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Qatar population crosses 3mn

Qatar's population crossed 3mn at the end of January 2024 with a monthly increase of 5.1% from December 2023 and an increase of 5.5% from the same month in 2023. As per figures, released by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA), Qatar's population reached 3,118,000 at the end of January. According to PSA statistics, the value of the country's imports amounted to about QR10.5bn during December 2023 with an increase of 4.2% from December 2022 and an increase of 7.0% from November 2023.

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Amir receives message from king of Spain



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani received a written message from King of Spain Felipe VI, pertaining to bilateral relations and ways to support and develop them. Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Co-operation of the Kingdom of Spain Jose Manuel Albares handed over the message during a meeting with the Amir in his office at the Amiri Diwan yesterday. **(QNA)**

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The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas said yesterday it had delivered its response to a proposed ceasefire deal for Gaza, and the United States said it believed an agreement was possible.

Details of Hamas' response were not immediately revealed but Qatar, which helped mediate the proposal that was passed on to Hamas last week and would also involve the release of hostag-

Massacre toll 27,585

Gaza's Health Ministry says at least 27,585 Palestinians have been confirmed killed in Israel's military campaign, with thousands more feared buried under rubble.

es held in Gaza, said the reply had made Doha "optimistic".

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, on a lightning tour of the Middle East, said Washington was reviewing Hamas' response and that he would discuss it with

Amir stresses need for immediate Gaza truce, aid delivery in talks with Blinken

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani met yesterday in his office at the Lusail Palace with Secretary of State of the United States of America Antony Blinken, who is visiting the country.

During the meeting, they discussed strategic ties between the two countries and prospects of reinforcing and upgrading them in a variety of fields, in addition to regional and global developments, especially the developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories. His Highness the Amir emphasised, during the meeting, the importance of concerted regional and global efforts to reach an immediate ceasefire, protect civilians, and deliver



adequate and sustainable humanitarian assistance to all areas of the Gaza Strip. For his part, the US Secretary of State expressed his country's appreciation to His Highness the Amir for Qatar's efforts devoted

to resuming the exchange of detainees and prisoners in Gaza. HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani attended the meeting. **(QNA)**

Hamas replies 'positively'; Gaza truce possible, says Blinken







NAQ working on digitisation, website

The National Archives of Qatar (NAQ) organises the collection and preservation of documents of national interest, Dr Ahmed Abdullah al-Buainain, its Secretary-General told a press conference yesterday. Al-Buainain highlighted NAQ's efforts to provide digital archives that facilitate the process of empowerment and access to documents inside and outside Qatar. Providing access to historical documents through digital platforms expands the scope of their spread and access, he said. In this regard, he referred to NAQ's strategy seeking to provide digital archives by the end of this year in addition to work during the same period on NAQ's website. **Page 4**





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PM discusses Gaza with Spanish FM



HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani yesterday met with the visiting Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Co-operation Jose Manuel Albares. During the meeting, they discussed co-operation relations between the two friendly countries and ways to enhance and develop them. They also discussed the latest developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories. HE Sheikh Mohamed reiterated Qatar's stance that calls for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, protecting civilians, and ensuring the continued flow of humanitarian aid without obstacles to the Strip. He voiced Qatar's appreciation for Spain's stance in support of the regional and international efforts for achieving peace and stability in the region. **(QNA)**

Amir greets NZ governor-general

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani sent yesterday cables of congratulations to Governor-General of New Zealand Cindy Kiro on her country's National Day. HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani also sent a similar cable of congratulations to Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. **(QNA)**

Amir congratulates new Namibian president

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani sent yesterday cables of congratulations to Dr Nangolo Mbumba on the occasion of taking the constitutional oath as President of Namibia. **(QNA)**

Amir gets message from Korean president



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani received a written message from President of the Republic of Korea Yoon Suk-yeol, pertaining to bilateral relations and means of enhancing and developing them. Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Korea Shin Won-sik handed over the message during a meeting with His Highness the Amir at his Amiri Diwan office yesterday. **(QNA)**

Qatar reiterates support for Libyan political track



HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani yesterday met with Speaker of the House of Representatives of Libya Aguila Saleh. The meeting discussed co-operation relations between the two brotherly countries and ways to support and develop them. During the meeting, HE Sheikh Mohamed affirmed Qatar's firm position towards supporting Libya's unity and stability and achieving the aspirations of its people for stability and development, reiterating Qatar's full support for the Libyan political track, the relevant Security Council resolutions, and all peaceful solutions that preserve sovereignty of Libya. **(QNA)**

Speaker meets Libyan counterpart



HE the Speaker of the Shura Council Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanem met yesterday with the visiting Speaker of the House of Representatives of Libya Aguila Saleh. The meeting discussed the existing parliamentary relations between the two sides and ways to enhance and develop them. The meeting was attended by a number of officials and members of the Shura Council, as well as the delegation accompanying the Libyan Speaker. **(QNA)**

Qatar slams Istanbul shooting incident

Qatar has expressed its strong condemnation of the shooting incident that took place in front of the Justice Palace in Istanbul, which led to the death of two people and the wounding of three others, including a police officer. In a statement yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs renewed Qatar's firm position on rejecting violence and terrorism, regardless of the motives and reasons, and affirmed the state's solidarity and standing by Turkiye, and its full support for all measures it takes to maintain security and stability. The ministry expressed the condolences of the State of Qatar to the families of the victims and the government and people of Turkiye, wishing a speedy recovery for the wounded. **(QNA)**

Deputy PM meets Korean minister



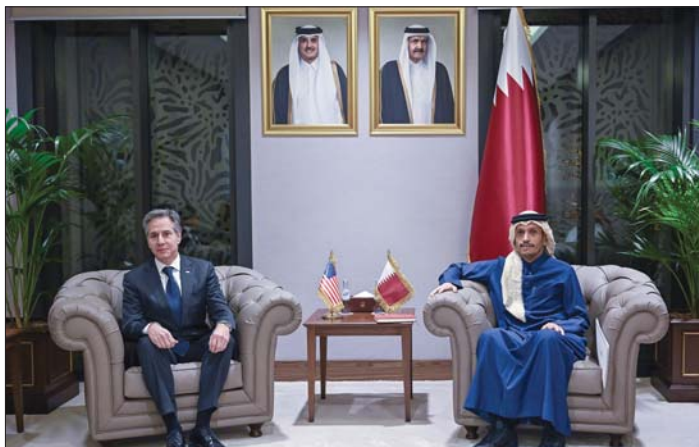
HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al-Attiyah met yesterday with the visiting Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Korea Shin Won-sik and his accompanying delegation. They discussed topics of common interest between the two countries and ways to enhance and develop them. The ministries of defence in both countries also sealed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the Qatari-Korean joint committee on defence co-operation. HE Dr al-Attiyah held a luncheon banquet in honour of the Korean minister and his accompanying delegation. **(QNA)**

PM, Blinken discuss developments in Gaza

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani met yesterday at Lusail Palace with the visiting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

The meeting discussed the close strategic ties between the two friendly countries, developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories, the expansion of the violence cycle in the region and its repercussions on regional and global security and stability.

The meeting tackled the two countries' efforts to reach an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip that paves the way for a just, comprehensive, and sustainable solution for the Palestinian cause. In this framework, the two sides discussed the resumption of the process of exchanging detainees and prisoners between Israel and the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas). They also discussed accelerating and increasing the pace of humanitarian aid getting into



the strip, due to the pressing and urgent needs, particularly water, food, and medicines.

HE Sheikh Mohamed emphasised that ending the aggression on Gaza is not only the demand of the residents of the Gaza Strip but also the demand of all nations in the region and the world after the past few weeks witnessed an expansion in the war cycle and its

spillover from the borders of the strip and the occupied Palestinian territories into the surrounding countries.

He said the expansion of the violence cycle in the region that already faces relentless and chronic crises and conflict makes the situation more complex and endangers the existing negotiations aimed at reaching a truce in the Gaza Strip.

HE Sheikh Mohamed reiterated Qatar's call on all parties to exercise maximum restraint, resort to the voice of wisdom, avoid escalation, refrain from taking decisions that could lead to further bloodshed, as well as spare civilian lives and ensure the freedom of commercial navigation.

He stressed that the military option will not resolve the region's crises, underscoring the significance of addressing the root causes of a variety of escalation forms in the region, primarily the main issue which is the Palestinian cause and depriving the Palestinian people of their legitimate rights, noting the cataclysmic consequences arising from halting the funding for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

In this context, he called for separation between UNRWA as a UN institution with deep-rooted values and traditions, and the claims unleashed against a handful of its personnel who are being interrogated. **(QNA)**

Food justice conference from rights perspective kicks off

Under the auspices of HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani, the International Conference on Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective kicked off yesterday under the theme "Challenges of Reality and Future Stakes".

The two-day conference, which is organised by the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) in partnership with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), the Office of the UN Development Program (UNDP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the Arab League, aims to provide a global dialogue platform for exchanging knowledge and experiences, building capacities and reviewing legislation, policies, plans, and programmes related to food justice from a human

rights perspective, and developing frameworks and foundations from which those working in the field of food justice and human rights can proceed.

The opening was attended by HE the Speaker of the Shura Council Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanem, GCC Secretary-General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi, HE the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Dr Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Subaie, HE the Minister of State for International Co-operation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lolwah bint Rashid AlKhater, HE the Minister of State for Interior Affairs Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Faisal al-Thani, HE the Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council Dr Hamda bint Hassan al-Sulaiti, HE the Chairperson of the NHRC Maryam bint Abdullah al-Attiyah, and a number of senior officials.

Speaking during the opening of the conference, HE the NHRC chairperson stressed that joint ac-

tion based on the human rights approach is capable of providing an effective response to addressing it.

She said that last year's conference on climate change and its impact on human rights encouraged them to devote the current conference to discussing the global food crisis and achieving food justice, especially since this crisis is not the result of a lack of resources as much as it is a crisis of distribution and the pursuit of justice in an era characterised by scientific and technical progress and even capacity to harness resources to increase production and provide a decent life for humans.

She indicated that, however, the food crisis represents one of the most serious obstacles to a person's actual enjoyment of his dignity and rights. She pointed out that food has become a cause of conflicts and wars, and there are many examples of this over the past few years.

She said that as everyone knows, Qatar has spared no effort in as-

suming its international responsibility in addressing natural disasters and humanitarian crises, especially with regard to relief efforts and preventing the worsening of the food crisis.

She stressed that Qatar is one of the donor countries to the UN in the field of effective response to increasing humanitarian needs, pointing out that food justice will not be achieved in light of the continuation of wars and the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination, especially since justice is the title of peace and a condition for development, and the Palestinian people are still under the control of the settlement occupation and the brutal aggression against the Gaza Strip.

She noted that it is unfortunate that despite the scale of the crime that recently reached the corridors of the International Court of Justice, and the outbreak of popular demonstrations all over the world rejecting the continuation of the



NHRC Chairperson HE Maryam bint Abdullah al-Attiyah speaking at the opening of the conference.

aggression, the international system and its institutions are still unable to deliver humanitarian relief and food aid to the Strip whose population is suffering from a collective famine in a difficult test of the credibility of human values enshrined in international law.

For his part, GCC secretary-general Albudaiwi said that numerous international law and international humanitarian law instruments recognise humans' need for sufficient food, and despite that, a gap still remains in this regard around the world, mostly

in developing countries that suffer from food shortages and hunger caused by natural disasters, the rising number of conflicts and wars, as well as weaponising food as means for applying pressure.

He added that a current case in point is what is happening in the Gaza Strip where the Israeli occupation forces are using food as a killing tool against the civilians in Gaza by depriving them of humanitarian aid and supplies of fuel, food, and medicines, which is prohibited under international humanitarian law. **(QNA)**



Horseback archery contest held

The Horseback Archery Equestrian Sport Centre in Doha has concluded a local competition in collaboration with Al Samriya Riding School. Fuad al-Madahka, director and founder of the centre, said the warmup competition is part of the annual competition schedule, which will continue throughout this year.

One of the distinctive features of each competition is the participation of new riders. The winners were Abdulaziz al-Qahtani in first place, Abdulrahman al-Issa in second place, and Adel Abdulrazzaq in third place in one category.

Abdulaziz al-Qahtani was ranked first, Abdulrahman al-Issa ranked second, and Faten Ramadan ranked third as the first female participant in local competitions in another category.

Abdulrahman al-Issa, administrative director of the centre, pointed out the most significant achievements of the centre in 2023. Al-Madahka was appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the International Kassai-Mas-ter Union, affiliated with World Federation of Equestrian Archery (WFEA). Badr al-Marri got first place in shooting at the World Cup qualifiers.

Abdulrahman al-Issa was second in the Asian Championship in Iran. Abdulaziz al-Qahtani was third in the sequential competition. The GCC Horseback Archery friendly championship was held with the participation of prominent horse riders from the GCC countries to promote and exchange experiences.

The year 2023 also saw a friendly championship between the Qatari team and the Indonesian team, participation in the "TID in Arabic" conference by presenting an archery presentation in April last year, and expanding the scope of ground archery training in co-operation with several entities.

There were nine riders in the local horseback archery courses. The number of horsemen and horsewomen in Qatar since the inception of the sport in 2014 has reached 34, the statement added.

Education City offers host of activities for visitors

Qatar Foundation's Education City is a vibrant, diverse destination offering a range of activities and attractions for visitors of all ages and interests – and open to all throughout the year, a statement said yesterday.

From reading at Qatar National Library to exploring unique architecture and museums, to attending dance and language classes or simply enjoying open green public spaces like Oxygen Park, there is always something to do and learn at Education City.

Sports, health, and wellness are at the core of community life within Education City, one of the main venues where Qatar's National Sport Day is celebrated every year.

With community-driven, accessibility-friendly events and classes, from marathons, spinning, and Zumba to interactive activities for children, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Events and activities taking place at Education City in 2024 include:

Torba Farmers Market: A vibrant marketplace for locally made and harvested food, Torba is held every Saturday from 8am-9pm behind Multaqa.

Saturday Arts & Crafts at Oxygen Park: A variety of different arts and crafts activities will take place every Saturday from 2pm-5pm in Oxygen Park until March 10.

Padel: Enjoy the exciting new indoor padel court facilities, which will be opening soon.

QF Art Walks – Seeroo fi al ardh and Azzm: Take part in interactive workshops on Arabic calligraphy, 3D sculpting, and clay moulding, among others, with local and international artists at the Seeroo fi al ardh art installation, before heading to the Azzm sculpture near the 2015 building to enjoy musical performances, see inspiring artistic installations, and learn more about women in arts.

Kenar Al Rayyan Exhibition: Aisha Rashed al-Mohannadi's art exhibition showcases a series of artworks depicting her childhood memories associated with Sidra trees. The exhibition runs from February 6-26 at Multaqa Art Gallery.


Ladies Night: In addition to other sporting programmes for women and girls, Ladies Night at Oxygen Park is open every Tuesday and Wednesday during February, where women and girls can come together and enjoy classes ranging from HIIT sessions and Pound, to yoga and strength training. Please note that Ladies Night will not take place on February 13-14 due to Qatar National Sport Day.

Education City CommuniFit Classes: From swimming, ballet, and squash to basketball, circuit training, and yogalates, there are a huge range of classes and activities to enjoy with your friends and family at various facilities on site.

QCSF Football League: The men's category of the Qatar University Football League will be hosted in Education City every Monday and Wednesday until March 9.



Education City is a vibrant destination offering a range of activities and attractions for visitors of all ages and interests.

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Embassy of India, located at Villa No. 86 & 90, Street No 941- Al Eithra Street , Zone 63, Onaiza,, P.O Box 2788, Doha-Qatar invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Construction Agency/Joint Ventures/Consortium, henceforth referred to as 'Applicants', for short listing in respect of the project involving Construction of Chancery including Consular area and associated ancillary facilities on Design and Build mode on a plot site measuring 5,140 Sq.M located in the new Diplomatic Enclave in Onaiza, which is approached by Al Shabab, the main road on Western axis and Lusail Expressway on the Eastern axis which connects Doha and neighborhoods. As per pin no. (66030217) of the plot, it falls under Zone 66 of Doha Master Plan (DMP). The following indicative activities will need to be undertaken by the selected Agency:

1. Overall planning, design and construction of the Project which shall include Architectural design, Landscaping, complete Interiors & furniture, other associated building services including but not limited to electrical, MEP, plumbing, sewage, drainage, water supply etc. Obtaining all mandatory urban planning/ Local Municipal approvals, Architectural design clearances, or any other permit required as per applicable norms of the State of Qatar. Demolition of existing structures if any. Construction of building/buildings/complex including interiors, furniture & furnishings, Testing and commissioning of all electrical & MEP equipments on completion of project and obtain Occupancy certificates.

2. The built up area of the Project is expected to be **approximately 9000 sqm.**

3. Detailed information/Project background is available on the official website of Embassy of India, Doha, at <https://www.indianembassyqatar.gov.in>

4. EOI with all enclosures and their English translation, including its scanned PDF copy in CD/DVD needs to be submitted to **Embassy of India, Doha on or before 16:00 hrs on 27th February 2024.** Late submissions will be summarily rejected.

5. Applicants with 10 years professional experience, registered with the appropriate statutory authorities and permitted to take up similar projects on Design and build mode in the State of Qatar, are requested to submit documents for evaluation of their eligibility. Eligible applicants will be further evaluated through a two step process and will be ranked for short listing up to a maximum of 8 Applicants. Details of eligibility criteria and selection process are given at <https://www.indianembassyqatar.gov.in>

6. As the next step of the process, short listed Applicants will be given the RFP of the Project for submission of their respective Proposals and Financial Proposal for selection of the Construction Agency/ Joint Venture/ Consortium on Design & Build Mode.

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Ali Bin Ali Luxury pavilion steals the spotlight with exclusive high-end brands

As Qatar’s premier purveyor of luxury goods, Ali bin Ali Luxury is making a notable impression at the ongoing Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition (DJWE) at DECC. The pavilion showcases unique pieces from key brands under its umbrella. Within the pavilion, an expertly curated selection of premium jewelry and watch brands from around the world takes center stage, showcasing their most exceptional pieces. Visitors to the pavilion can indulge in the experience of admiring top-tier timepieces, breathtaking jewelry, and refined accessories.



David Morris - The London Jewellers

Presenting the latest High Jewellery collection from David Morris, titled “Spotlight,” the renowned London jeweler showcases 25 new and unique pieces, each meticulously crafted at the David Morris studio on Bond Street. Unveiled at the Paris flagship on rue Saint-Honoré during Haute Couture Week, this collection narrates the ongoing evolution of High Jewellery at David Morris, blending traditional and cutting-edge techniques to realize increasingly beautiful and intricate designs.

Highlighting the House’s signature gemstones, artistry, and techniques, the collection features natural pearls, pink diamonds, rose cut diamonds, and Paraiba tourmalines. Whether presenting Paraiba tourmalines in unconventional ways or showcasing a Fancy Vivid pink diamond with nostalgic seaside vibes, the creative settings unveil these exceptional gems in a fresh perspective.

A standout masterpiece in the collection is the Modern Maharaja necklace, entirely handmade over 12 months in David Morris’ in-house atelier. Inspired by centuries of opulent jewelry in India, the necklace reflects a contemporary interpretation. Crafted by a skilled goldsmith with five decades of High Jewellery craftsmanship, the necklace comprises more than 350 carats of diamond beads, meticulously strung by hand into three strands that gracefully adorn the décolletage.

Unprecedented in its construction, the necklace features three pear-shaped diamond drops bordered by graphic compositions of emeralds and diamonds. The challenging process involved recutting and repolishing geometric emeralds to fit the design, creating a breathtaking fractal effect through the interplay of volume, shape, and light.

CEO and Creative Director Jeremy Morris seeks the most beautiful pink diamonds, including Fancy Vivid and Fancy Intense stones, making a vibrantly rare statement. The Girandola ring and earrings draw inspiration from a pinwheel, symbolizing the simple pleasure of playing outdoors. French-cut diamonds, custom-shaped as triangles to evoke movement, infuse a unique depth and dimension to their inner fire.

The collection reflects David Morris’ commitment to pushing the boundaries of High Jewellery, marrying traditional craftsmanship with contemporary design concepts.



Leo Pizzo

The name Leo Pizzo has been synonymous with excellence in the field of luxury goldsmith creativity made in Valenza, heart of the Italian gold district. Treasured from the moment they’re unearthed, the carefully selected diamonds, sapphires, rubies, and other precious stones are entrusted to masterful artisans. Every piece is crafted with passion and precision to unleash intense vibrancy and light.

Leo Pizzo has taken center stage with a dazzling array of designs. The focus this year lies on their iconic flower-themed collection, a testament to the brand’s commitment to timeless elegance.

The Iconic Flower Theme

Leo Pizzo has been crafting exquisite flower designs since 1983-84, making it a cornerstone of their identity. The decision to emphasize this theme was inspired by the resurgence of 80s fashion, observed in major cities like Milan and Rome. By bringing this concept to Doha, the brand aims to infuse a sense of nostalgia and style into their selection.

The flower-themed collection serves as both an icon and a showcase of Leo Pizzo’s craftsmanship. Each piece is meticulously designed, offering not only aesthetic value but also practicality. The intricate details and diverse materials, including gold and diamonds, contribute to the overall appeal. Leo Pizzo takes pride

in creating pieces that are not only visually striking but also comfortable to wear, demonstrating their ability to balance volume and wearability.

The choice of flowers goes beyond aesthetics; it symbolizes a connection to nature and the beauty it adds to our surroundings. Just like a flower enhances a table, Leo Pizzo’s designs aim to elevate the ambience and create a link between the wearer and nature. The flower collection represents a timeless symbol that is observed and appreciated throughout the day.

Reaching Customers

When asked about the impact of the exhibition on reaching existing and potential customers, Rocco Pizzo expressed confidence. The exhibition provides a platform to engage with a discerning clientele in Qatar, known for their appreciation of high-quality jewelry. Existing customers, often collectors, look forward to adding new pieces to their collection each year. The brand values the opportunity to connect with customers who recognize and appreciate their designs from various global locations.



Buccellati

At the Buccellati space, one of the standout pieces is a captivating creation – a meticulously crafted lacy and honeycomb bracelet displayed in the VIP room, representing a year’s dedication to its meticulous creation. This masterpiece stands as a testament to Buccellati’s superlative craftsmanship, encapsulating the brand’s DNA in every intricately woven detail.

The Macri collection, a best-selling line, graces the exhibition with an array of bracelets and earrings, catering notably to the Qatari love for yellow gold. Recognizing the discerning preferences of their clientele, Luca Buccellati prioritizes customer satisfaction by annually showcasing the white collection, tailored to meet their distinctive tastes.

As Luca Buccellati explores the potential of the Qatari market, he acknowledges its rapid growth. A fruitful 15-year collaboration with the Ali Bin Ali Group has resulted in a thriving store in Place Vendome, symbolizing the local appreciation for Buccellati’s handmade creations. The brand’s rich history, dating back to 1919, deeply resonates with the people of Qatar, emphasizing the importance they place on heritage.

Addressing the delicate balance between tradition and innovation, Luca dispels the notion of compromise. Buccellati remains unwaveringly committed to crafting every piece by hand, a process that may involve waiting periods of up to a year. This dedication, exemplified by the Buccellati line, appeals to a clientele eager to savor the exclusivity of a meticulously handmade piece.

Reflecting on the impact of DJWE, Luca acknowledges its pivotal role in introducing Buccellati to new audiences. From its humble beginnings at the exhibition 14 years ago, the brand has evolved alongside the Ali Bin Ali family, garnering recognition and a loyal customer base. The digital era has further expanded Buccellati’s reach, with a user-friendly website enabling customers to peruse and select their preferred pieces before visiting the exhibition.

Exciting ventures lie on the horizon, with plans to open a new store in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in September 2024. Luca emphasizes a strategic approach, ensuring the right stock is in place to fill the stores, overcoming the challenge of occasional Buccellati stock shortages. Despite being part of the Richemont Group, the brand remains firmly rooted in its family values, steering away from aspirations to emulate larger luxury brands.

In contemplating the future, Luca envisions Buccellati’s growth in the Middle East, expanding its presence across Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE. As a family company with a storied history, Buccellati seeks not to mirror the trajectory of industry giants but to remain true to its roots – a beacon of unparalleled craftsmanship, tradition, and personalized luxury.

Al Majed Jewellery showcases opulent collections from global luxury brands

Al Majed Jewellery is showcasing exquisite collections from renowned global brands at the Doha Jewellery and Watches Exhibition (DJWE) in Qatar. As one of the prominent jewelry houses in the country, Al Majed Jewelry’s pavilion, centrally located at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre, has been a captivating attraction since the start of the event. Visitors have been enthralled by the latest, as well as unique and flawless, collections from leading brands displayed in the dazzling pavilion.

TAG Heuer Carrera

TAG Heuer, the distinguished Swiss luxury watchmaker, captivates attention with the exclusive TAG Heuer Carrera, a limited edition paying homage to Qatar's rich cultural heritage. Restricted to 150 pieces and solely available in Qatar, this timepiece embodies the essence of the country's Arabic legacy and distinctive colors.

The TAG Heuer Carrera collection, an enduring tribute to the brand's motorsport legacy, has epitomized timeless, sporty, and elegant wristwatches for over six decades. Stemming from the visionary Jack Heuer, these watches have evolved into horological icons. Now, TAG Heuer reimagines its flagship collection with the 41-mm limited edition TAG Heuer Carrera Qatar, seamlessly merging sophistication with contemporary design.

The watch boasts a vibrant “Al Adam” (Maroon) dial, mirroring the hues of Qatar's national flag, featuring Arabic numeral indexes and “Qatar” in Arabic script above 6 o'clock. Driven by the Calibre 5 movement, this three-hand automatic timepiece showcases a refined steel case and bracelet with fine brushed finishing, offering a modern interpretation of the celebrated Carrera spirit.

The striking two-tone aesthetic of the TAG Heuer Carrera Qatar Limited Edition juxtaposes silver Arabic numerals and markings against a sunray brushed purple-red dial. Rhodium-plated hands, coated with Super-LumiNova®, ensure readability, complemented by a lacquered white central hand. The Calibre 5 automatic movement, with a day and date display at three o'clock, is visible through the sapphire case back.

The elegant steel bracelet, featuring ergonomic H-shaped links, enhances the overall aesthetic, positioning this timepiece as a collector's item that reflects the enduring bond between TAG Heuer and Qatar.

Beyond being a horological masterpiece, the launch of the TAG Heuer Carrera Qatar Limited Edition underscores the brand's commitment to watch enthusiasts. Crafting a special edition that pays homage to national identity, Arabic culture, and Qatar's vibrant colors strengthens TAG Heuer's connection with the Qatari community. This launch further solidifies the enduring partnership with Al Majed Jewellery, signifying a joint commitment to precision engineering and high performance. As TAG Heuer unveils this limited edition in Doha, it not only embraces its avant-garde spirit but also cements its reputation as an innovative and trusted watch manufacturer.



Bell & Ross

Bell & Ross, renowned for its commitment to visibility inspired by aeronautical instrumentation, introduces the BR-X5 GREEN LUM, a groundbreaking addition to its LUM collection. Launched in 2017, the LUM collection explores luminescence possibilities, ensuring superior luminosity and maximum readability day and night, aligning with the brand's aviation-inspired designs.

In the quest for innovation, Bell & Ross goes beyond its previous use of Super-LumiNova and introduces LM3D, an innovative composite material, in the BR-X5 GREEN LUM. This material poses a significant challenge in merging innovation, photoluminescent material, and high-end design within the BR-X5 line.

The roots of luminescence in timepieces trace back to the 1930s, particularly in instruments for professionals, such as military pilots and combat divers. With tritium and radium phased out due to radioactivity concerns, Super-LumiNova emerged as the predominant material for achieving luminescence. While all Bell & Ross watches ensure readability in the dark, the LUM pieces take it a step further. The collection commenced with the BR 03-92 HOROLUM in 2017, followed by the BR 03-92 NIGHTLUM a year later, both showcasing exceptional luminescence on numerals, indices, and hands. Subsequent releases like the BR 03-92 FULL LUM and BR 03-92 Diver FULL LUM continued to push the boundaries of luminescent design.

The BR-X5 GREEN LUM represents the pinnacle of this exploration, emitting an intense green glow reminiscent of landing strip lights. The watch features a multi-component case, alternating between LM3D and grade 2 micro-blasted black DLC titanium in a multi-layer assembly. The case, crafted from DLC-coated grade 2 titanium, is sandwiched between two shields made from the photoluminescent composite material LM3D, composed of quartz fibers diffusing a powerful green luminescence. This innovative approach transforms the entire case into a glowing canvas in the dark, highlighting various dial indications.

A limited concept series, the BR-X5 GREEN LUM, with its 500-piece release, transcends traditional watchmaking, elevating itself to the status of a one-of-a-kind conceptual art object. Bell & Ross continues to push boundaries, seamlessly marrying innovation, design, and luminescence in a timepiece that stands as a testament to their commitment to exceptional craftsmanship.



BIVER

BIVER Watches pays a profound homage to the enduring cultural heritage and timeless traditions of the Arabian Peninsula through the unveiling of a masterpiece, the Carillon Tourbillon. This timepiece is a convergence of exquisite craftsmanship, reflecting the highest standards in dial-making.

Imbued with meticulous attention to detail, each element of the Carillon Tourbillon resonates with the essence of the region's rich history and heritage. Beyond being a rare collector's item, it transcends into an intriguing objet d'art, embodying the pinnacle of watchmaking while conveying a subtle, almost spiritual message.

The philosophy guiding this venture is encapsulated in the mantra “Do different,” shared by Jean-Claude Biver, an iconic figure in watchmaking, and his son Pierre, a historical timepiece connoisseur. This philosophy signifies a return to the core of horology, embracing challenges from the outset. The narrative begins with a chapter dedicated to the minute repeater, utilizing sound as the medium through which the Biver legacy unfolds.

The dial, a masterpiece crafted from the rare and challenging Coeur de Rubis, goes beyond aesthetic appeal, symbolically tying itself to Qatar's national identity. The vibrant hues, mirroring the Qatari flag, evoke pride and connection, setting the stage for the unfolding artistry. A singular piece of mother-of-pearl serves as a delicate canvas, intricately depicting symbols deeply rooted in Qatari culture, including a railway track and moon phase inspired by Kitab al-Tafhim by Al-Biruni.

The bespoke elegance extends with a hand-engraved Saker Falcon in white gold, celebrating Qatar's falconry tradition. This falcon, embodying poise and precision, becomes a symbol of the nation's relationship with these majestic birds. In its talons, a star sparkles, igniting dreams of soaring through boundless skies with intelligence and grace.

Beyond a timekeeping instrument, the Carillon Tourbillon becomes a portal to Qatar's heritage, connecting the wearer with centuries of history. The falcon's symbolism encapsulates the strength and elegance revered in Qatari culture, while the commitment to craftsmanship and innovation positions BIVER as a trailblazer in the watchmaking industry, constantly pushing boundaries and inspiring a new era of horological marvels. Each timepiece crafted by BIVER is a testament to their dedication to unparalleled craftsmanship and innovation, establishing new benchmarks and inspiring a new chapter in watchmaking history.



ZENITH CHRONOMASTER

The CHRONOMASTER collection exemplifies the Manufacture's expertise in crafting automatic high-frequency chronograph movements and showcases a distinctive design language developed over more than 50 years. From authentic reproductions of its iconic references from the 1960s and 1970s to achieving heightened precision with the 1/10th of a second function in the upgraded version of the renowned calibre, the CHRONOMASTER collection seamlessly connects the heritage and contemporary essence of the most esteemed automatic chronograph ever produced.

Established in 1865, ZENITH has consistently pursued a leadership position in precision and performance. “Master of Chronographs” is not merely a title but an ongoing aspiration to continually aim higher, reach further, and serve as a testament to the manufacture's illustrious history and numerous accomplishments that have contributed to the evolution of mechanical chronographs.

Driven by an unwavering commitment to innovation, the ZENITH Manufacture has emerged as a pioneer in the realm of high-frequency chronometric precision. The journey that began with the El Primero, the world's first high-frequency automatic chronograph, has enabled ZENITH to continually push the boundaries of frequency, achieving unprecedented performance.

The CHRONOMASTER Original Triple Calendar is meticulously crafted in a 38mm steel case with a black calfskin strap, complemented by a silvery-white “panda” dial that showcases the day, date, month, and moonphase. Powered by the El Primero 3610 automatic high-frequency chronograph movement, featuring a 1/10th of a second chronograph function and a commendable power reserve of 60 hours.





Alfardan Jewellery unveils one-of-a-kind Faberge Egg

By Peter Alagos
Business Reporter

A unique Faberge Egg was unveiled yesterday in the Alfardan Jewellery Pavilion, marking another milestone in the luxurious history of the company, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

Ali Alfardan, vice-chairman of Alfardan Group and president of Alfardan Jewellery, announced that Alfardan Jewellery and Faberge have collaborated to showcase a one-of-a-kind Faberge Egg as one of the major highlights of the 20th edition of the Doha Jewellery and Watches Exhibition (DJWE), which will run until February 11 at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC).

What makes this latest Faberge Egg special is that it is adorned with different natural pearls, which combines the allure of the Faberge Egg – the ultimate symbol of artistic excellence, and the natural pearl – known as a source of pride, joy, and wealth for Qataris.

Speaking to *Gulf Times* on the side-

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lines of the unveiling ceremony, Alfardan Group chairman Hussain Ibrahim Alfardan revealed that the pearls adorning this Faberge Egg are from his vast collection of natural pearls, which highlights Qatar's rich pearling heritage.

Before the discovery of oil and gas in the country, the main source of livelihood for Qataris was pearl diving, which, today, is an essential part of Qatar's colourful history and tradition. For the past two centuries, the Faberge Egg not only hails as the epitome of decorative art but has captivated many of the most influential and affluent collectors from royalty to business tycoons.



Alfardan Group chairman Hussain Ibrahim Alfardan during the unveiling of the one-of-a-kind Faberge Egg, adorned with elegant natural pearls. **PICTURE:** Feroze Ahamed

Mouawad showcases spectacular novelties at DJWE 2024

By Joey Aguilar
Staff Reporter

Mouawad has unveiled at the 20th edition of the Doha Jewellery and Watch Exhibition (DJWE) a groundbreaking concept that seamlessly blends tradition with contemporary vision.

The heart of Mouawad's presentation in the Alfardan Jewellery Pavilion includes the stunning novelties inspired by the 'Seven Wonders of the World'. These breathtaking masterpieces, meticulously crafted with precision and artistry, left attendees in awe and served as a testament to Mouawad's legacy of excellence.

The event witnessed Mouawad's commitment to pushing the boundaries of craftsmanship and desirability, setting new industry standards. It was attended by Fred Mouawad, founder, chairman and CEO of Synergia One Group of Companies, and 4th generation co-guardian of the Mouawad family; Pascal Mouawad, also 4th generation co-guardian of the Mouawad family; Ali Alfardan, vice-chairman of the Alfardan Group and president, Alfardan Jewellery; and Qatari composer and distinguished singer-songwriter Dana Alfardan, among other Mouawad officials and guests.

Adding to the allure of the exhibition was the presence of Sheyannis Palacios, the reigning Miss Universe title holder, who graced the occasion as Mouawad's guest of honour. Palacios, exuding elegance and charm, engaged with clients and showcased high jewellery pieces with regal finesse. Her presence underscored



Mouawad's ethos of beauty, grace, and exclusivity, creating unforgettable moments for attendees.

Fred Mouawad expressed his excitement about the novelties and future collections, stressing the brand's commitment to making luxury more accessible. He underlined the significance of DJWE as a platform for global jewellers to showcase their finest creations, thanking Ali Alfardan for the longstanding partnership.

"Mouawad is known for being the very high end and as we go forward we want to make our prices more accessible, so we are expanding our collections in what we call the fine jewellery line," he said.



The Alfardan and Mouawad families, along with Miss Universe 2023 Sheyannis Palacios, at the event yesterday at the 20th DJWE. **PICTURES:** Shaji Kayamkulam



Mouawad unveiled stunning novelties inspired by the 'Seven Wonders of the World'.

About DJWE, he said: "(The exhibition in) Qatar is one of the most important jewellery shows around the world. This is where all the jewellers come to showcase their best jewellery and this is a unique opportunity for us to

do it under the umbrella of Alfardan and doing it specifically in Doha, which is a country we strongly believe in as our roots are in Lebanon, the Middle East.

"We want to make sure that we do the best and represent our region and our origin to the rest of the world".

Pascal Mouawad revealed that the collection would be rolled out throughout the year, featuring three chapters, with the DJWE marking the debut of the first chapter.

Ali Alfardan expressed his delight at Mouawad's participation, citing the longstanding relationship between the two families. He lauded the renowned luxury brand's contribution to the exhibition and expressed optimism about future collaborations.

The event also witnessed the presence of Dana Alfardan, who echoed Ali Alfardan's views, stressing the deep-rooted partnership with Mouawad, further cementing the bond between the two esteemed brands.

DJWE 2024 is taking place at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre until February 11.

Marli New York displays latest collection

By Peter Alagos
Business Reporter

Marli New York's participation in the latest edition of the Doha Jewellery and Watches Exhibition (DJWE) 2024 coincides with significant milestones as the brand showcases its latest collection, which will be unveiled during the event.

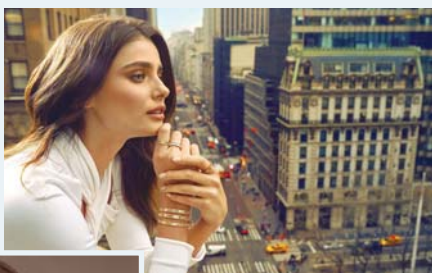
According to Maral Artinian, founder and creative director of Marli New York, the brand's eighth participation in the exhibition, which will run until February 11 at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC), coincides with three landmark occasions: Marli's 10th-year, Alfardan Jewellery's 70th anniversary, and DJWE's 20th edition.

"This year holds special significance as it aligns with three pivotal moments in the company's history, as well as with Alfardan Jewellery and this exhibition. Indeed, it's a delightful shared growth experience," Artinian told *Gulf Times* <--closing bold italic-->on the sidelines of the DJWE.

Artinian emphasised that both Marli and Alfardan Jewellery have a strong presence in the Qatari market, thus marking a notable presence in Qatar's flourishing luxury landscape.

In an earlier statement, Artinian emphasised that "the newest novelties within the Tip-Top fine jewellery collection will be exclusively unveiled at DJWE to mark the occasion. Tip-Top evokes the dynamism of New York City through brilliant cut diamonds and pyramidal gemstones fashioned into medallion-shaped pendants, earrings, rings, and tennis bracelets in 18K gold. Worn individually as a statement piece or in combinations for a more personalised look, the collection offers endless possibilities for self-expression and individual style.

"Marli New York's participation further highlights its commitment to artistry and craftsmanship.



Maral Artinian, founder and creative director of Marli New York.

Qatar is associated with style, culture and innovation, making it the ideal location for such a global event. We are convinced that our presence here will establish Marli New York as a market leader in high-quality jewellery, and we are excited to build on this journey."

Artinian, who founded the global luxury jewellery brand in 2014, also explained that Marli New York draws inspiration primarily from the vibrant energy and architectural richness of New York City. The brand's jewellery designs reflect this dynamic urban spirit.

"Our inspiration is always New York, and then, of course, the diverse women who wear it. While the collection showcased during this edition of DJWE isn't specifically Middle East-inspired, women, especially customers of Marli, love the brand because of what we present in terms of the energy and architecture of New York, so we always keep our DNA and design around it," Artinian pointed out.

The brand states that "Marli New York has a minimal, magnetic aesthetic that draws inspiration from the world's most dynamic city and the amazing women who live in it. Handcrafted in 18K gold with brilliant-cut diamonds and touches of vivid colour from an array of exquisite gemstones, Marli pieces stand apart for their fluid lines, perfect material vocabulary and flawless reflective qualities. From the avenues of New York to the women of the world, Marli enhances the unique allure of those who choose it."

Persée Paris shines in Doha & the Middle East

By Peter Alagos
Business Reporter

Persée Paris is showcasing unique offerings that cater to the tastes and preferences of young Qatari women visiting the ongoing Doha Jewellery and Watches Exhibition (DJWE) 2024, at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC).

Persée Paris offers discreet, easy-to-wear, and customisable jewellery for the young generation, which helped the brand carve its niche in the global jewellery market, the company's founder and designer Nawal Laoui told *Gulf Times*.

"What makes Persée Paris distinct is its ability to provide simple yet elegant pieces that can be worn every day. Our jewellery pieces can be stacked, meaning they are adjustable, allowing our clients to wear them in different ways, according to their taste and preferences," Laoui explained on the sidelines of the event, which will run until February 11.

Being French-Moroccan, Laoui said her background plays a key role in Persée Paris's jewellery design and concept. "My designs aim to blend the elegance of French style with Moroccan tradition, thus offering versatile pieces and expressive jewellery," she stressed.

Establishing the brand at a young age helped Laoui bring new and contemporary concepts to the jewellery industry, such as Persée Paris's chain lab and piercing lab. The chain lab allows customers to create their own 'forever bracelets', while the piercing lab offers ear piercing services, enabling customers to customise their ear designs, she said.

"When I created the brand, the aim was to offer affordable jewellery for all women and to democratise jewellery by offering customisable pieces that cater to the modern woman's lifestyle. We want customers to choose the size of the chain, the shape of the diamond, and even decide whether or not to add a diamond," she noted.

In addition to gold and diamond, Persée Paris also works with pearls, offering them in different sizes and even mixing them with diamonds, said Laoui, who stressed that the brand's unique and contemporary approach to pearls has earned it an award in the US.

She emphasised that Persée Paris's participation in the DJWE underscores the company's commitment to catering to the needs of young women and their individuality. "Today Qatari women love the brand," said Laoui, who



Nawal Laoui (left), Persée Paris's founder and designer, and her sister, Hind Laoui, the brand's creative director, at DJWE 2024. **PICTURE:** Shaji Kayamkulam.

noted that "we have customers that are coming since the beginning when the brand was a little baby. And today it's growing."

Laoui said Persée Paris has been participating in DJWE since the inception of her brand six years ago. "The brand was only three months old during our first participation in the exhibition," she explained.

According to Laoui, the DJWE has been a consistent platform for Persée Paris to expand its presence in the international jewellery industry. Today, the brand has witnessed a rapid development in its unique concept, boasting more than 200 sales points worldwide.

While the Middle East and GCC countries are currently the brand's primary market, Laoui said Persée Paris has a strong market presence in the Middle East, Europe, and the US. She noted that the company is present in Dubai and has recently opened boutiques in Qatar and Kuwait. The brand is also set to make its debut in Saudi Arabia soon, she also noted.

In Qatar, Persée Paris opened its first boutique at Alfardan Jewellery in The Pearl Island six months ago. The brand also has shops at Place Vendôme and Printemps, said Laoui, who emphasised that Persée Paris's partnership with Alfardan Jewellery has led to the expansion of the brand and strong customer base in the country.

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Rising numbers, but slowing demand growth for global EV market

Global sales of electric vehicles (EVs) are still rising, but growth is slowing. While automakers and suppliers are betting big on future demand for EVs, a near-term global slowdown is causing pain in the industry.

According to BloombergNEF, sales of all-electric vehicles plus plug-in hybrids that can also be powered by gasoline or diesel more than doubled in 2021 and grew 62% in 2022.

But the figure was 31% last year, when 15% of all vehicles sold were plug-ins. BNEF forecasts that the annual increase will slow again to 21% this year.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk warned late last month of a sharp slowdown in sales growth this year. With margins falling amid price cuts, shareholders erased \$80bn from its stock valuation the following day.

General Motors has cut EV production targets due to the slowing demand, but the automaker is “encouraged” by forecasts that EV sales in the US are set to rise at least 10% this year from about 7% in 2023.

In Germany, sales are set to drop 14% this year in response to the government yanking subsidies in December, the first decline since 2016, according to a lobbying group.

Several carmakers have signalled that as China’s economy continues to struggle, the country is no longer the reliable source of growth that it was in years past.

China’s shipments of NEVs (new energy vehicles) — fully electric and plug-in hybrids — to dealers in January dropped 37% from December to 700,000 units, according to preliminary data released by China’s Passenger Car Association.

The greater issue is demand in Europe and the US.

On average, all-electric vehicles are 30% and 27% pricier in Europe and the US respectively

conscious drivers, many of whom are sceptical of the technology and balk at buying vehicles that are more expensive than equivalent fuel-burning cars.

On average, all-electric vehicles are 30% and 27% pricier in Europe and the US, respectively, according to a Bloomberg report.

The subsidies and tax breaks that helped drive sales are drying up in Europe, and the current incentives in the US are contingent on a local-production threshold, limiting buyers’ choices.

Consumers have also been put off by an increase in borrowing costs as central banks have moved to rein in inflation.

Some consumers are still anxious about charging infrastructure and battery range. The rapid evolution of EV batteries can serve as an argument to postpone a purchase until the technology is better.

South Korea’s EV sales slipped last year for the first time since 2017 — dipping 0.1% to 157,823 units — according to data from the Korea Automobile Manufacturers Association.

While high prices and rising interest rates helped cool demand, two of the biggest factors standing in the way of drivers ditching their gasoline cars for an EV are safety concerns and a lack of fast chargers, according to a survey conducted by the Korea Transportation Safety Authority.

Several carmakers, led by Tesla, have cut prices repeatedly over the past year to win customers. Many have also reduced output and staffing to maintain profits.

Manufacturers are also racing to introduce several cheaper models.

In the US, where only one electric model sells for less than \$40,000, GM is trying to build an electric Chevrolet Equinox starting at \$35,000.

Carmakers are also investing heavily in battery technology to win over wary potential buyers.

With road transportation accounting for about 15% of greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to cleaner vehicles is a linchpin in national efforts to meet climate-change mitigation targets.

A slowing uptake of EVs could compromise government goals for containing the worst effects of global warming.

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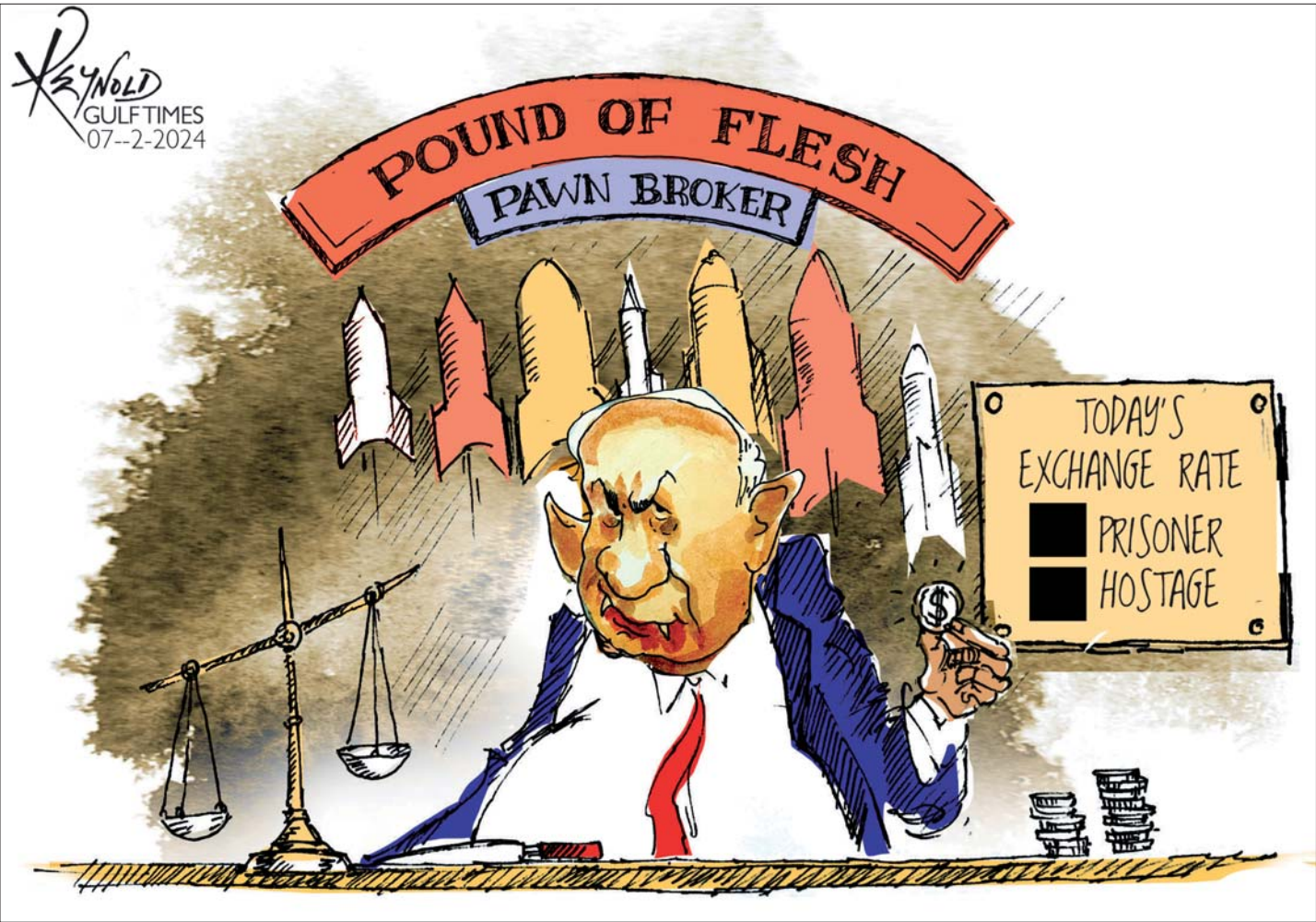
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Cornered PTI turns to tech, innovation to fight the odds

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Days before Pakistan’s February 8 election, a masked and headscarf-clad Komal Asghar led a team of similarly dressed women through alleys in the eastern city of Lahore.

Their mission: to knock on doors and distribute campaign pamphlets adorned with photos of jailed former prime minister, Imran Khan.

Asghar, a 25-year-old insurance company employee, gave up her day job for a month to canvass for Khan’s embattled Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

Khan has been in prison since August. Numerous PTI candidates are behind bars or on the run from charges that they say are politically motivated. A Reuters reporter witnessed one of the many rallies that PTI supporters say have been disrupted.

“I’m with Khan. I don’t care about my life. My God is with me,” said Komal, adding the former premier’s opponents can “do whatever”.

Komal said the face and hair coverings — which not all the women usually wore — made it easier for them to canvass without attracting unwanted attention. The public perceives women as non-threatening, she said, making it less likely their campaigning would lead to conflict.

The PTI is deploying a two-pronged campaign strategy of secretive campaigning, often led by female teacher volunteers, and generative AI technology, according to interviews with fifteen of its candidates and supporters, as well as political analysts and IT experts.

The party has used generative AI to create footage of Khan, its founder, reading speeches he conveyed to lawyers from his prison cell, urging supporters to turn out on Election Day. It has organised online rallies on social media that have been watched by several hundred thousand people at a time, according to YouTube data. Khan, who was barred by a court from holding political office last year, is not the first Pakistani leader to be imprisoned during a campaign. But PTI’s ability to tap into new technology and the

former cricketer’s personal popularity have kept him in the headlines.

Khan was sentenced to ten years imprisonment on January 30 for “leaking state secrets”. He then received a 14-year sentence on Wednesday for “illegally selling state gifts”. And on Saturday, he was sentenced to seven years for “unlawful marriage”. He denies all charges and his lawyers say they plan to appeal. The 71-year-old won the last election, in 2018, but was controversially ousted in 2022 after falling out with the country’s powerful military, which PTI has accused of trying to hound it out of existence.

Central to this strategy is reminding people who may have voted for PTI due to its famous founder that it is still Khan’s party

No reliable polling is publicly available but PTI’s workers and independent analysts such as Madiha Afzal of the US-based Brookings Institution think-tank say Khan maintains strong support, especially among the nation’s large youth population. Nonetheless, restrictions are likely to limit PTI’s ability to compete with rivals such as the Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N), led by the frontrunner, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, said Afzal. Sharif returned from exile late last year and his corruption convictions and lifetime ban from politics were recently swiftly overturned by the Supreme Court.

A PML-N spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment.

“The major structural barriers to the PTI in this election...make it likely that the party will lose despite its popularity,” said Afzal, adding that Khan’s dedicated supporters meant it was too early to write off the party entirely. PTI has not said who it will put forward as prime minister if it is victorious on February 8.

The restrictions on the party have forced it to prioritise digital campaigning, said PTI’s US-based social media lead Jibran Ilyas, who like the party’s other digital leaders is based abroad. Though only about half of

Pakistan’s 240mn people have smartphones and Internet connectivity is patchy, PTI hopes that it can reach enough young people to impact the election. The voting age is 18 and more than two-thirds of the electorate is under 45.

Central to this strategy is reminding people who may have voted for PTI due to its famous founder that it is still Khan’s party.

“We have never had a political rally without Imran Khan so when we were planning the online rally, we wanted to find a way to present him to the people,” Ilyas said.

His team used generative AI software from US startup ElevenLabs to create three clips of the former premier delivering speeches. Khan’s lawyers passed messages between PTI and its founder during jailhouse visits and the party wrote the speeches off his notes.

“We debated the misuse potential and decided to stick with audio AI only,” Ilyas said.

ElevenLabs didn’t immediately return a request for comment. PTI also created an app that allows Facebook and WhatsApp users to find the party’s candidate in their constituency. Many voters had identified PTI with its cricket bat electoral symbol but the electoral commission recently banned PTI from using it on the technical grounds that it did not hold a “proper” internal leadership election. The decision means the PTI candidates are running without official party affiliation.

The PTI has also held online rallies in an attempt to recreate rallies that take place in parks and major intersections nationwide. But voters have had trouble accessing the rallies. Since Khan’s first arrest in May, the Netblocks global internet monitor found six disruptions of access to social media platforms including YouTube, X and Facebook at times when the PTI was holding virtual jalsas.

Pakistan’s IT ministry and telecommunications authority did not return requests for comment.

Despite PTI’s online reach, elections in Pakistan — whose voters live in teeming port cities, vast desert and some of the world’s highest mountains ranges — depend on election workers generating turnout.

Banners and posters for parties such as PML-N are a common sight nationwide, but Reuters reporters in Karachi and Lahore — cumulatively home to more than 30mn people — saw almost no PTI banners.

Lahore-based PTI organiser Naveed Gul said that posters were often taken down by authorities shortly after being put up. The ongoing crackdown boiled over on January 28, when PTI planned to hold nationwide rallies on a cool Sunday morning.

But in Karachi, Pakistan’s most populous city, police and Khan’s backers violently clashed. Law enforcement fired tear gas shells, according to television footage. A police spokesperson said 72 arrests were made in the three days after the clashes.

In Lahore, hundreds of PTI workers and supporters gathered at the home of Khan’s lead lawyer, Salman Akram Raja, who is also a PTI legislative candidate. As he emerged from his house, Reuters reporters saw him met by a large police contingent.

Raja said that he was threatened with detention if he did not cancel the planned rally, and Reuters reporters heard a police official telling him they had “orders from high ups.”

After consulting with his aides, Raja told supporters to disperse peacefully. He told Reuters that it was important to be free from detention and able to campaign, even in a limited way, in the immediate run-up to the election.

“Each time we go out to campaign, there is fear hanging over our most candidates,” he said. “Everybody feels that each day of campaign...is a war.” —AFP



DEFIANT: Former prime minister Imran Khan gestures as he speaks during an interview with AFP at his residence in Lahore on May 18, 2023. (AFP)

Thousands take part in farmers' protest across Spain

Thousands of farmers took to the streets across Spain yesterday, using tractors to block highways and key infrastructure in a mass protest against European agricultural policy.

Called to action by the "Union de Uniones" regional farmers syndicate but also by activists mobilising on WhatsApp, the protesters gathered at dawn at dozens of road junctions, including many that lead into large towns and cities.

Dressed in sleeveless yellow hi-vis jackets, demonstrators, some of whom waved Spanish flags, demanded concrete measures to help rural residents tackle a string of difficulties.

"Without the countryside, there's no life," read one banner, while another said: "When we reach the end, you die."

Protesters also warned about instability in the farming sector.

According to the traffic authorities, tractors driving at a snail's pace converged in and around the provinces of Toledo near Madrid, Murcia in the southeast, and Seville and Girona in the northeast.

Authorities in the southern port of Malaga said on X that protesters had also blocked off its access routes.

"There have been problems building up that have pushed us to demonstrate," one grain producer told AFP-TV without giving his name, pointing to the burden of "excessive bureaucracy" and the "low prices" pushed on farmers. "The countryside needs to make its voice heard."

A similar message was relayed by Spain's three main agricultural unions, Asaja, Coag and UPA, who did not take part in yesterday's demonstrations but said they would stage other protests later this week, notably in the western city of Salamanca tomorrow and the northern port city of Bilbao on Friday.

"With different shades, in the whole of the EU, we have the same problems," Asaja vice-president Donaciano Dujo told national broadcaster TVE.

Angry farmers have been protesting across Europe over the struggles faced by the sector due to rising costs, high fuel prices, soaring inflation, bureaucracy and the environmental requirements in the EU's updated Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and its forthcoming "Green Deal".

The three unions – which have denounced EU agricultural policy as too complex with overly restrictive legislation and allowing unfair competition from foreign exports – held emergency talks on Friday with Agriculture Minister Luis Planas, who agreed to work on a response.

Farmers complain that demanding rules imposed on them by the EU to protect the environment make them less competitive than peers in other regions, such as Latin America or non-EU Europe.

"We spend more time dealing with paperwork than in the field," farmer Eva Garcia told Reuters in the northern city of Vitoria, adding that the EU's Common Agricultural Policy was "choking us".

However, the talks were not enough to head off the crisis that had been brewing since January in many EU nations including Belgium, France, Germany and Italy. – **AFP/Reuters**

Charles seen in public, Harry flies in to see him after cancer diagnosis

Reuters/AFP
London

King Charles smiled and waved to passers-by yesterday as he was seen in public for the first time since it was revealed he was suffering from a form of cancer and as his estranged younger son Prince Harry flew to Britain to see him.

Buckingham Palace announced on Monday that Charles, 75, on the throne for less than 18 months since the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth, had been diagnosed with the disease and would postpone his public engagements to undergo treatment.

Charles waved to passers-by yesterday afternoon as he was driven the short distance from his Clarence House home in central London to Buckingham Palace.

He and his wife Queen Camilla then took a helicopter to his Sandringham estate in rural eastern England to begin his recuperation.

Shortly before the king's departure, Harry, who has fallen out with the rest of the royal family since he stepped down from royal duties almost four years ago, was pictured arriving at Clarence House, and had a brief reunion with his father according to newspaper reports.

The news sparked immediate speculation it could be a catalyst to heal the family tensions that have blighted the start of Charles's reign.

Appeals court rejects Trump claim of immunity from prosecution

AFP/Reuters
Washington

Donald Trump has no immunity from prosecution as a former president and can be tried on charges of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election, a federal appeals court said yesterday in a landmark ruling.

A three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Trump's claim that he enjoys "absolute immunity" from criminal liability for actions he took while in the White House is "unsupported by precedent, history or the text and structure of the Constitution".

The ruling is a major legal setback for Trump, 77, the frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, and a spokesman for the former Republican president said he would appeal "in order to safeguard the Presidency and the Constitution".

"If immunity is not granted to a president, every future president who leaves office will be immediately indicted by the opposing party," Trump spokesman Steven Cheung said. "Without complete immunity, a president of the United States would not be able to properly function!"

Judges homed in on the broad nature of

Trump's claim at a January 9 hearing, questioning a Trump lawyer over whether even a president who ordered military commandos to assassinate a political rival could escape criminal prosecution without initial action by Congress.

The panel wrote in its ruling that giving Trump immunity in this case would give presidents "unbounded authority to commit crimes that would neutralise the most fundamental check on executive power – the recognition and implementation of election results".

The appeals court put the immunity ruling on hold until Monday to give Trump the opportunity to appeal to the US Supreme Court, which can decide whether to take the case or allow the appeals court ruling to stand.

Trump had been set to go on trial in Washington on March 4 on charges of conspiring to overturn the results of the 2020 election won by Democrat Joe Biden but the district judge overseeing the case was forced to postpone the start of the trial pending a ruling on the immunity issue by the appeals court.

District Judge Tanya Chutkan, who is to preside over Trump's election interference trial, rejected Trump's immunity claim in December, and the judges who heard his appeal last month were also unconvinced

by the former president's arguments.

"For the purpose of this criminal case, former president Trump has become citizen Trump, with all of the defences of any other criminal defendant," the three appellate court judges said in their unanimous ruling. "But any executive immunity that may have protected him while he served as president no longer protects him against this prosecution."

Special Counsel Jack Smith, who brought the election conspiracy case against Trump, the first former US president to face criminal indictment, had been trying to keep the March start date for the trial on track.

Lawyers for the former president have sought repeatedly to delay it until after the November presidential election, when Trump could potentially have all of the federal cases against him dropped if he wins re-election.

Trump also faces 2020 election interference charges in the state of Georgia and has been indicted in Florida on charges of illegally taking large numbers of top secret documents with him on leaving the White House.

Trump was impeached twice by the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives while in office but acquitted both times by the Senate.

During arguments last month before the

appeals court all three justices appeared sceptical of the immunity arguments put forward by Trump's lawyer.

"I think it's paradoxical to say that his constitutional duty 'to take care that the laws be faithfully executed' allows him to violate criminal laws," said Judge Karen Henderson, an appointee of former Republican president George H W Bush.

Trump's attorney John Sauer told the judges that a president can only be prosecuted for actions taken while in the White House if first impeached and convicted by Congress.

"To authorise the prosecution of a president for his official acts would open a Pandora's Box from which this nation may never recover," Sauer said.

The Supreme Court is already scheduled to hear another important election-related case this week.

The Colorado Supreme Court barred Trump in December from appearing on the Republican presidential primary ballot in the state because of his role in the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol by his supporters.

Trump appealed the Colorado ruling and the conservative-majority Supreme Court, which includes three justices appointed by the former president, is to hear oral arguments in the case tomorrow.

Houthi leader threatens to escalate attacks

The leader of Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi said yesterday that the group will further escalate if the Israeli attack on Gaza does not stop.

The Houthis, who control Yemen's capital and most populous areas, have attacked international shipping in the Red Sea since November in what they say is solidarity with Palestinians, drawing US and British retaliatory strikes since last month.

The attacks are disrupting maritime trade in one of the world's busiest corridors as freight firms reroute around the Cape of Good Hope to avoid the Suez Canal.

In a televised speech, Abdul Malik al-Houthi said the group will "seek to escalate more and more if the barbaric and brutal aggression against Gaza does not stop, along with the siege of the Palestinian people from whom they deny aid and medicine".

The group fired naval missiles at two ships in the Red Sea yesterday, its military spokesman said, causing damage to Greek-owned Star Nasia and British-owned Morning Tide.

Spokesman Yahya Sarea identified the Greek-owned, Marshall Islands flagged Star Nasia as American.

The vessel was carrying US coal to India, marine shipping trackers showed.

Meanwhile, the crew of the Galaxy Leader cargo ship, captured by the Houthis in November, are "safe and sound" and will return to Bulgaria soon, authorities in Sofia announced yesterday.

The Houthis seized the Galaxy Leader on November 19.

"The information we have...on the sailors of the Galaxy Leader captured in the Red Sea is that they are well, safe and sound," Transport Minister Georgy Gvozdeykov told private Bulgarian television station bTV.

The crew is staying at a hotel and their return to Bulgaria is being organised, Gvozdeykov added without providing further details.

The Galaxy Leader is owned by a British company, itself owned by an Israeli businessman.

It had been chartered by a Japanese company when it was seized by the Houthis.

The fate of the 25 crew members – who are Bulgarian, Filipino, Ukrainian and Mexican – had not been made public until now.



Members of the Chilean Navy remove debris from burned houses after the forest fires in Villa Independencia, Via del Mar, Chile.



World view

Farmers drive their tractors past the El Cid Campeador statue during a protest in Burgos, northern Spain.

Left: Dragon dancers climb down a pole after performing during a Lunar New Year show by retail giants EM District in Bangkok.



Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) troops escort a detained Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP) soldier who sought refuge in Bangladesh's Ukhia, along the norder of Bangladesh and Myanmar, in Cox's Bazar district.

Palestinian Authority to pay reduced salaries as Israel blocks tax funds

The Palestinian Authority (PA) said yesterday that it will pay public sector workers 60% of their December salaries this week as it grapples with the long-running fallout of Israel's refusal to transfer tax funds earmarked for Gaza. Funding to the Palestinian Authority, the body which exercises limited governance in the occupied West Bank, has been severely restricted by the months-long dispute over transferring tax revenues Israel collects on behalf of the Palestinians. – **Reuters**

Kenya cult leader charged with 191 counts of murder: court

A Kenyan court has charged the leader of a starvation cult and dozens of suspected accomplices with murder over the deaths of nearly 200 people in a forest near the Indian Ocean. Self-proclaimed pastor Paul Nthenge Mackenzie, who has already been charged with terrorism, manslaughter as well as child torture and cruelty, is alleged to have incited hundreds of his acolytes to starve to death.

Yesterday Mackenzie and 29 other suspects pleaded not guilty to 191 counts of murder, according to court documents seen by AFP. A 31st suspect was deemed to lack the mental fitness to stand trial and ordered to return to the Malindi High Court in a month's time. The cult leader has pleaded not guilty to all the charges against him. – **AFP**

Certain offenders face indefinite jail under new Singapore law

Singapore's parliament has passed a law that could jail "dangerous" offenders and criminals indefinitely. The "Sentence for Enhanced Public Protection" (SEPP) aims to keep convicts who show signs that they might re-offend behind bars, even after their jail terms have ended. The legislation will apply to offenders convicted of serious violent or sexual offences, such as culpable homicide, rape and sex with minors. Law and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam told

parliament that "with the SEPP, there can be a more calibrated approach to better protect society". Singapore has tough laws for even minor offences, such as vandalism, which can be punished by caning. It has a homicide rate of just 0.2 per 100,000 inhabitants, according to UN data, among the world's lowest. Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Law Rahayu Mahzam said courts would determine whether an SEPP would be imposed on an offender. – **AFP**

17 jewellery houses in India's pavilion

Indian ambassador Vipul inaugurated yesterday the India pavilion at the ongoing 20th Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition (DJWE).

The India pavilion showcases a number of jewellery houses which highlight craftsmanship, tradition, and contemporary designs.

The 216sq m pavilion hosts 17 exhibitors and 18 booths, presenting a collection of plain gold, diamond and precious stones-studded jewellery.

The participating exhibitors are Binyns Jewellery Pvt Ltd, G M Products Private Limited, K K Jewels, RR Gems Private Limited, Creative Overseas, Sital Dass Son, Shrians Jewels, De'viva Jewels, Izzari Jewells, Alankrti, SNS Enterprises, K Lalita Jewellers, Spectrum Jewelmart Pvt Ltd, 24K The Jewel Boutique, Kohinoor Jewellers, Panim Exports, and Anirudh Impex.

Apart from the exhibitors featured in the India pavilion, there are other jewellery manufacturers and traders from India, as well as those operating locally in Qatar, either independently or in collaboration with other big companies and exhibitors,



Ambassador Vipul inaugurating the India pavilion at the DJWE 2024 yesterday.

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elsewhere at the DJWE.

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, as the apex body of India's gem and jewellery industry, stands as the driving force behind India's global leadership

in the trade, a statement issued in Doha yesterday said.

India's jewellery sector combines traditional artistry with cutting-edge technology to produce modern designs.



A view of the Indian pavilion at DJWE 2024.

Qatar holds significance for India, contributing significantly to the export of gold jewellery, amounting to \$200.88mn in the fiscal year 2022-23.

The India pavilion at the DJWE serves

as a valuable platform to explore and comprehend consumer trends and preferences, particularly from this region, providing an opportunity for further engagement, the statement added.

Exquisite diamond pair, 20th anniversary statement pieces at DJWE



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"The iconic pair is from a private collection. Valued at nearly \$100mn, each diamond in this pair is composed of over 100-carat," the statement said. "Ethically sourced from the Karowe Mine in Botswana, and skillfully crafted to perfection at HB Antwerp over a period of three years, these diamonds mark a historic milestone in the diamond industry."

Attendees at the DJWE can also witness two special statement pieces this year.

Tiffany & Co. debuted the "Bird on a Pearl" collection. The central piece shows the signature bird, designed initially by Jean Schlumberger in 1965, adorned with diamonds, perched on a gemstone, with the world's rarest pearls from the Gulf.

These unique and lustrous pearls were acquired by The House from Hussein Alfardan's private collection.

The design honours Jean Schlumberger's love of nature, as each pearl is composed of a unique, gradient colour palette, representing the four seasons.

One of the most exquisite pieces in the collection, the Bird on a Pearl necklace, is com-

posed of over 325 total carats of natural saltwater pearls with five bird motifs.

BVLGARI has presented the "High Jewellery Necklace" crafted in platinum, featuring 1 cushion spinel - 4th largest in the world by carat weight and comprising four square emerald-cut diamonds, 27 emerald beads, 36 fancy shape diamonds, 69 round brilliant cut diamonds, and pavé-set diamonds.

The necklace represents uniqueness and femininity through iconic colour combinations of pink-fuchsia and green emerald; a BVLGARI style trademark.

The masterpiece was created through 1,400 impact hours, the statement added.

Fifty One East in limelight at DJWE 2024

By Joseph Varghese
Staff Reporter

Fifty One East is attracting large number of visitors both from Qatar and other countries to its pavilion at the ongoing Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition (DJWE) 2024, at the Doha Exhibition & Convention Centre (DECC).

While the exhibition commemorates its 20th edition, Fifty One East, Qatar's "leading department store is celebrating its 75th anniversary reflecting on a legacy rooted in excellence that has cultivated enduring relationships built on mutual trust and respect with esteemed brands".

The retailer houses in its pavilion some of the leading world-renowned luxury brands such as Rolex, Chane, Boucheron, and Tudor, and they are presenting their novelties in dedicated wings of the pavilion.

Other trendy labels in the pavilion include global brands such as Annamaria Cammilli, Azza Fahmy, David Yurman, Falamank by Tarfa Itani, Genesis, J by JOELLE, L'Ame - a brand by Fifty One East, The Little Frog, WOLF, and Yvan Tufenkjian.

"The 20th edition of the Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition signifies not just an event but a journey of evolution," said Fifty One East chairman and managing director Bader al-Darwish. "We take immense pride in being part of this extraordinary exhibition from its inception."

"2024 stands as a testament to 75 years of Fifty One East's unwavering commitment to setting the bar for luxury retail in Qatar," he said. "Rooted in heritage, the store's legacy mirrors the essence of time-



less elegance, evolving through more than seven decades of sophistication."

"A heartfelt thank you to the organisers of the DJWE for their meticulous efforts in curating an event that transcends boundaries, celebrating the global language of

luxury and craftsmanship," al-Darwish added.

"We invite our dear clients to explore our pavilion which has been a hallmark of sophistication and a true reflection of the refined taste synonymous with Fifty One



An exterior view of the Fifty One East pavilion at the DJWE 2024 (supplied picture).

Left: A collection of Rolex watches on display at the Fifty One East pavilion.

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East and the brands we proudly represent."

The DJWE is expected to host large number of visitors from more than 175 countries, presenting an opportunity to mingle with other jewellery aficionados, top designers, and a who's-who of inter-

nationally renowned acting stars.

The DJWE 2024 runs from February 5-11 and is the regions' premier watches and jewellery show that displays the most sought-after luxury brands from around the world.

Boucheron debuts rare heritage pieces

By Joseph Varghese
Staff Reporter

Boucheron is making its presence felt at the ongoing Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition (DJWE) 2024 with some of its latest jewellery collections.

To mark the DJWE's 20th anniversary, Boucheron is presenting, for the first time in Qatar, an assortment of rare heritage pieces inspired by the

main themes the Maison holds dear - Art Deco, Nature, and Animaux de Collection, some dating to the 1930s.

Boucheron is showcasing, in its booth at the Fifty One East pavilion, one of its signature creations, the Question Mark necklace: a revolutionary design imagined in 1879 and the first high jewellery necklace without a clasp.

Visitors have the opportunity to discover a piece designed in 1918 by creative director Claire Choisne: the Lierre de Paris Question Mark necklace.

For this edition of the DJWE, Boucheron is also presenting its iconic jewellery collections: Quatre, Serpent Bohème and Nature.

Additionally, visitors can view an incredible set from the 2023 Histoire de Style "Like a Queen" collection.

Every January, Choisne draws inspiration from the archives of Maison Boucheron and reinterprets them through her creative lens.

In this collection, she pays tribute to a special piece from the Boucheron archives: a diamond and aquamarine

double-clip brooch gifted to the late Queen Elizabeth II when she turned eighteen in 1944.

In 2020, Choisne decided to take inspiration from this unique piece to compose a High Jewellery collection reinterpreting the famous Art Deco design through eighteen models.

"Like a Queen" is a contemporary tribute to a style icon who has left her mark over two centuries.

"Three years ago, when I first immersed myself in the Boucheron archives, I couldn't get my mind off that pair of Art Deco brooches," Choisne explained.

"The severity and geometry of the Art Deco design, tempered by the softness and light blue hue of the aquamarines, always fascinated me," she said. "I was touched by the sentimental value of these brooches, which Elizabeth wore at pivotal moments in her reign."

Like a story told through 18 chapters, "Like A Queen" transcends its initial objective to construct a full high jewellery collection based on a single piece and offers a glimpse of the true



Another rare heritage piece from Boucheron.

genius behind its design. Boucheron also invites guests to experience French art de vivre with an exclusive tea salon inspired by the Jardin d'Hiver, located in the Parisian boutique at 26 Place Vendôme.

This space, situated outside entrance three, provides a delightful setting to savour a customised menu and welcome visitors during the exhibition's working hours.



An exquisite piece of jewellery from Boucheron.

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Right: A rare heritage piece displayed by Boucheron.



Boucheron collections at Fifty One East.