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## PM meets ILO director-general



HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani met yesterday with Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Gilbert Houngbo and the accompanying delegation on the occasion of their visit to the country. During the meeting, they discussed the co-operation relations between Qatar and the ILO, especially in areas of labour, and a number of issues of mutual interest. **(QNA) Page 2**

## Winners will be team with best wide players: Wenger

The group stages of the World Cup saw a staggering 83% rise since the last tournament in goals scored in open play that came from the flanks, a trend Arsene Wenger believes will determine who wins the competition.

Discussing a technical analysis of the first round by world governing body FIFA, Wenger, who heads its global football development, said there was a trend of defences protecting the centre of the final third, meaning teams were forced to go down the left and right channels to create chances.

“The teams block the centre of the



Arsene Wenger

pitch, so they open more on the flanks... it means the best teams who have the best wide players have the best chance to win the World Cup,” Wenger said in a presentation in Qatar yesterday.

Juergen Klinsmann, who is a member of the FIFA Technical Study Group, said the pattern of packing the defence was also impacting the number of attempts to shoot on goal from outside the area.

“It’s really difficult for teams to break through the middle,” he said. “Defensive and midfield lines are so close together there’s no chance to pull the trigger.”

That defensive pattern also led to a 33% reduction since the 2018 World Cup in Russia in the number of “take-ons”, or players in possession of the ball running at defenders and beating them, while many were being forced out wide.

Klinsmann said the data showed this favouring South American teams far more than Europeans.

“It’s their way of doing things. It’s the love for the street football games still... the kids take on each other, one against one. So it’s not surprising that they’re leading on this,” he said.

# France and England in last 8

● The two European teams will clash on Dec 10 ● Mbappe shines as Giroud becomes France’s record scorer

France will take on England in the quarter-finals of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 after registering convincing victories in the Round of 16 yesterday.

The defending champions cruised to a 3-1 victory over Poland in the first match of the day, followed by England’s 3-0 win over African champions Senegal. The two teams will now meet in what promises to be a delightful encounter at Al Bayt Stadium on December 10, Saturday (10pm).

At Al Thumama Stadium yesterday, Kylian Mbappe was in another league yet again, oozing class throughout, while the ever-reliable Olivier Giroud netted a record goal to send France into the World Cup quarter-finals.

Les Bleus scored on the stroke of halftime as Giroud became their all-time record scorer with 52 goals before Mbappe’s late screamers sealed Poland’s fate and put the 23-year-old alone at the top of the scoring chart with five goals and two assists.

Poland, in the knockout stage for the first time since 1986 and looking for a first quarter-final appearance since 1982, had a huge chance in the first half but the France midfield did a great job of cutting the feeding line to Robert Lewandowski, who reduced the arrears with a twice-taken, last-second penalty.



England’s Jordan Henderson celebrates scoring their first goal with teammates.



Kylian Mbappe celebrates scoring France’s third goal.

Mbappe now has nine World Cup goals to his name, as many as Argentina’s 35-year-old Lionel Messi, and became the first player to reach that mark before his 24th birthday.

It helped Mbappe erase painful memories from last year’s European championship, when he missed the decisive penalty that sent Switzerland into the last eight after a shootout following a 3-3 draw.

Keeper Hugo Lloris made his 142nd appearance and is now tied with Lilian Thuram as France’s most-capped player, and his experience mattered when he made a superb quick save to deny Piotr Zielinski.

Later yesterday, free-scoring England extended their unbeaten record against African teams with a 3-0 victory over Senegal at Al Bayt Stadium, which included a first goal at this

World Cup from captain Harry Kane as they progressed to the quarter-finals.

England had initially looked sluggish against Senegal’s pacy forwards, in the two nations’ first ever encounter, with a wonderful one-handed save by Jordan Pickford stopping Boulaye Dia from giving the African side a shock lead.

But Jordan Henderson settled England’s nerves in the 38th minute, stroking the ball home after being played in by Jude Bellingham at the end of a lovely passing move.

Kane struck a ferocious shot past goalkeeper Edouard Mendy with the last kick of the first half, leaving him one goal behind Wayne Rooney’s record of 53 goals for England.

Nippy winger Bukayo Saka bagged the third with a neat chip over Mendy after a cross by Phil Foden in the 57th minute.

England’s goalfest in Qatar - 12 so far - equals their previous best World Cup total at Russia 2018 when they made the semi-finals. They scored 11 in winning the world title in 1966.

On Saturday, Argentina and the Netherlands had won their respective last-16 matches to set up a quarter-final clash at Lusail Stadium on December 9, Friday. **Sport Pages 1-8**

## Qatar hosting incredible World Cup: British PM

British PM Rishi Sunak yesterday praised Qatar for hosting an ‘incredible World Cup’ in a tweet. PM Sunak tweeted: “Hats off to Qatar for hosting an incredible World Cup so far.” He added: “The group stages will be remembered as one of the all-time greats.” The British PM also wished for England in his tweet. He said: “Come on @England keep the dream alive” England beat Senegal 3-0. Qatar is hosting the first-ever FIFA World Cup edition in the Middle East where 32 teams converged in Doha eyeing the game’s biggest title. The tournament, which is using eight venues including seven brand new stadiums, has attracted packed crowds for all of the matches played until yesterday. More than 1m fans have visited Al Bidda Park Fan festival alone in the first two weeks of the November 20-Decemehr 18 tournament.

## Dignitaries tour Darb Al Saai



HE the Minister of Finance Ali bin Ahmed al-Kuwari, HE the Minister of Culture Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad al-Thani, prominent Qatari entrepreneur Hussain Alfardan, noted Qatari poet and diplomat Dr Hassan Ali Hussein al-Nama, HE Issa al-Kuwari and *Gulf Times* Editor-in-Chief Faisal Abdulhameed al-Mudahka tour Darb Al Saai at Umm Salal Mohamed yesterday. **Page 9**

# Sheikha Al Mayassa opens TotalEnergies Playground

Qatar Museums Chairperson HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani inaugurated yesterday the TotalEnergies Playground located at the National Museum of Qatar (NMoQ), which offers a distinguished experience for families to explore the history of energy in Qatar through purposeful play.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Chairman and CEO of TotalEnergies Patrick Pouyanne, along with a host of senior personalities.

The playground comes under the patronage of TotalEnergies within the partnership framework between TotalEnergies and Qatar Museums designed by Taylor Cullity Lethlean (TCL) and constructed by the Public Works Authority (Ashghal).

Designed to offer full educational experience, visitors from all age groups can get familiarised at the playground with the various energy sources in Qatar ranging from oil, gas and lique-



HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani and Patrick Pouyanne with other officials and children at the inauguration of the TotalEnergies Playground. (Supplied picture)

fied natural gas (LNG) to renewable energies and electricity. The concept of sustainability is also addressed through numerous topics, such as carbon sequestration and storage, polymer recycling and traffic safety.

HE Sheikha Al Mayassa said the playground is one of many playgrounds that have been constructed across Qatar, in pursuit of helping the community and visitors enjoy with their families and friends, interacting with nature and enjoy times, where visitors are also introduced to the rich heritage of Qatar. She expressed appreciation for the partnership forged between Qatar and TotalEnergies.

Pouyanne said he is proud of the partnership between TotalEnergies and QM, especially with this distinguished project provided to the Qatari children which combines education and entertainment in a superb environment, pointing out that energy along with culture are

considered a crucial part of the history of Qatar.

Abdulla Mohsen, Deputy V-P - HR, Communications & CSR at TotalEnergies, pointed out in his statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA) that the playground has been constructed for the sake of finding a platform for the families, citizens and residents to simultaneously undertake the educational, recreational and cultural role and have a glimpse of energy, noting that through this playground the children will discover that it is different from the remaining playgrounds and other parks.

Senior project engineer at Ashghal Aisha al-Sada said the playground has been designed by the Australian company TCL and constructed by the local contracting company GET, and owing to the excellence and the details involved in every part of the playing field, Ashghal was able to complete it in a timely manner. **To Page 2**



## Shura Speaker meets senior parliamentarians



HE the Shura Council Speaker Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanem held yesterday a meeting with visiting senior parliamentary officials who included Speaker of the Peoples Representative Council of Indonesia Puan Maharani, Deputy Chairman of the Omani Shura Council Yaqoub al-Harhi, deputy Speakers of the Iraqi parliament Mohsen Ali Akbar al-Mandalawi and Shakhwan Abdullah Ahmed, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia Rachmat Gobel, Deputy Speaker of the Arab Parliament Alaa Abed, member of the Panamanian Parliament Omar Elias Castillo, member of the Cameroonian Parliament Nourane Fotsing Moluh, President of the Latin American Parliament Elias Castillo, and Secretary-General of the Asian Assembly Parliamentary Mohamed Reza Majidi. The meeting reviewed issues related to parliamentary work and ways to strengthen parliamentary relations. The parliamentarians expressed their happiness for visiting Qatar, praising the distinguished FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 organisation and the renaissance that the State is witnessing at various levels. A number of members of the Shura Council attended the meeting. (QNA)

# ILO chief commends Qatar labour reforms

The Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Gilbert Hounbo, hailed Qatar's recent labour reforms as a model to be followed by other countries.

In a statement released following a two-day visit to Qatar, Hounbo said: "I commend Qatar for the progress that has been made in the past few years. Many lessons can be drawn from these labour reforms for other countries and also for ILO operations".

Going forward with these reforms are among some of the priorities that the ILO has identified, he said, noting that the continued investment in data collection and analysis is also key to monitor the changes, identify gaps and support continuous improvement.

"Migrants play a key role in the economic, social and cultural development of their host countries and their communities back home. Protecting their rights as workers and human beings is at the heart of the ILO's mission to advance social justice and promote decent work. We are ready to work with governments, workers, employers and any other partners in Qatar, and in all countries, to help us achieve this goal," Hounbo said.

During his two-day stay in Doha, Hounbo discussed the progress of and next steps for the ILO's technical co-operation work in the country.

He also participated in a discussion on the future of work and UN Sustainable Development Goal 8 (on decent work and economic growth).

He highlighted the technical cooperation programme signed by the ILO and Qatar since 2017 which has resulted in an extensive range of labour reforms, including changes to the kafala employment sponsorship system that meant workers no longer need their employers permission to change jobs or leave the country.

Other reforms include the introduction of a minimum wage for all workers, an online labour complaints platform, labour courts, and the establishment of enterprise worker-management committees with elected migrant worker representatives.

There have also been improvements to safety and health at work, including further restrictions on daytime working hours to combat heat stress during the summer. (QNA)

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# Sheikha Al Mayassa opens TotalEnergies Playground

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The labyrinth-like architecture of the playground includes 15 interactive play areas, each one handling a specific type of energy, along with a series of tunnels in the form of large tubes for children to use as passages. The playground also includes a water play area, and aims to provide a sustainable outdoor environment stimulated by human energy.

Other features of the playground include mist fans to cool the atmosphere around the games. The design of the playground is sustainable, as it is partially powered by green electricity from solar panels installed nearby the playground.

A preview of the playground was held earlier for the media.



From the inauguration of the TotalEnergies Playground. (Supplied picture)



A view of the playground at NMoQ. **PICTURE:** Thajudheen

### Playground rules

These are some of the rules for safe use of the playground:

- Age group of 4-12 years
- Adult supervision required for use
- Do not use equipment when wet
- No food or drink allowed
- Do not litter
- No bare feet, no heels; wear proper footwear
- No foreign objects allowed (bicycles, scooters, roller skates, etc)



A section of the playground. **PICTURE:** Thajudheen

# Ministry, manpower firm sign deal to attract talents

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the Qatar Manpower Solutions Company (WISA) signed a bilateral agreement to attract qualified talents, cadres and human competencies inside and outside Qatar to work in the ministry.

The agreement was signed by Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Shared Services Affairs at the ministry Ali Abdullah al-Buainain and CEO of WISA Abdulhadi Bakhit Burgan.

The agreement embodies the importance of activating and bolstering the partnership between the government and private sectors, empowering competencies and human cadres, and providing them with job opportunities, to develop and boost the Qatari labour market, especially with the agreement seeking for qualified talents, cadres and human competencies inside and outside the country, and attract them to work within the education ministry.

WISA was chosen to take advantage of its experience in searching for talents and human cadres inside and outside Qatar, in order to embody one of the most important goals of the Qatar National Vision 2030, which places the development of human competencies, especially in education at the top of its priorities.

In a press statement, al-Buainain said that the agreement constitutes a qualitative addition to the ministry, and embodies the co-operation relationship with the national private sector, and complements the roles between them, in addition to opening broad horizons for co-operation in other fields, all of which contribute to improving and developing the services provided by the ministry for the Qatari society, noting that the education system is dynamic, changing and renewable, which requires it to keep pace with developments and rapid changes in the labour market and its requirements in the digital age.

Burgan considered the agreement a national responsibility in the first place, in terms of the issue of attracting competencies and strengthening their presence in the public and private sectors, especially in education, which is the main source to provide the national market with competencies and scientific and professional cadres in the future. (QNA)



# Discussions held to improve education guidance skills

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education, represented by the Educational Guidance Department, held discussion sessions for educational mentors, entitled "Supervisory Skills and Methods", in light of the guideline for the educational mentor, based on its keenness to develop their supervisory and evaluation skills, and within the framework of the management's professional development plan.

During the sessions, Director of the Educational Guidance Department Maryam Noman al-Emadi appreciated the significant role played by the educational counsellor in developing the performance of teachers which she said is not limited to class observation and making recommendations, but rather, it goes beyond that to providing co-ordinators and teachers with the necessary professional skills and competencies to perform their duties.

The department organised three sessions on the most important supervisory methods, and types of classroom visits, and the importance of diversifying the supervisory methods according to the situation and the need, in order to ensure the enhancement of teachers' skills.

The sessions also dealt with issues related to writing reports, motivating teachers, and raising the efficiency of the educational mentors, in order to enable them to lead work teams in schools, and models for developing performance.

In this context, the constructivist theory and its applications in educational supervision were discussed, in addition to providing a full explanation of the Microsoft Teams system and its use in follow-up, supervision and management of meetings and professional learning communities, the components of the Qatar education system, and the most important tools of the educational leader to follow up on lesson plans, assessments, and students performance through the system.

The discussion sessions included interventions and discussions on the use of technology and various supervisory methods and models for effective educational guidance. (QNA)



## QMC boss meets Saudi and Kuwait ministers, GCC chief

HE the Chairman of Qatar Media Corporation (QMC) Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer al-Thani met Saudi Minister of Commerce and Acting Minister of Media Dr Majid bin Abdullah al-Qasbi, Kuwaiti Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Baddah al-Mutairi, and GCC Secretary-General Dr Nayef Falah Mubarak al-Hajraf during their visit to Doha to attend FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 events.

The meeting, which was attended by HE the QMC Chief Executive Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Thani bin Khalid



al-Thani, touched on the unique FIFA World Cup edition presented by Qatar, and the tournament's enormous positive impact on the region and effective role in altering the pervasive negative stereotype, in addition to a myriad of fruitful discussions on the tournament and the atmospheres accompanying the event.

The Saudi minister underlined that Qatar has dazzled the world by its success in this great gathering, and lauded the efforts made by the Qatar government to present an exceptional edition of the World Cup.

The GCC secretary-general said

that Qatar 2022 represents a point of convergence that gathered the Gulf media, and hailed the great and enormous efforts by Qatar to host the tournament and the whole world.

HE Sheikh Abdulaziz thanked the ministers for their role in supporting the tournament.

The GCC ministers toured a part of Lusail heritage village, the distinguished project with its authentic architectural design that includes images of the Qatari cultural history created by Qatari and foreign innovators, in addition to several various facilities.

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# MDD capturing the hearts of visitors with modernity, authenticity

As the excitement fills up the air at Msheireb Downtown Doha (MDD) with the launch of World Cup activations, a number of fans from across the world have expressed admiration for the smart and sustainable city and the unique experience it offers them.

"Msheireb is the beating heart of Doha," said Mortada al-Saffar from Saudi Arabia. "I'm impressed by the authentic heritage mixed with modernity in buildings. It's the perfect place to enjoy a wonderful World Cup vibe."

The MDD prides itself on connecting Qatar's past and present while using sustainable technology to represent the future that the nation is heading towards.

International tourists visiting the



Mortada al-Saffar and a friend.



Natasha Barasanan from Brazil and a friend.



Pablo Rodriguez from Argentina and friends.

Right: A Japanese fan at the MDD.



MDD for the first time are amazed by the unique architecture and accessibility within the city.

"The atmosphere of the city is amazing," said Brazilian fan Natasha Barasanan when asked about her experience. "You can see and hear people from all over the world everywhere."

"It's so beautiful at night with all the lights, she said. "We were very impressed by the building designs that reflect the Qatari culture."

"It's very easy to get around and the directions are very clear," Barasanan

added. "People are enjoying (themselves) ... we are enjoying (ourselves) too much."

Heidi Carlos from Mexico commented on how easy it is to move around the city on foot, as there are a lot of maps and volunteers to help.

The tram is a sustainable approach to transportation within the city and its distinct design captures attention.

"I've noticed that Msheireb is a smart city," Pablo Rodriguez from Argentina commented. "It is always clean and ready to receive visitors. There's so much happening in the city, it's different every day."

The MDD's World Cup activations and events can be found in all areas of the district, ranging from exhibitions to cheer zones.

## 12,963 aircraft movements recorded during first fortnight of World Cup

Qatar recorded 12,963 aircraft movements until the end of the second week of the FIFA World Cup, at Hamad International Airport (HIA) and Doha International Airport (DIA), the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority tweeted yesterday.

The two airports recorded 797 air movements on December 3, the 14th day of the World Cup, the Ministry of Transport (MoT) announced in a related tweet.

Meanwhile, a total of 205,664 passengers were transported by Mow-

asalat (Karwa) the same day, using 2,053 buses and involving 9,651 trips.

Also on December 3, a total of 585,161 passengers took the Doha Metro and Lusail Tram while the Education City and Msheireb trams carried a total of 8,547 passengers.

### Al Jasra club organising heritage show for World Cup fans

Al Jasra Cultural and Social Club is organising an exhibition of model homes with items related to Qatari heritage as part of events associated with the World Cup.

The models represent aspects of the daily life, whether in terms of preparing food or drink, such as Arabic coffee, in addition to ancient kitchen appliances.

The exhibition showcases items such as the old radio, sewing tools, handicraft, ornaments, and traditional clothes, as well as items made from palm fronds.

The exhibition will run until December 18.

The club also sports a special square for the public to watch the football matches on big display screens. - QNA

## PHCC underscores efforts to help persons with disabilities obtain quality services

The Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) has said that it is committed to empowering persons with disabilities, through the designing of organised health services that best suit them, in addition to providing them with the essential support based on their needs.

Dr Sadiya al-Kohji, the assistant medical director for children and adolescent services at the PHCC and national lead for Healthy Children and Adolescents Strategies, said that one of the PHCC's most essential initiatives entails the provision of health services in a conducive environment for persons with disabilities in the health centres.

She explained that friendly environments have been provided in the rooms of outpatient departments, dental clinics, family medicine clinic,

maternal and child healthcare clinics, child health clinics, Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) clinics, and eye clinics in 10 health centres.

The PHCC adopted the fast track service for all age groups of persons with disabilities, to facilitate and accelerate the process of obtaining medical counselling, along with the primary healthcare services for persons with disabilities, and providing the essential support upon their visit to the health centre by a team from the "Hayyak" customer service and the medical crew, she said.

The fast track service is of utmost importance for the PHCC, with the work crew trained on the methods of reaching out to the patients with visual impairment, in addition to training crew from the PHCC and Hamad Medical Corporation on sign language.

Dr al-Kohji indicated that one of the most essential services offered by the PHCC in this framework is the early detection of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) by local and international experts through various training courses.

She cited EarlyBird, a training programme dedicated to the guardians of the children diagnosed with ASD, and aimed at improving and developing the relations between parents and the child, in addition to facilitating the methods of communication between them and children diagnosed with ASD, especially in the domestic environment.

The PHCC participated in the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) which falls on December 3 each year, and aimed at increasing awareness of persons with disabilities.

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## Croatian PM arrives



Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic arrived in Doha yesterday to attend part of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar matches. Plenkovic and his accompanying delegation were welcomed upon arrival at Hamad International Airport by HE Director of the Protocol Department Ibrahim bin Yousef Fakhro and Croatian ambassador to Qatar Drago Lovric. (QNA)

## Qatar shares experience in securing World Cup with host countries for 2026 edition

The Security and Safety Operations Committee (SSOC) of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 has begun the security “monitoring” programme in co-operation with the tournament organisers and the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol), Project Stadia.

The five-day programme comes within the framework of the SSOC's international co-operation strategy with the countries that will host the 2026 World Cup (Canada, Mexico and the US), with the aim of transferring Qatari expertise in securing the World Cup, and informing the participants of the security preparations made by Qatar, and the most prominent security strategies used in the tournament.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ali Mohamed al-Ali, the executive director of the Of-

fice of the chairman of the SSOC and head of the Planning and Follow-up Unit of the committee, presented the stages of security preparations to secure the World Cup, starting with the decision to form the committee and its units and the terms of reference of each unit, and planning for the implementation of the tasks and the subsequent procedures.

He also reviewed the mechanism and procedures for the work of the security teams responsible for securing the tournament, the training, equipment and courses that were carried out during the previous years, and the most prominent projects and security scenarios that were implemented, as well as the co-ordination mechanisms between the security authorities and other related topics. - QNA



## ‘Success of tournament a boon for GCC and Arab world’



Al-Hosni at the exhibition.

Oman Human Rights Committee chairman Sheikh Abdullah bin Shuwain al-Hosni has said that the success of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 is a boon for the entire region, the people of GCC states and the entire Arab world.

During his visit to Human Rights and Football Exhibition organised by the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) in the new garden of Sheraton Hotel, al-Hosni said that he congratulates Qatar for the success in organising the World Cup.

He noted the messages relayed by the exhibition, which is about connecting sports with human rights values through expressive paintings, in conjunction with the major global event hosted by Qatar.

The official noted that the exhibition's paintings convey the fundamental message

that sport is the right for all, and expressed appreciation to the NHRC for this excellent effort.

He said that the Oman Human Rights Committee supports the work of the NHRC, adding that a team from Oman is helping in the organisation of the World Cup.

The exhibition is an artistic and cultural platform contributing to the promotion of human rights, and respect for the human diversity and humanitarian co-existence as one of the aims of sport.

The paintings embody the principles of human rights in the practice of sports in general, and football in particular, and convey numerous messages concerning the rights of fans and their responsibilities, such as renouncing racism in stadiums and propagating the culture of tolerance and peace. - QNA

## Over 84,000 Wain app users during first stage of World Cup

Since the release of the new version of the Qatar Mobility Innovations Centre's Wain Application - customised to support the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 - the Wain user base has expanded significantly, indicating that the local app has become a reliable choice for fans and residents alike.

Wain has established itself as the leading local navigation services application, providing immense value to users through newly introduced key features, a statement said.

Some of the key usage highlights for Wain in the first phase of the tournament (November 20 to December 2) include:

■ More than 84,000 active users of Wain

■ Number of daily downloads increased by a factor of 30 times

■ November 28 was the most active day by Wain users

■ The new stadiums micro-app was the most-used feature by Wain users, with Lusail Stadium the most viewed with over 23% of views, followed by Al Bayt Stadium (20%) and Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium (13%).

As the leading local mobile navigation services application in Qatar, Wain introduced many features which proved popular with local users and visitors, helping them reach different stadia and consume rich localised content.

These key features include:

■ Provide real time info about parking availability at main parking

lots of all eight stadiums and three main park and ride locations

■ Smart navigation capabilities to provide best routes to reach parking based on the ticket type and taking into account road closure and parking availability info.

■ The “Stadium Parking Assistant” feature, whereby Wain automatically stores information on where the car is parked and guiding the user to their car after the game by using Augmented Reality for iOS users and by using a map display for Android users

■ Personalised content and event info based on user preferences, with hundreds of events included

■ Ability to deliver personalised notifications.



Wain is expected to continue its efforts to ensure the success of this historic event in Qatar, and other major events in the upcoming years, establishing itself as the local reliable choice for all users, the statement added.

## Food outlets inspected



Officers of Al Khor and Al Thakheira Municipality's Health Control Section have carried out an inspection campaign on food outlets around the Panda House and Al Khor Park to ensure the safety of food products and that the workers abide by standard health and safety regulations for food preparation.

## CRA records unprecedented figures in spectrum management for radio applications, equipment

The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) has issued more than 25,000 authorisations for radio applications and equipment allowing the host country, the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), FIFA contractors, FIFA commercial affiliates, and broadcasters to possess and use such radio applications and equipment at the official venues of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 to broadcast, facilitate, and plan operational and logistical operations of the tournament.

The number of authorisations issued by the CRA is unprecedented in the history of the tournament and confirms the high level of international interest in this tournament and its appeal to a wide range of parties, a statement said.

It also emphasises the effective role played by the radio applications and equipment in supporting the operations of all FIFA-affiliated parties.

The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 is mainly characterised by a wide range of radio applications and a significant number of radio equipment gathered within a limited area.

Therefore, the CRA, the tournament's spectrum management service provider and the responsible authority for managing, assigning, licensing, and monitoring the use of the radio spectrum in Qatar, took into account not to allow any radio equipment to be used in the official venues unless it is registered on the e-spectrum portal and tested and tagged by the CRA.

The number of entities that have registered on the portal has reached more than 300, with more than 20,000 radio equipment having undergone spectrum testing procedures and obtaining the required tag, which enabled licensees to use them at the tournament's official venues.

Since the middle of this year, the CRA has started receiving requests from parties related to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 to ensure the timely allocation of radio frequencies and the issuance of the necessary authorisations as well as to ensure the compliance of users of those radio applications and equipment with the technical conditions and parameters issued by the CRA.



Snapshots from the event.

## Silatech, EAA organise high-level event on SDGs

Silatech has organised a high-level event in co-operation with the Education Above All Foundation (EAA), within the framework of the campaign supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - “Scoring 4 the Goals” - in the FIFA Fan Festival at Al Bidda Park.

The event was attended by International Labour Organisation Secretary-General Gilbert Houngbo, and a number of heads of diplomatic missions accredited to Qatar.

“With start-ups accounting for some 50% of newly created jobs, youth-led enterprises can be a driver of job creation for young people and foster innovation,” said Houngbo.

He stressed the importance of developing the entrepreneurial skills that the labour market needs among young people, adding that special attention should be given to the dynamics of gender differentiation, and that there is an important component of promoting youth entrepreneurship is skills development and training, as well as enabling an entrepreneurial environment.

Areej al-Masry, a member of the Youth Advisory Council (formed by Silatech, Education Above All and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights), stressed the importance of working to involve young people in decision-making, as well as enabling them to

contribute effectively to the renaissance of their societies.

He referred to the need to strengthen partnerships between international institutions, governmental organisations, and civil work organisations to work on providing job opportunities for young people, and to provide the necessary tools such as training and facilitate their access to capital so that they can establish their entrepreneurial businesses and live in dignity.

The “Scoring 4 the Goals” event will continue within the FIFA Fan Festival in Al Bidaa Park until December 17.

The event includes conferences and seminars related to the SDGs. - QNA



## Qatar participates in 3rd Coast Guard Global Summit

Qatar participated in the Third Coast Guard Global Summit, organised by the Japan Coast Guard, via videoconferencing.

The online symposium witnessed the participation of 36 countries and organisations. Qatar was represented at the summit by Colonel Fahd Ali al-Hajri, the head of the Maritime Training Centre at the Ministry of Interior's General Administration of Coasts and Borders Security.

The summit discussed topics and issues of concern to coast guard forces worldwide, including response to natural disasters at sea and enhancing areas of co-operation between countries to better deal with related challenges. - QNA

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**By Joseph Varghese**  
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A photograph of three people standing in front of the Costa Concordia cruise ship. The ship is white with orange and blue accents. The text "COSTA CONCORDIA" and "EUROPA" are visible on the hull. The three people are standing on a paved area, and a white metal barrier is in front of them.

Anoop John with his parents  
at Doha Port.



Biju John with some of his visiting friends in front of Lusail Stadium.



Ravi Jose Thanickal with Argentine fans at Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium.



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1. Tender Documents can be collected from our head office located at Al-Saad, Suhaim bin Hamad St., Qatar First Bank Building, 10th Floor (Sunday- Thursday) between 08:00 to 13:00.
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3. Tender Documents will be released only after delivery of Deposit Slip Stamped by Commercial Bank along with Authorization letter to the delegated person signed by authorized person as per Computer ID, Copy of commercial Registration (CR), Business License and Computer ID.
4. Tender Fees are nonrefundable and can be transferred online to Account of Qatar Primary Material Company- Bank A/C (4050-651111-006) at Commercial Bank of Qatar. For IBAN, send email for tender department email. Tender reference number and subject are to be written on the deposit slip.
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9. The Technical Bids shall be opened within one week from the closing date.
10. Qatar Primary Material Company has the right, during the contract period, to request an increase or decrease in the amounts of the items, works or services by a percentage not exceeding (20%) of the contract value with the same conditions and prices, provided that the increase is of the same type of contracted items, works or services.
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# FBQ Museum opens Car Museum

Under the patronage of HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani, the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani (FBQ) Museum held the opening of its new designated Car Museum on Saturday.

Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani, Sheikh Mohamed bin Faisal al-Thani and Sheikh Khalid bin Faisal al-Thani, together with dignitaries attended the opening.

The FBQ Car Museum is an extension of the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum, a cultural landmark at Al Samriya Estate in Al Shahaniya.

The Car Museum welcomes visitors to view around 300 classic cars and then take in the museum's treasure trove of 30,000 unique exhibits of Islamic art, Qatar heritage, international artefacts, carpets, jewellery and textiles.

In the Car Museum, visitors can experience a multi-faceted journey through the history of over 120 years of motorised development, revealing and reflecting human's needs to advance technology to shorten distances and connect people across the Arabian peninsula and Qatar.

The exhibits include exquisite



HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani and other dignitaries at the opening of the FBQ Car Museum. PICTURES: Shaji Kayamkulam

classic car models of the 1900s onwards, from the legendary 1908 Studebaker and 1924 Ford T Roadster models to a 1958 Cadillac and 1968 Ford Mustang. Classic models of cars and trucks, sports cars, convertibles and limousines, make up the unique collection.

Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani recalled that he always had a passion for cars, collecting truly iconic models over the years. "This interest quickly turned into a hobby for me which has now produced this significant collection of different classic cars. As it attracted

the attention of the public and generated more and more interest, this prompted me to open an exhibition of my own collection of cars," he said.

"I am particularly proud that the opening of this year's exhibition coincided with the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which



gives us a greater opportunity to showcase these distinctive pieces to Qatar's guests from all over the world.

"The new automobile museum reflects my journey of acquiring these classic motors as the automotive industry evolved and tells the story of its history at the same time. Some of the cars offered in this collection are my own cars, those of my father, Sheikh Qassim al-Thani and those of other Qatari families and international celebrities," he noted.

The Car Museum is divided

into eight zones, from 1900 up to the 1980s, each one exhibiting some of the most famous and sought-after models of the era.

These include a 1951 Chrysler and Buick of the same year, a 1955 Pontiac, a 1937 Peugeot, Roadster and even a 1940 army tank.

The Car Museum is being offered as part of the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum tour, priced at QR50 for adults and free for kids under 12.

Mona El Helbawi, group general manager at Al Rayyan Investment in Education and Sports Cluster, said the new FBQ

Car Museum is continuing the heritage that HE Sheikh Faisal established, and is the first of its kind in the Middle East.

The FBQ Museum was established 25 years ago and the Car Museum is one of many new developments including a new extension opening soon. There are over 1,000 cars in the collection, but only 300 cars are being displayed for the opening.

One of Qatar's leading entrepreneurs, Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani is regarded as a key player in promoting the heritage and culture of Qatar.

## Al Bidda Street cleaned

The General Cleanliness Department has swept and cleaned an 8km stretch of Al Bidda Street, one of the many busy areas during the ongoing FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

## QRCS distributes 1,500 hygiene kits to workers

Workers receive hygiene kits from QRCS and its partners.

Qatar Red Crescent Society's (QRCS) Volunteering and Local Development Division, under strict preventive measures, distributed 1,500 hygiene kits to workers, in co-operation with the Ministry of Municipality's Mechanical Equipment Department, the Ministry of Labour (MoL), and the Public Works Authority (Ashghal).

The gesture was part of the Your Health Is a Priority initiative, under the Stand Together workers' welfare programme, to promote health awareness among workers, enhance their social integration, and urge them to maintain personal hygiene at all times.

This is one of the humanitarian and awareness-raising initiatives implemented by QRCS during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, in recognition of the tremendous efforts made by expatriate workers.

Muna Fadel al-Sulaiti, director of Volunteering and Local Development Division at QRCS, praised the partnership with MoL, the Ministry of Municipality, and Ashghal, saying: "They are key partners in our projects and initiatives in favour of workers. Through its humanitarian projects, QRCS seeks to promote a spirit of social solidarity, take care of the workers who build the country, and show gratitude for their great dedication".

Al-Sulaiti added: "This multi-lateral initiative is a joint humanitarian move to encourage workers to pay attention to their personal hygiene and sanitisation, which will pay off for themselves and for society as a whole. Expatriate workers are a top priority on our local development agenda, especially in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic, which required everyone to continue to observe preventive measures. It is our duty as a humanitarian and development organisation to spread awareness among the public, reach out to vulnerable groups, and advise them to practice personal hygiene, as a major protection against diseases, particularly among the crowds".

Noora Issa al-Fadala, head of Community Development at QRCS, stated: "This humanitarian initiative embodies QRCS' social responsibility strategy and builds closer relations with NGOs and vulnerable groups. It is one of many social care services provided by QRCS for workers throughout the year, under its Stand Together development programme, which has significant and long-term health, social, and psychological impacts on the beneficiaries".

Stand Together is a social and humanitarian programme designed to help workers in Qatar, better their lifestyle, and make them more socially integrated. To that end, QRCS has a wide range of welfare initiatives to meet the basic needs of workers, which will reflect on their performance and social harmony.

## Qatar Charity opens Islamic centre in Nigeria

Qatar Charity inaugurated the Al-Noor Islamic Centre in Nigeria in the presence of several Nigerian officials, Qatar Charity officials, and the Qatari philanthropist who donated to establish the centre.

The centre that was inaugurated is considered one of the most important Islamic centres in Okene city of Nigeria.

It includes a mosque, a school for teaching and memorising the Holy Qur'an, library, water well, additional places of ablution, umbrellas, air conditioners, and furniture.

The number of beneficiaries from the centre is expected to reach roughly 2,300 people thanks to the expansion works, allowing them to perform congregational prayers and hold religious awareness lectures.

It also helps, through the Qur'an teaching school, teach children and young adults the Holy Qur'an and the provisions of its recitation in attractive ways making the centre a beacon of faith and education in the region.

In addition to the deep well, the centre has a tank with a capacity of 15,000 litres, and it has been connected to the neighbourhood for the benefit of the residents living in the vicinity of the centre. (QNA)

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# HBKU awarded grant to create national risk management plan

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)'s College of Science and Engineering (CSE) is spearheading critical research to create an effective national risk management plan for Qatar.

A new research project – “ReSolVe (Resilient Solutions for Vulnerabilities and Emergencies): An Effective National Risk Management Plan for Qatar” led by Dr Sami G al-Ghamdi, associate professor in the Sustainable Development Division at CSE, and head of the Sustainable Built Environment group, as the project director and lead principal investigator, has received a QR16.1mm grant under Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)'s National Priorities Research Programme (NPRP) in the 14th cycle.

ReSolVe was awarded under the new NPRP-Cluster focusing on National Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Resilience thematic area, launched by QNRF to support Qatar's relevant capabilities. Dr al-Ghamdi and his team will work with expert teams from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), Texas A&M University at Qatar (Tamuq), and Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q).

During unexpected events or disasters, two major categories of infrastructure and systems are significantly impacted: (i) physical infrastructure (transportation, energy, and water systems), and (ii) healthcare infrastructure. To anticipate and enhance its resilience to unprecedented climate events, it is vital for Qatar to assess its

own existing infrastructure, systems, and service provisions and evaluate any potential vulnerabilities.

The ReSolVe project's overarching goal is to develop a robust methodology and framework for a Risk-Resilience-Sustainability nexus, driven by a full data management plan, to assess and identify the potential risks, vulnerabilities, and impacts of emergencies or disasters faced by Qatar, and provide resilient solutions.

ReSolVe consists of five sub-projects (SP).

SP-1, led by Dr al-Ghamdi, involves project management and developing a holistic framework and metrics through a robust data-management plan in a system-of-systems fashion using analysis of the different infrastructures carried out in other SPs.

In SP-2, HBKU researchers will collaborate with MIT researchers, led by Dr Elfatih A B Eltahir, professor of civil and environmental engineering, focusing on climate change modelling and hazard identification to quantify the environmental changes and hazards for Qatar in the coming decades. This SP involves investigating the effects of climate change on weather conditions and diseases in the context of Qatar, as well as identifying potential hazards.

The climate change data from SP-2 will be used by two teams, from WCM-Q and HBKU, and UMD and HBKU, to do a risk assessment of the resilience of Qatar's health and physical infrastructures in SP-3 and SP-4, respectively.

The healthcare infrastructure

assessment will be supervised by Dr Ali Sultan, professor of Teaching in Microbiology and Immunology at WCM-Q, in conjunction with Qatar's Ministry of Public Health.

The physical infrastructure assessment will be supervised by Dr Bilal Ayyub, professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UMD. This SP will examine the relevant risks and vulnerabilities of Qatar's physical infrastructure, such as transportation, energy, and water networks, to identify potential cost-effective upgrades and communicate the findings to support policy and decision-making.

Another team led by Dr Khalid Qaraqe, professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Tamuq, along with partner institutions, will participate in the design of high-speed communications to strengthen communication and information infrastructure in these sectors in SP-5. The data from climate change, physical and healthcare infrastructures, and high-speed communications will then be integrated to develop a framework that will help in forming policies, mitigation measures, and strengthening the resilience-sustainability-nexus in SP-1.

Dr al-Ghamdi said: “HBKU will examine public, legal, and economic policies in the framework development, and will then propose and quantify the risk indicators tailored to Qatar. For the effective execution of the project, a steering committee will be formed, comprising high-ranking officials from Qatar's government agencies and institutions.”

## QNL welcomes special delegations from Saudi, Kuwait



HE Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari, Minister of State and President of Qatar National Library (QNL) welcomed high-profile delegations from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to the library on November 29. The delegates toured the building and collections and discussed future collaborations, cultural exchanges and enhancing co-operation between QNL and libraries in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, as well as other cultural institutions. As part of its mission to preserve the nation's and region's heritage, QNL will continue to invest time and effort into sharing knowledge and empowering future generations across Qatar and beyond.

## Qatar Creates and CR Runway present Post Malone in concert on December 16

Qatar Creates and CR Runway have announced Post Malone as the highly anticipated headline performer of the star-studded Qatar Fashion United by CR Runway event on December 16 at 974 Stadium.

The global superstar, singer, songwriter, and record producer's first-ever Qatar concert will round off a monumental celebration of fashion, culture and music, featuring more than 150 designers and brands on the world's biggest catwalk.

With representation from over 50 countries, Qatar Fashion United by CR Runway will present four choreographed runway presentations, followed by show-stopping performances by Post Malone and other acclaimed artists, including DJ Snake, Nancy Ajram, Kadim al Sahr, Khaled, Ozuna and Zakes Bantwini.

In a press statement, Saad Saleh al-Hudaifi, head of Qatar Creates, commented: “Bringing Post Malone to Qatar for the first time is an exciting moment for Qatar Creates and a crucial part of our FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 journey. His performance tops a thrilling line up of global talent in fashion and music at Qatar Fashion United by CR Runway. With this historic



event, we are creating a meeting point for fashion, music, art and culture at an unmatched scale that will reach audiences worldwide.”

With over 80mn records sold

and several Billboard charts records, Post Malone is one of the bestselling contemporary artists. His accolades include 10 Billboard Music Awards, three American Music Awards, one

MTV Video Music Award, and nine Grammy Award nominations.

Most recently, Malone's collaborative track Sunflower with Swae Lee became the highest-certified single in Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) history with 17-times platinum with 2.4bn streams worldwide.

Qatar Fashion United by CR Runway was conceived by HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, curated by the French editor and visionary stylist Carine Roitfeld, and directed by CR Runway CEO Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld.

Proceeds from the global event will benefit Education Above All (EAA) Foundation, a non-for-profit organisation founded by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser that supports education for marginalised children and communities around the world.

Qatar Fashion United comes as part of Qatar Creates' vision to engage a broad network of global, regional and local stakeholders within an unprecedented schedule of high-profile events that spotlight and celebrate the diversity of cultural activities in Qatar for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and beyond.

## QF marks Ability Friendly Fun Day



To mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Qatar Foundation's Ability Friendly Programme - an initiative that supports people of all abilities to engage in sporting and developmental activities - hosted an Ability Friendly Fun Day. Held at QF's recreation centre, the Fun Day offered children and adults of all abilities the opportunity to engage in recreational sports like football, swimming, and cricket with QF's ability-friendly coaches. The event welcomed more than 40 participants, ranging from five to 28 years old. Qatar Foundation's Ability Friendly Programme offers sessions year-round.

## Kia, BMW models recalled

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), in co-operation with Al At-tiya Motors and Trading Company, has announced the recall of Kia Sorento and Carnival, 2015 model as the shift lever knob can be moved out of (park) position into any gear position without pressing the brake pedal, regardless of whether the ignition key is ON or OFF.

The MoCI, in co-operation with Alfardan Automobiles, has announced the recall of BMW 218i Gran Coupe, 2022 model, due to a possible fault in the rear tail-light programming.

The recall campaigns come within the framework of the MoCI's continuous efforts to protect consumers and ensure

that dealers follow up on vehicle defects and repairs.

The MoCI said that it will co-ordinate with the dealers to follow up on the maintenance and repair works and will communicate with customers to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out.

The MoCI has urged all customers to report any violations to its Consumer Protection and Anti-Commercial Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquires and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 16001, e-mail: info@moci.gov.qa, Twitter: @MOCIQATAR, Instagram: MOCIQATAR, MoCI mobile app for android and iOS: MOCIQATAR

## Discover Qatar offers educational tours to school and college students

Discover Qatar (DQ) is offering specially-designed tours to showcase Qatar's top-tier educational and tourism resources as well as the distinctive features of Doha.

Custom-made for school and college students from across the globe, these tours present a unique opportunity for a holistic view of Qatar's premier academic ecosystem, while immersing guests in the culture of the country.

In a press statement, Steven Reynolds, senior vice president, Discover Qatar, said: “We look forward to enriching the academic growth of students around the world with resources, insights, and experiences

from leading academic and cultural institutions in Qatar.”

DQ's educational tours focus on a range of subjects including architecture, art and culture, sports and performance excellence, fashion and design, business management, and gastronomy, all with the goal of stimulating learning for students through curated activities and workshops.

Bringing learning curriculums to life, students can develop problem-solving skills, improve critical thinking, broaden their worldview, and learn through a variety of custom-designed workshops, activities, and interactive experiential sessions.

The specially-designed

programmes are offered for five days and can be extended up to 10 days based on the subject or expected learning outcomes. These are all-inclusive group programmes that combine services such as hotel accommodation, meals, airport and local city transfers, sightseeing activities and a guide who escorts the group for a complete stay in Doha. More details can be found on the Discover Qatar website <https://www.discoverqatar.qa/education-tours/>

DQ recently conducted familiarisation tours during which participants discovered diverse opportunities through interactions at Qatar Foundation and Education City, main-



The tours present a unique opportunity for a holistic view of Qatar's premier academic ecosystem while immersing guests in the culture of the country.

ly at Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, and Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar.

DQ also arranged visits to National Museum of Qatar, 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum, Fire Station, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, M7, Katara Cultural Village, and Aspire Academy to present an all-inclusive understanding of Qatar.

Mark Alexander, founder and CEO, Happymiles Outdoor Learning, who was part of familiarisation tour said: “Happymiles Outdoor Learning is aiming to send approximately 25 student groups to Qatar in next six months”.

## A group of men in white thobes and ghutras are walking at night in a desert setting. They are illuminated by large, glowing spherical lanterns. The background shows a desert landscape with palm trees and some structures.

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# For fan facilitation and seamless delivery, an unmatched World Cup

The ongoing FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which will run until December 18, completing the 29-day, 32-nation tournament, has carved a niche for itself in the history of the mega sporting event with many firsts. The first-ever 4k telecast, free transportation within the country for fans, opportunities to watch more than one match a day and the most accessible edition of the FIFA World Cup are among the unique features of the historic event being held for first time in the Middle East and the Arab world. Fans from across the world are full of praise for the outstanding infrastructure and other facilities Qatar has meticulously prepared over the past 12 years, ever since it won the bid to host the greatest sporting event on earth.

All eight stadiums are outfitted with facilities for specially-abled fans. Working with local stakeholders, the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC), FIFA and the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 LLC also has set up sensory rooms for fans with access requirements at three 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.

## By the time the tournament concludes in a fortnight, Qatar would have added more feathers to its crown

In another first in the history of the FIFA World Cup, Qatar has made arrangements that allow fans to enjoy two matches on the same day. Mowasalat, the public transport provider, is operating about 580 buses that ply between stadiums, much to the delight of the fans. Overall, about 4,000 buses are being operated during the tournament, of which some 3,000 are dedicated to transporting fans, including more than 800 fully electric buses that operate with zero carbon emissions. Qatar Rail's Doha Metro has proven to be immensely popular with the fans as it offers them seamless connectivity, with services extending to 21 hours Saturday to Thursday and 18 hours on Friday.

The state-of-the-art broadcast network delivered by the SC is helping media from across the world to screen the FIFA World Cup in 4K resolution for the first time. The 1TB bandwidth network connects eight stadiums, 33 Team Base Camps and two studio clusters with the International Broadcast Centre, located at the Qatar National Convention Centre, where live feeds are transmitted globally to billions of viewers. As well as providing an extensive high-speed fibre optic network, the SC is offering a range of services to FIFA's Media Rights Licensees, including high-speed broadband connectivity and dedicated facilities to help them reach their audiences.

In addition, the SC has built a dynamic Internet Protocol TV network to allow media to broadcast live from all tournament venues. The SC has also developed IT (information technology) and broadcasting infrastructure at all tournament venues, including high-speed Internet, display screens and other audiovisual equipment needed to screen the tournament. The entire network is being supported by several satellites at the IBC that are also capable of transmitting the same high-quality feed to broadcasters around the world. Special credit should also go to the SC for establishing a Host Accredited Media Centre to support more than 17,000 non-FIFA accredited media personnel. By the time the tournament concludes in a fortnight, Qatar would have added more feathers to its crown.

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# Russian oil revenues could weather EU ban, G7 price cap

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Russian oil output could fall by 500,000 to 1mn barrels per day (bpd) early in 2023 after the European Union imposes a ban on seaborne imports from today, two sources at major Russian producers said.

The estimate is at the lower end of market analysts' forecasts of the combined impact of the ban and a proposed price cap on Russian oil, although the sources said the true level would depend on several factors yet to be settled.

They requested anonymity to discuss sensitive market dynamics connected with the conflict in Ukraine that Russia calls a "special military operation".

Alexei Kokin of Otkritie brokerage broadly agreed with their assessment of the likely impact of Western measures on Russian output.

"It's roughly the same as the volume of seaborne supplies to the EU in recent weeks," he said. "I don't think they (Russian producers) will be able to divert that elsewhere."

The West wants to squeeze Russia's finances to reduce its ability to fund the conflict.

Exports of crude, gas and oil products account for the majority of Russia's revenues, which have stayed high as disruption to production and sales following Western sanctions has been more than offset by high prices on international markets.

Russia's budget revenues from oil and gas jumped by over a third in the first 10 months of the year.

Before the Ukraine conflict began on February 24, Russia exported around 8 million bpd of oil and oil products.

The EU, its biggest buyer, cut

purchases in response to the conflict, but Moscow successfully diverted supply to Asia and exports slipped only slightly to 7.6mn bpd.

Looking ahead to 2023, one of the main variables will be the ceiling G7 countries and the EU agree on importing Russian oil.

They are seeking to strike a difficult balance to limit Moscow's oil income while avoiding oil price shocks on international markets that surged around the time of Russia's invasion but have more recently cooled.

Some of the biggest importers of Russian oil, including China and India, are not part of the initiative. Moscow has said it would not supply oil to those who participate.

It is also unclear whether shipping and insurance companies will be able to move Russian oil around the world that has been bought for more than the agreed ceiling.

Navigating that obstacle could take time and cause disruptions, some analysts said, although US bank JPMorgan sees the impact of the cap as muted with Russia able to use its own ships and marshal China and India.

Others see a deeper impact.

Kirill Melnikov, analyst at the Centre for Energy Development, forecast a drop in Russian production of 1.0-1.5mn bpd in January compared with November levels.

The International Energy Agency expects Russian crude output to fall by 2mn bpd by the end of the first quarter, although that also takes into account an EU ban on Russian oil products that will come into effect on February 5.

The more Russian oil that is lost to world markets, the greater the likely impact on prices. That could benefit Moscow and other major exporters and penalise consumers in the West who

already face the highest inflation in decades, largely because of energy costs.

"Even if the drop in exports is greater than expected, the impact on the budget is offset by the rise in prices, so budget revenues are unlikely to suffer significantly," Igor Galaktionov of BCS Mir Investitsiy brokerage said.

EU governments on Thursday provisionally agreed to a price cap of \$60 per barrel of Russian crude, with an adjustment mechanism to keep the ceiling 5% below market values.

G7 nations had earlier proposed a cap of \$65-70 per barrel, around the current price of Russia's main export blend Urals, while Poland wanted it far lower at \$30.

Urals, which used to be sold largely to European buyers, has fallen to a discount of around \$23.50 per barrel versus dated Brent, the benchmark on the over the counter market, from a \$2-3 per barrel discount at the beginning of the year.

Dated Brent is priced at around \$87, close to the level of international Brent futures.

"I think that the cap being discussed by the EU will be close to the price level at which Russia is currently selling oil, Alexei Gromov of the Moscow-based Institute for Energy and Finance Foundation said.

"If the price cap is around \$60 per barrel, Russia will continue to export its oil comfortably."

Provided buyers refuse to pay more than the price cap, a limit of \$60 would mean Russia would not benefit if international prices rise.

Already, Russia's revenues — and those of other oil producers — have fallen since the price cap was first proposed by the United States and other G7 countries in June, adding selling pressure on international oil markets

weakened by the global economic outlook.

Were the price of Russian oil to fall to \$45-50 per barrel in 2023, Yevgeny Suvorov, economist at Centroccredit Bank, said Russia's budget would face a shortfall in the region of 2tn roubles (\$32bn).

The central bank expects total oil and gas revenues next year of 8.9tn roubles. Revenues are determined not just by the outright price of Russian crude but by the exchange rate at the time of sale.

If the rouble is relatively strong, as it is now, budget revenues in the local currency drop, making it harder for the finance ministry to balance the books.

The ministry's assumptions for next year's budget are for Russian oil to average \$70.1 per barrel and an average exchange rate of 68.3 roubles per dollar. That compares with today's levels of around \$65 and 61-62 roubles respectively.

Although the rouble has fallen recently, it is still well above the government's favoured range of 70-80 to the dollar, and Russian businesses have urged the central bank to build up reserves of Chinese yuan and weaken the local currency.

Beyond the price cap and European import ban, Russia's oil sector may also be affected by Covid-19 restrictions in China, an increasingly important buyer of its crude.

China has bought around 2mn bpd of Russian oil in recent months from 1.6-1.8mn bpd at the start of the year.

"Oil markets are going to continue to be buffeted by ongoing news out of China, given how much of an impact ongoing lockdowns are having on oil demand in the world's second-largest consumer," said Matt Smith, lead oil analyst at Kpler.



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