expanding her professional experience in the field.

Cameroon expats release song celebrating Qatar and FIFA World Cup

By Joseph Varghese
Staff Reporter

A group of Cameroonian residents in the country has come out with a colourful and beautifully pictured song in celebration of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Several of them have been the residents of the country for a very long time and celebrating the glory of the Qatar World Cup in many ways. The song, *Ole Ole*, is a crowning tribute of their joy to the country and a humble dedication to the successful organisation of the World Cup.

"The song is an expression of love towards the country and also sports. It is a great occasion and Qatar has shown the spirit and greatness by hosting a wonderful World Cup. When Qatar was awarded to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, we all cheered and it is expressed through this song. As they say music unites us all and it does not know borders. It connects hearts and makes us cheer. It does not have a language," said the singers of the song, Eddy and Boris who believe this song will be a tribute to the country they reside in.

The song was conceptualised a few of months ago in September and has been developed over time. The song is "relentlessly upbeat and melodic," situating it perfectly with most official World Cup anthems. The energy is seen through the visuals and choreography.

The song was shot on the outskirts of Doha and Sealine Beach with vibrant elements and dozens of junior artists. The song carries the content of greeting and welcoming in the name of all Cameroonian expatriates in Qatar, and the director of the song, Rocky Gracian shot the visuals through a diverse musical vision based on



the theme of sea, land, and hip-hop.

The singers are: Eddy, Tinaice, Boris, Maryanick and Kay-C. The production crew include: Rocky Gracian, director; Mohamed Shanaz, director of production; Mohamed Rafi, production manager; Charith

Imado - VFX artist and Steffnie De Silva, colourist.

Production assistants are: Kanchana Gunawardena, Ishan Perera and Maneesha Nadeeshani and the song is released on <https://www.youtube.com/VequalMusic>



IPE activity on diabetes held by QU Health

The QU Health Interprofessional Education (IPE) Committee at Qatar University recently organised its second IPE activity on diabetes.

A total of 191 students and 24 facilitators from different healthcare programmes in QU and University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) participated in this activity. Professions involved were pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, biomedical, nutrition and medical radiography.

The IPE was meant to introduce the health profession team members and their roles. An ice-breaker game was followed by an activity about the epidemiology of diabetes. Later, students worked on a case study about a diabetic patient. This helped them to exchange knowledge and skills with each other and get involved in the decision-making process while planning and implementing care.

Students began by sharing their knowledge about diabetes epidemiology globally and locally. The group then discussed the roles of the different professions involved in the care of patients with diabetes. The activity was



then narrowed to focus on MA, a 46-year-old, who was admitted to the emergency department after his wife found him to be agitated and confused. According to his wife, MA had Type I Diabetes. She stated that he had a sore throat and stomach flu for four days with vomiting, pain in his throat and stopped taking

his insulin two days ago when he became sick. Students discussed MA's condition, and identified diagnostic parameters through physical examination results and laboratory results consistent with diabetic ketoacidosis.

Then they discussed which professions are involved at this stage (admission) and their roles

in assessment and monitoring of MA. Students also reflected on their clinical knowledge of the condition (diagnosis, treatment and laboratory tests), and identified priorities of care for the patient.

In the second stage of the case (discharge plan after patient stabilisation for few days), students



worked on creating an interprofessional discharge plan and designed a pamphlet for sick day management for type I diabetes. Students then reflected on the strength of each profession involved and how interprofessional practice is implemented in the care of patients with diabetes.

Myriam Jihad Eljaam, teach-

ing assistant at the Clinical Pharmacy and Practice Department at the College of Pharmacy, who was the lead facilitator said: "This year we have a different appreciation of the interaction as it comes after two years of online teaching and IPE. There is a new understanding of what it means to be

working together hand in hand to face challenges."

Safa al-Haneedi, 4th Year student from College of Pharmacy said: "As a pharmacy student, I was grateful to be part of the IPE activity especially being face to face after so long. We had the opportunity as healthcare students to express our roles as part of the future healthcare team and prepare ourselves to enter the health workforce, where teamwork and collaboration are important competencies. This event means a lot, where it allows us to meet our colleagues from different health colleges to promote information and knowledge exchange. It also helps develop and promote interprofessional thinking and acting and as Helen Keller said: "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

The IPE programme was found to develop and facilitate interactions between health profession students from different institutions, and world-leading training synergies across health professions, equipping learners with team-based collaborative skills and emphasising interactive learning.

AIFF official given community reception



Karnataka Sangha Qatar (KSQ) in co-operation with Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) organised a reception for FIFA invited dignitary and All India Football Federation (AIFF) vice-president N A Haris. Also president of Karnataka Football Association and a member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly from Shanti



Nagar Assembly, Bengaluru, Haris was felicitated in traditional Mysore style. ICC president P N Baburajan, vice-president Subramanya Hebbagelu, Indian Community Benevolent Forum president Vinod Nair and other prominent community members were present. KSQ president Mahesh Gowda welcomed the

gathering. Haris thanked KSQ and ICC and briefed the audience about how AIFF's new committee plans to strengthen football in India and also mentioned how the Indian women's team is improving. KSQ joint secretary Manjoth anchored the event. Sports secretary Zakhir Ahmed proposed a vote of thanks.

Indian cultural day organised

The Music Affairs Centre under the Ministry of Culture became a meeting ground for art and cultural programmes from different regions of India on November 24, as part of the cultural day initiative for various communities in connection with the FIFA World Cup.

The function was officially inaugurated by Centre for Indian Community Qatar (CIC) general secretary Naufal Paleri in the presence of Women India Qatar president Nahya Beevi and Tanima Qatar director R S Abdul Jaleel. Artists from Malarwadi Balasangham, Tanima Qatar, Women India, Shantiniketan Indian School and Podar Pearl School presented various art performances.

Art forms unique to different regions of India such as Haryanvi dance, Kolkali, Dandiya dance, Oppana, Punjabi Bangara dance, Duff Mutt, Peacock dance, Hindi, Tamil, Punjabi, Malayalam songs, musical sculpture and folk songs were performed.

Various paintings of artist Abdul Basit were displayed in addition to an exhibition of mehndi designs, handicrafts and Islamic calligraphy.

K C Abdul Latif, Dr Abdul Wasih, Ahmad Shafi, Dr Salman, Salim Velam, Siddique Vengara, Sarina Basheer, Ilaahi Sabila, and Abdul Jalil M M were the lead of the programmes.



Kerala legislator praises Qatar's World Cup preparations



Qatar Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre (KMCC) Ernad constituency committee recently felicitated Kerala legislative assembly member P K Basheer. The legislator had come to attend the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 inaugural match along with the Argentina-Saudi Arabia and Brazil-Serbia matches. Basheer, who hailed the facilities and infrastructure to promote football, noted that the organisers' approach towards the fans is commendable. President Ajmal Aarekode presided over the function. General secretary Ahmed Niyas Moorkanad welcomed the gathering. District secretary Mohamed Layis Kunyil and KMCC functionaries Abdul Manaf, Saferussalam, Abdul Hameed, Faiz Elayodan, Nooruddeen, Ashraf KE, Firose Chaliyar and Abdur Rahman Salih Thangal, Kizhuparam were present.

Inter Community Volleyball League closes first season

GIMS India bagged the championship in the men's division while Nakshie's Angels (Philippines) bested four other teams to win the recently-concluded Inter Community Volleyball League, held at the Hamilton International School Qatar. Other matches were held at the Qatar Sports Club with the participation of a total of 11 teams (six for men's and five for women's category), comprised of community members from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines. The First Season's Most Valuable Player for men's division was awarded to Muhasin Abdulkader from GIMS India and Amalia Glanida of Nakshie's Angels for the women's division.



GIMS India wins men's championship



Women's team champion.



Women's division MVP Amalia Glanida.



Men's division MVP Muhasin Abdulkader.



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Development banks neglect nature ahead of COP15

The world’s development banks could play a major role in protecting nature, but are largely ignoring biodiversity in a climate-led financing push, environmentalists warn, calling for action to fix the imbalance at this month’s COP15 UN summit.

About 195 nations are tasked with finalising a new accord to halt and reverse damage to plants, animals and ecosystems at the Dec 7-19 conference in Montreal, Canada.

The need for more financing for poorer nations, to help them meet new targets likely to be set at COP15, has long been a sticking point in the talks to hammer out a biodiversity pact, already hit by Covid-19 delays.

Multilateral development banks (MDBs) could do more in brokering an ambitious agreement on a new global biodiversity framework and implementing it, green groups said.

“MDBs are not where they should be. Their biodiversity portfolio is lagging behind their climate one,” said Li Shuo, a policy adviser at Greenpeace China.

“Whether more MDBs can commit to allocate more resources to the nature protection agenda will be a key test of the success of COP15,” he said in an interview.

Boosting conservation and management of natural areas, such as parks, oceans, forests and wildernesses, is seen as crucial to safeguarding the ecosystems on which humans depend and to limiting global warming to internationally agreed targets.

But forests are still being cut down — often to produce commodities such as palm oil, soybeans and beef — destroying biodiversity and threatening climate goals, as trees absorb about a third of planet-warming emissions produced worldwide.

Investments in protecting and better managing the world’s ecosystems must reach \$384bn a year by 2025, more than double their current levels, a UN Environment Programme report said this week.

MDBs must prioritise green finance and incentivise private investment, especially in sustainable supply chains, it added.

Public development banks are owned by governments at international, regional and national levels, and their assets combined make up about 10% of global investment.

Most lend to nature-sensitive sectors — notably agriculture, mining and infrastructure — whose activities are often carried out in environments rich in biodiversity.

Researchers warned last year that lending by public development banks could destroy nature worth \$800bn annually, and urged greater transparency to reduce the risks.

European Investment Bank (EIB) President Werner Hoyer said last month he hoped the upcoming biodiversity summit would help MDBs accelerate their nature efforts.

An EIB spokesperson said the bank is committed “to protecting nature, forests and oceans”, citing its support for the Althelia Climate Fund which invests in sustainable land use.

The Asian Development Bank, which will participate in COP15, has “long supported environmental sustainability”, a spokesperson said, adding the bank had raised its climate finance goal for 2019-2030 from \$80bn to \$100bn — and expects a significant share to go toward nature investments.

Examples of MDB nature finance include a hydropower project in the Solomon Islands with a biodiversity protection plan, backed by the World Bank and others, and a World Bank project in Sumatra, Indonesia, to curb emissions from forests and peatland by promoting sustainable fishing and alternative livelihoods.

Earlier this year, the Climate Investment Funds, one of the world’s largest climate finance instruments working with six major MDBs, launched a fund aiming to invest at least \$500mn in protecting nature in developing countries.

Toerris Jaeger, head of the Rainforest Foundation Norway, said extensive funding was needed to protect remaining biodiversity hotspots — and MDBs have “a huge role” to play here, while ensuring their investments do not harm nature.

Very few development banks have policies that are in line with government commitments on biodiversity, he noted.

A year ago at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, a group of MDBs issued a statement recognising the importance of nature and pledged to co-operate on bolstering biodiversity protection. (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

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The economics of mainstreaming climate

By Jean Pisani-Ferry and Selma Mahfouz
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The outcome of this year’s UN Climate Change Conference – COP27, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt – is a true disappointment. In the run-up to the 2021 conference in Glasgow, 24 countries analysed by the Climate Action Tracker, including major emitters like China, India, the European Union, and the United States, submitted or proposed stronger emissions-reduction targets. Despite the growing urgency of climate action, only five countries analysed by the CAT stepped up their ambitions this year. Even Egypt, the host country, failed to strengthen its commitments.

Equally distressing is the divide between a fringe of climate militants – many of whom are relying on increasingly radical actions – and the vast majority of ordinary citizens, most of whom are concerned about their decreasing purchasing power. Europe, especially, is facing energy shortages, rising fossil-fuel prices, inflation, and a looming recession – all of which might make it lose sight of its climate ambitions.

Still, there is growing evidence that people are taking climate change more seriously than ever. This year’s extreme weather events have served as an eye-opener, even in the affluent West, by demonstrating that global warming is not some slow process that will materialise in the distant future. Climate change has become an imminent threat that policymakers cannot ignore when assessing the outlook for growth, jobs, inflation, and public finances. To paraphrase Clemenceau, the French statesman who famously quipped that war is too serious a matter to be left to the military: climate has become too serious to be left to the activists.

More broadly, capitalism has become a pitched battle between brown (fossil-fuel) and green (clean, renewable) industries. Because the necessary investment is so large, a carmaker cannot hedge its bets by investing in both electric and traditional internal-combustion-engine (ICE) vehicles. It must choose which side it is on and then throw all its forces into the effort. Whatever the outcome, some will win big, some will lose big, and there will be collateral damage.

The mainstreaming of climate action raises many new and still debated questions. Emission cuts over the next ten years are largely expected to result from substituting capital to replace fossil fuels: hydroelectric dams, nuclear



power plants, and wind and solar farms all have low operating costs, but their up-front capital costs are high.

The transition to a low carbon economy thus brings new risks. Though ramping up investment to expand a capital stock usually pays off through higher productivity, and therefore higher output, the opposite could happen in this case. If some capital (such as fossil-fuel-powered plants) is discarded prematurely, even more capital will be needed to deliver the same quantity of electricity. Yes, the transition eventually will deliver additional benefits in the form of lower fossil-fuel imports and operating costs. But these will appear only later. In the first stage, more investment will be needed to make up for the fact that productive capacity will shrink or level off.

The same mechanism applies to the substitution of electric vehicles for conventional ones: as old factories are dismantled, more capital will be needed to produce EVs, the electricity they consume, and the charging infrastructure they require. Likewise, renovating buildings to improve efficiency means that the same housing service will be provided but at a higher capital cost (and a lower operating cost thereafter).

There is nothing wrong with providing a service at near-zero marginal cost. That is the essence

of the digital economy, and recent technological advances increasingly suggest that a world of widely available electricity from renewable sources is not out of reach. It is entirely possible that future generations will look at energy from oil and gas the same way we look at energy from coal: as outdated, dirty, inefficient, and obsolete.

At a horizon of 5-10 years, however, things look quite different. The necessary build-up of the capital stock will likely translate into higher demand set against a lower or unchanged supply, and factoring in reallocation costs will worsen the corresponding imbalance further. Some skills will lose value, for example, among workers employed in the ICE car industry. Newly required skills, such as those of specialised construction workers, will be in short supply (or available, but in the wrong place).

Further complicating the outlook is the lack of credibility in climate policymaking. Many governments have pledged to reach carbon neutrality by mid-century, but their actions do not yet align with this objective. In the absence of stronger carrots or sticks, energy producers, unlike carmakers, can and still do hedge their bets. The result, according to the International Energy Agency, is that overall energy investment is critically insufficient to meet future demand.

Taken together, these developments threaten to create a stagflationary environment where brown energy is scarce and green energy is still in short supply. Coping with such imbalances will be an ongoing challenge for governments and central banks. Policymakers can no longer afford to overlook these issues, nor can they rely on fairy tales about what the energy transition entails. To convince citizens, they will have to define and implement a realistic agenda for managing the costs and complexities of the transformation.

Fortunately, there is much that policymakers can do to contain the harmful economic fallout from sweeping sectoral changes. There is no avoiding the temporary investment effort that the transition requires. But with an economically sound, credible, and fair strategy that makes sensible use of public funds, governments can lower costs substantially. – Project Syndicate

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The climate crisis is also a health crisis

By Seth Berkley and Werner Hoyer
Geneva

The latest Lancet Countdown report, which monitors the health consequences of climate change, highlights the need to prepare for future calamities. Even as Covid-19 continues to spread, a recent study suggests that the likelihood of another pandemic increases by 2% each year. In the coming decades, the interplay between the climate crisis and public health could create a perfect storm of global devastation and disruption.

The good news is that if we take immediate steps to transform our health systems, we can avert another Covid-style catastrophe. As with the current pandemic, the obstacles to mitigating climate change are not just scientific or technological, but also rooted in geopolitics and market forces. Self-interest can undermine public health, particularly when it comes to equitable access to resources. Even so, the international community came together to introduce innovative mechanisms like the Covid-19 Vaccine Global Access facility (Covax), which was designed to remove the financial barriers that prevented lower-income countries from obtaining vaccines.

We must launch similar mechanisms for addressing the global public-health impact of climate change. While we already know many of the likely solutions, their effectiveness requires that we put them in place before disaster strikes. This is not just a moral imperative; it is also a smart economic choice that would likely reduce the overall cost of outbreaks and other climate-related catastrophes.

The UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt this past November underscored the fact that sustainability is not just about decarbonisation,



electric vehicles, or climate-adaptation measures such as flood defences. It is also about pandemic preparedness. More broadly, climate change is expected to shift the habitat range of deadly pathogens, causing infectious, mosquito-borne diseases like malaria, yellow fever, and dengue fever to spread as far as northern Europe and Canada. At the same time, the climate crisis threatens to increase the prevalence of malaria, cholera, and schistosomiasis across the developing world.

The world’s poorest countries remain the most vulnerable to climate change, despite contributing the least to creating the problem. That is why the international community must take immediate steps to ensure that impoverished, marginalised communities have access to vaccines, treatments, and diagnostics. Given the devastating impact that a single virus has had on billions of lives, livelihoods, and the global economy over the past three years, it is abundantly clear that we must urgently take steps to counter climate-related health threats.

The global effort to ensure equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

provides a useful model. The Gavi Covax Advance Market Commitment, a financial mechanism funded by donors and accelerated by the European Investment Bank, enabled people in the world’s 92 poorest countries to obtain free vaccines. These lower-income countries, representing roughly half of the world’s population, would have struggled to secure access otherwise.

So far, more than 1.6bn Covax doses have been delivered to developing countries, helping to ensure that 52% of their citizens are fully vaccinated, compared to a global average of 64%. This is a remarkable achievement, particularly in the context of intense vaccine hoarding by developed countries, the export restrictions that some countries placed on vaccines and the components needed to produce them, and the actions of some manufacturers that have seemingly prioritised profit over fairness.

The Covax model’s success shows that there is scope for similar innovative financing solutions to climate-related health risks. For example, several private-sector actors are currently exploring a Climate

Advance Market Commitment to stimulate innovation and investment in climate solutions. Similarly, there is great potential for mechanisms based on the model of the International Finance Facility for Immunisation, which uses dedicated “vaccine bonds” to frontload long-term donor commitments so that funds can be made available immediately.

Multilateralism is essential to establishing these safety-net mechanisms. Covax was possible only because it united the financial firepower and knowhow of more than 190 governments, along with private-sector partners, civil-society groups, and international agencies, around a common cause that benefited everyone. But if Covax had already existed before the pandemic, equipped with at-risk contingency financing and surge capacity, it could have mounted its response – the world’s largest and most complex global deployment of vaccines ever – even faster, ultimately saving more lives.

Following COP27, donor governments and multilateral lenders must examine how existing financial mechanisms could be adapted to the fight against climate change to guarantee that funds are made available as soon as a threat emerges. Minimising the overall financial costs of climate-related health risks involves not just prevention but also early action. These safety-net mechanisms should also be designed to protect the world’s most vulnerable people, wherever they live.

But what matters most is that these steps are taken now. As The Lancet report warns, the countdown to the next global health crisis has already begun. – Project Syndicate

● Seth Berkley is CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Werner Hoyer is President of the European Investment Bank.

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Geneva

Gaps in vigilance were leaving the door open for a new virus variant to appear and overtake the globally domi-

"We are much closer to being able to say that the emergency phase of the pandemic is over – but we're not there yet," he told reporters. "Gaps in surveillance, testing, sequencing and vaccina-

Tedros said there were now more than 500 highly transmissible Omi-

Tedros said more than 8,500 people were recorded as having lost their lives to Covid-19 last week, “which is not

Further easing of Covid-19 testing requirements and quarantine rules in some Chinese cities was met with a mix of relief and worry yesterday, as hundreds of millions await an expected shift in national virus policies after

The WHO urged governments globally to focus on reaching those at risk, such as people over the age of 60 and those with underlying conditions, for vaccination.

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Washington

That brand has taken a hit from the emergency bill sign-

"It was tough for me but it was the right thing to do at the moment – save jobs, to protect millions of working families from harm and disruption and to keep supply chains stable around the holidays," Biden said.

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Russia has previously said it is open to peace talks.

Fighting is raging in the east Ukraine, with the town of Bakhmut the main target of Moscow's artillery attacks, while Russian forces in Kherson and the Zaporizhzhia region remain on the defensive,

Moscow "had long refrained from precision missile strikes against certain tar-

In a grisly development, several Ukrainian embassies abroad received "bloody packages" containing animal eyes, Ukraine's foreign ministry said yesterday, after a series of letter bombs were sent to sites in Spain, including Kyiv's embassy in Madrid.

People gather on Thursday evening to observe the eruption of the Mauna Loa Volcano in Hawaii.

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Kabul

Meanwhile, in a separate attack in the Afghan capital yesterday, one person was killed in a suicide bombing near the office of the Hezb-e-Islami party of ex-prime minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

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Washington

The Justice Department said yesterday that she had completed the period of the

During the same period that Meng was held under house arrest, Washington in-

As part of her deal – the deferred prosecution agreement – she acknowledged that she had made false statements about the company's Iran business in a 2013 meeting with a bank executive.

In May this year Canada banned Huawei equipment from its 5G network.

The Netherlands has returned 223 pre-Hispanic archaeological pieces to Mexico, Mexico's foreign ministry said on Thursday, as it looks to recover more of its cultural heritage held in foreign collections. The returns were the result of "active co-operation" between the two countries and showed a commitment to restore historical and cultural objects to their place of origin, the ministry said. Mexico's heritage institute INAH said the objects dated to between 400 BCE and the 16th century, and had belonged to various pre-Hispanic cultures from both Pacific and Atlantic coasts as well as the central highlands. President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's administration has a campaign called "My

patrimony is not for sale', aimed at bringing back to Mexico what it calls looted pieces. The INAH this week denounced a Paris auction that included Mexican objects valued in the thousands of euros. Last month, neighbouring Guatemala seized some 1,200 Mayan objects found at the house of two US citizens as part of its investigations into crimes against cultural heritage. The Netherlands this year returned a collection of 343 pre-Hispanic era ceramics to Panama. Culture ministers from around the world have pledged to boost efforts to return stolen and illegally traded artefacts to countries of origin. Many are in European museums or private collections. - **Reuters**

Ecuador has put in place a plan to try and protect its unique wild bird species on the Galapagos islands from the H5N1 virus also rampaging through Europe and North America. The bird flu virus reached South America via migratory wild birds in recent weeks, impacting mainly Peru, where thousands of pelicans and other seabirds have died, and Ecuador, which has ordered the culling of 180,000 farm birds.

The director of the Galapagos National Park, Danny Rueda, said in a statement that "permanent monitoring has been arranged in areas with the most seabirds", including all tourism hotspots.

In Peru, authorities have culled at least 37,000

There is no treatment for bird flu, which spreads naturally between wild birds and can also infect domestic poultry. — **AFP**



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Here are some highlights:

- FIFA Fan Festival: Al Bidda Park**, daily until December 18. Timings: 4pm-2am. Gates close for last entry at midnight. Join thousands of fans and enjoy FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 matches live on the mega-screens. See global music acts and local artists take to the stage in a true celebration and vibrant festival of culture. Entry only for Hayya card holders.
- Corniche celebrations** Qatar's global street carnival along Doha's iconic 6km waterfront, from the Museum of Islamic Art to Hotel Park. Taking place daily until December 18, from noon until midnight (entertainment from 3-11pm). The atmosphere along the Corniche will celebrate nations – allowing football fans to connect from all around the world.
- Welcome to Qatar: Corniche** Welcome to Qatar is a must-see for all during the tournament, featuring the Circle of Lights – a shimmering circle suspended above the water that transforms to poetically narrate wonderful stories. Daily shows start from 4pm.
- Hayya Fan Zone** A celebration of the beautiful game at Lusail South Promenade, open until December 18 from noon until 1am. Head to Lusail South Promenade and join the festivity, fun and football. Access: entry fee and ticketed activations. Hayya Card holders are eligible for discounted tickets if you purchase your ticket upon entry.
- Ras Abu Aboud Beach 974** Hit the shore at Beach 974, extending from the heart of Doha along Ras Abu Aboud's glistening waterfront. Combine football and beach life, enjoy the water – then kick back and let the beat move your feet! Closed on December 5. For timings and more details, visit <https://www.qatar2022.qa/en/live-it-all-in-qatar/ras-abu-aboud-beach-974>
- MDLBEAST Presents: Aravia** Step off the pitch and onto the dance floor for 28 Aravian nights. A magical world that combines music, performance and song – from top international talent and rising regional stars – inspired by the colours and shapes of Arab culture, blending rave with Arabia. Taking place until December 18 from 8pm-2am.



Festivities, celebrations and fun everywhere

An array of festivities and entertainment activations in Doha's Souq Waqif and Corniche, as part of the ongoing FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, continued yesterday to draw big crowds of football fans from across the world. Qatar's global street carnival along the iconic 6km waterfront, from the Museum of Islamic Art to Hotel Park, takes place daily until December 18, from noon until midnight (entertainment from 3-11pm).

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Live it all in Qatar!



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Located next to Al Wakra Metro Station, 12 minutes from Doha. Access: Event admission ticket required. 20% discount on your first ticket and 50% for any other ticket you purchase within the same order when using promo code Hayya50. This offer is valid on all ticket categories until the last day of the festival, on a limited number of tickets. Visit <https://aravia.mdlbeast.com/en> for ticket details.

Arcadia Music Festival This world-renowned event will mesmerise you late into the night – as the energy of this one-of-a-kind experience takes over! Featuring international artists and DJs, extraordinary sculpted stages with a fire-breathing spider, and much more. Open until December 19, daily from 6pm-3am, at Ras Bu Fontas. The organisers have announced free entry for women, couples and everyone wearing a national team jersey

before 10pm. Regular tickets are available from \$49 via Tixbox.com

Daydream Festival The Daydream Festival returns to Doha with an unparalleled line-up and a brand-new stage. The festival will host some of the world's largest Electronic Dance Music (EDM) artists at the Doha Golf Club. The festival opened late last month and continues on December 6, 10, 14 and 18. For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.tixbox.com/en/events/?page=0&size=12>

Lusail Boulevard Live entertainment lights up the boulevard! The modern city of Lusail is brought to life from morning to night with live music, parades and street performances. You'll be captivated by it all! Taking place until December 18, daily from 11am-2am.

Qetaifan Beach Fest Be entertained day and night! Enjoy concerts, special performances, giant screen live matches, water activities and a Floating Aqua Park – all at one of the largest entertainment venues in Qatar! Open until December 18 in Qetaifan Island North, Lusail. Admission is free to the General Admissions Area – enabling all visitors

to enjoy the beach, music, activities and F&B facilities, as well as watch live football matches on the giant screens. Tickets are needed for access to the front stage area during special music performances and admission to the VIP area. Tickets are available through Q-Tickets at www.q-tickets.com

Qarnevale Quartier, The Pearl Island Qarnevale Quartier at The Pearl Island's little Venice precinct has been launched. At the Venice-like festival, visitors will get to experience the international flavour of Italy with a roaming parade recreating the spirit of one of the most famous festivals in the world via performances including elaborate masquerade shows, human statues and dazzling floating arts. The Qarnevale Quartier takes place until December 4 (tomorrow, Sunday), from 4pm-9pm at the Qanat Quartier Boardwalk. Visitors can enjoy several other attractions at The Pearl and Gowan islands.

World Cup activations/celebrations at Katara – the Cultural Village, Souq Waqif and Msheireb Downtown Doha, plus Katara Traditional Dhow Festival and more. Please refer to <https://www.qatar2022.qa/en/live-it-all-in-qatar> for more information.