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Amir, Spanish king review relations

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani discussed with King Felipe VI of Spain, relations between the two friendly countries and ways to enhance and strengthen them. This came during a phone call His Highness the Amir received yesterday from the King of Spain. (QNA)

'Eidiah' ATMs in 10 locations in Qatar

Qatar Central Bank (QCB) has announced that 'Eidiah' ATMs are now available in 10 locations in the country. They are: Place Vendome, Mall of Qatar, Al Wakrah Old Souq, Doha Festival City, Al Hazm, Al Mirqab Mall, West Walk, Al Khor Mall, Al Meera (Muaither) and Al Meera (Al Thumama). The Eidiah ATM service will allow its users to withdraw Qatari riyals in denominations such as QR5, QR10, and QR50-100. The placement of 'Eidiah' ATMs is to bring back the traditional practice of Eidi, which is usually money or gift, given to children. **Page 8**

Baltimore bridge collapse: warning of ship approach

Federal investigators yesterday examined the cargo ship that crashed into a Baltimore bridge while emergency teams searched for bodies and details emerged of the intense efforts to save lives in the minutes before the steel span collapsed. "Hold all traffic on the Key Bridge. There's a ship approaching that just lost their steering," someone said on police radio minutes before the 1:30am crash on Tuesday. While voices were heard discussing next steps, including alerting any work crews to leave the bridge, one broke through to say: "The whole bridge just fell down!" The bridge collapse could cost insurers billions of dollars in claims, analysts said, with one putting the cost at as much as \$4bn, which would make the tragedy a record shipping insurance loss. **Page 11**

Senegal poll results show large win for opponent Faye

Anti-establishment figure Bassirou Diomaye Faye has comfortably won the Senegalese presidential election with 54.28% of votes in the first round, official provisional results showed yesterday. He placed well ahead of the governing coalition's candidate, former prime minister Amadou Ba, who garnered 35.79%. The victory for Faye, who was only freed from prison 10 days before the election, still has to be validated by Senegal's top constitutional body, which could happen in a few days. Faye, 44, is set to become the youngest president in Senegal's history. It would be the first time since independence from France in 1960 that an opponent has won in the first round. (AFP)

RAMADAN THOUGHT

Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world. But the good righteous deeds, that last, are better with your Lord for rewards and better in respect of hope. (Qur'an 18:46)

Prayer times

Fajr...4:12; Zuh...11:39; Asr...3:07; Maghrib...5:51; Isha...7:21

Fasting times

Iftar today 5:51pm
Imsak tomorrow..... 4:01am

People carry the dead body of a Palestinian killed in an Israeli strike on a house in Rafah yesterday.

Israel bombs Rafah raising fears of ground assault

● Rafah hit days after Security Council demands ceasefire ● Air strike on house outside Gaza City kills 7

Israel bombed at least four homes in Rafah yesterday, raising new fear among the more than a million Palestinians sheltering in the last refuge on the southern edge of the Gaza Strip that a long-threatened ground assault could be coming.

One of the airstrikes killed 11 people from a single family, health officials said.

Mussa Dhaheer, looking on from below as neighbours helped an emergency worker lower a victim in a black body bag from an upper storey, said he had awakened to the blast, kissed his terrified daughter, and rushed outside to find the destruction. His father, 75, and mother, 62, were among the dead.

"I don't know what to do. I don't know what to say. I can't make sense of what happened. My parents. My father with his displaced friends who came from Gaza City," he told Reuters.

"They were all together, when suddenly they were all gone like dust." At another bomb site, Jamil Abu Houry said the intensification of air strikes was Israel's way of showing its disdain for a UN Security Council resolution last week demanding an immediate Israel-Hamas ceasefire.

Next up, he fears a ground assault on Rafah, which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened to carry out despite warnings from closest ally Washington that this would wreck a humanitarian disaster.

"The bombing has increased, and they have threatened us with an incursion, and they say that have been given the green light for the Rafah incursion. Where is the Security Council?" Abu Houry said.

A US official said yesterday Israel had asked to reschedule a meeting in Washington to discuss its plans for Rafah, days after

Netanyahu abruptly cancelled the talks over the passage of a Gaza ceasefire resolution by the UN Security Council that the US decided not to veto.

The US abstention from the vote pointed to frustration with Netanyahu, who rebuked Washington over the move.

Another Israeli airstrike in Rafah yesterday afternoon killed four Palestinians including a woman and a child and injured other residents, Gaza health authorities said.

Just west of Gaza City in the enclave's north, seven people were killed in an airstrike on a house, health officials said.

Separately, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where bloodshed has worsened in parallel with the Gaza war, three Palestinians were killed and four wounded by Israeli fire during a raid in Jenin overnight, the Palestinian health ministry said.

Qatar slams Israeli confiscation of Jordan Valley lands

Qatar condemned in the strongest terms the Israeli occupation's announcement of the confiscation of lands in the Jordan Valley region in the occupied Palestinian territories, and considered it an extension of its systematic policy aimed at expanding settlements, forcibly displacing the Palestinian people, and robbing them of their rights without any scruples of morality or conscience.

In a statement yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed Qatar's total rejection of infringements on the rights of the brotherly Palestinian people, warning in this context that the Israeli occupation's continued contempt of international laws, especially international law and international humanitarian law and imposing the logic of force

and fait accompli, will completely destroy the chances of the desired peace, especially with the continuation of the brutal war on the Gaza Strip and its horrific humanitarian repercussions on civilians.

The ministry called on the international community to shoulder its legal and moral responsibilities, especially since expanding settlements means displacing residents, which amounts to a war crime under international law.

It reiterated Qatar's firm position in support of the Palestinian cause and the steadfast of the brotherly Palestinian people based on international legitimacy resolutions and the two-state solution, in a way that ensures the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital. (QNA)

HBKU to offer new engineering courses

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), part of Qatar Foundation (QF), will launch a series of new undergraduate engineering programmes through its College of Science and Engineering (CSE) starting from the academic year 2024-25.

HBKU will admit its inaugural freshman class to these programmes this fall, also including the last batch of applicants to Texas A&M University at Qatar, which recently announced plans to close its campus in Qatar in 2028, a statement from HBKU said yesterday.

This is in line with QF's ongoing legacy and commitment to fostering human potential and reflecting the steady continuation and evolution of Education City's higher education ecosystem, it was explained.

"HBKU-CSE will offer forward-looking bachelor's degrees across a range of disciplines in the engineering sciences that particularly cover the future needs of the labour market of both the public and private sectors. The addition of these undergraduate offerings also underscores

HBKU's consistently positive evolution from a predominantly postgraduate studies-focused institution in Qatar."

Dr Ahmad M Hasnah, president of HBKU, said: "This is another milestone in Education City's legacy. It marks a natural next step in what has already seen HBKU consistently advancing into the multidisciplinary and research-centric academic institution it is today. Our mandate to support Qatar in solving critical challenges vital to national development compels us to always look forward and expand, developing students, graduates, and professionals of the highest calibre."

Dr Mounir Hamdi, founding dean, CSE, said: "As one of HBKU's longest-established colleges, CSE already possesses a track record of engagement and leadership in research and education disciplines of national and global importance. By adding to its extensive array of academic programmes, CSE underpins a collective dedication to fostering innovation in new fields of teaching and learning."

EAA provides aid, educational support to 233,000 Gazans

In response to the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the Education Above All (EAA) Foundation has intensified its efforts to provide relief and educational support to the affected communities during the holy month of Ramadan.

The escalated conflict has resulted in millions of displaced, injured, or dead, exacerbating the already dire situation in Gaza. To address these urgent needs, EAA has committed to delivering aid to 233,000 beneficiaries, with relief packages worth QR33mn.

EAA's intervention in Gaza focuses on comprehensive humanitarian assistance, encompassing mental health and psychosocial support to address the trauma, recreational activities to foster community cohesion and health and hygiene kits tailored for women and girls.

Additionally, scholarships for Palestinian youth and children to ensure continued education, while the provision of meals supports displaced families and children,

EAA's intervention in Gaza focuses on comprehensive humanitarian assistance.

alleviating immediate food insecurity. EAA's Ramadan campaign aims to support the vulnerable and displaced populations, providing essential items and services to alleviate hardships faced by the community.

By mobilising local and regional efforts, EAA seeks to showcase the resilience of the Gazan people, generate awareness and compassion for their plight, and prioritise

aid for the most marginalised and in need. During the holy month of Ramadan, EAA and its partners are featuring 16 diverse initiatives aimed at supporting over 25,000 beneficiaries, including the provision of hot meals for children, mental health and psychosocial support to children, Eid clothes and toys for children, hygiene kits for women, Ramadan dessert distribution, Iftar family meals, prayer

EAA to provide relief packages valued at QR33mn.

packages, Ramadan old football championship and many more initiatives for those living in Gaza.

The EAA Foundation's Ramadan campaign aims to raise awareness and funds to feed, clothe and educate children and youth in Gaza. Donations can be made at the EAA website-<https://donate.educationaboveall.org/en/> projects or at EAA partner check-out counters in Carrefour Qatar,

LuLu, Monoprix, Mega Mart and Family Food Centre supermarkets. MasterCard and Carrefour Qatar are enhancing EAA's global educational initiatives; each transaction with MasterCard at Carrefour Qatar contributes QR5 to support children in need. Also, donations can be made at Americana Group Stores. Additionally, donations can be made through Talabat's and Snoonu EAA stores.

Awqaf ministry designates 189 mosques for observing I'tikaf

The Ministry of Endowments (Awqaf) and Islamic Affairs has designated 189 mosques across Qatar to observe I'tikaf and worship in each night of the last 10 nights of the holy month of Ramadan.

In a statement, the ministry called on those who wish to observe these blessed nights to essentially learn the jurisprudence guidelines of I'tikaf based on the Shariah rules to be performed consistently with the Prophetic Sunnah and ensure adherence to observe I'tikaf in the designated

mosques whose geographical locations have been identified as public places of worship equipped with amenities dedicated to serving I'tikaf observers.

The age of those who wish to observe I'tikaf should not be less than 18 years old, otherwise they should be escorted by guardians, the statement said, stressing the importance of personal hygiene, and rigorously cleaning the I'tikaf spaces within the mosque and protecting its property since it is one of the most significant endowments for all Muslims. The

ministry also emphasised the importance of avoiding nuisance and loud noises such as side talks by those who observe I'tikaf which could disturb worshippers.

The ministry alerted I'tikaf observers not to hang clothes on walls, columns, or mosque furniture to maintain the beautiful landscape of mosques. The ministry also prohibits sleeping or eating in places other than those designated for that, as per mosque management guidelines which also prohibit women's I'tikaf in mosques. (QNA)

QIB elevates Ramadan spirit through community initiative

Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) has launched an initiative in collaboration with Qatar Charity (QC) since the beginning of Ramadan. This initiative provides vital support to the local community during this holy month and empowers them to meet their financial needs easily. Through this meaningful partnership, QIB seeks to positively impact the lives of over 100,000 individuals and emphasise financial inclusion.

In the spirit of Ramadan, QIB has joined hands with QC for its 'Endless Giving' Ramadan campaign. This collaborative effort involves the distribution of Iftar meals daily to low-income workers. Under the umbrella of this initiative, QIB is donating meals to various projects, such as 'Iftar Tables for the Fasting', providing daily meals in designated tents for workers, 'Mobile Iftar', offering Iftar meals to workers unable to reach home before the Maghrib prayer, and 'Mobile Iftar for Workers', delivering meals directly to their residences.

To further extend support and empower the financial needs of the workers, QIB provided comprehensive flyers in the Iftar boxes detailing the features of the QIB Lite app. Each brochure conveniently features a QR code, facilitating effortless app download with a simple scan. Launched with the vision to streamline payments and transactions, the app caters to the diverse linguistic backgrounds of the community, reflecting QIB's dedication to inclusivity and accessibility.

Mashaal Abdulaziz al-Derham, assistant general manager, head of Corporate Communications & Quality Assurance at QIB, said: "At QIB, we recognise our duty to the community and strive to be a catalyst for positive change throughout Qatar, particularly during the holy month of Ramadan.

"Our commitment to fostering a thriving community is exemplified through initiatives, such as the QIB Lite app, designed to facilitate payments and transactions and provide convenience.



The initiative provides vital support to the local community during this holy month and empowers them to meet their financial needs easily.

Through our humanitarian actions and impactful social initiatives, we actively contribute to the well-being and upliftment of the communities we serve, reinforcing our dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others." Abdulrahman al-Hajri, director of Programmes and Community Development Department at QC, said: "Qatar Charity, as part of its projects dedicated to Qatar, is accustomed to implement many 'Feed the Fasting' projects for workers and low-income families, enhancing social solidarity in the month of goodness, mercy, and giving. These projects include group Iftars in Ramadan tents and mobile Iftar for workers, as part of its commitment to the local community."

He expressed his gratitude to all the supporters of these projects, especially QIB, for its partnership and co-operation with Qatar Charity in implementing a number of these Iftar projects to maximise the number of beneficiaries from Qatar Charity's Ramadan campaign 'Endless Giving'.

QIB has long been a proactive advocate for charitable endeavours, particularly during Ramadan, showcasing its dedication to societal well-being.



Preschool Registration Assesment for the Academic Year 2024 / 2025

This year, the Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) will follow screening procedures from 1/4/2024 in one visit as following steps:

- Making an appointment For Preschool assessment by calling 107.
- The parent has to be present with the child at their registered health centre or an alternative one as per the booked appointment, with the following documents : ID card, valid health card, vaccination card, and birth certificate
- Conducting nursing assessments.
- Conducting laboratory examinations.
- Social worker assessment.
- Dental screening assessment.
- Family physician assessment.
- Issuing an electronic health certificate.
- Receiving the student's e-file from the reception.



Cabinet clears draft project on advanced labour market information system

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani chaired the Cabinet's weekly meeting yesterday.

Following the meeting, HE the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim bin Ali al-Mohannadi issued the following statement: The Cabinet considered the topics on its agenda as follows: First: Approval of a draft Cabinet decision to establish a committee to study and write off receivables and payables at the Qatar General Electricity and Water Corp, and determine its jurisdiction.

Second: Approval of a draft decision of the Minister of Education and Higher Education to establish departments in the Ministry's administrative units.

Third: Approval for the non-

Qatari investors to own up to 100% of the capital of the National Bank Company, a Qatari public shareholding company listed on the stock exchange, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of Law No 1 of 2019 regulating the investment of non-Qatari capital in economic activity.

Fourth: Approval of: 1- A draft co-operation agreement to support the project to develop an advanced labour market information system (LMIS) and the data analysis ecosystem between the Ministry of Labour and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

2- A draft agreement on flexible voluntary contribution between the Qatar Fund for Development in Qatar and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

3- A draft agreement on basic contribution to support the regular resources of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, between the Qatar Fund for Development in the State of Qatar and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UN-ODC).

4- A draft agreement on basic contribution to the Qatar Fund for Development in the State of Qatar and the UN Industrial Development Organisation (Unido) to support the UN Innovation and Transformation Fund.

Fifth: The Cabinet reviewed the following two issues and took the appropriate decision thereon: 1- A report on the results of government agencies' participation in celebrating Qatar Environment Day.

2- A report on the results of organising the Qatar-Nigeria Business Forum. (QNA)



QRCS elects new board of directors

QNA
Doha

The General Assembly of the Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) elected its new board of directors for the period 2024-2027 during its annual meeting. The election results during the meeting, chaired by Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Qatar Red Crescent Society Youssef bin Ali al-Khater, resulted in the victory of 9 candidates who received the highest number of votes out of 21 candidates.

The elected members are Youssef bin Ali al-Khater, Isa Ahmed al-Nasser, Dr Mohamed Jawhar al-Mohammed, Eng Ibrahim Hashem al-Sada, Omar Hussein al-Fardan, Khalid Mohamed Al Ali al-Muadadi, Ahmed Abdul Rahman al-Mulla, Dr Abdul Salam Ali al-Qahtani, and Ibrahim Abdullah al-Abdullah.

Following the completion of the vote counting procedures and the announcement of the election results, HE the Chairman of the Qatar Red Crescent Society congratulated all the winning candidates, wishing success to the remaining candidates. He noted that the elections were conducted under the full supervision of the Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities, and in accordance with the



legal and institutional procedures, reflecting the Qatar Red Crescent Society's commitment to adopting the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and professionalism. This emphasises its aspirations for further advancement and development in light of the ambitious and coherent vision of its new board of directors.

The Chairman began the meeting by presenting a video documenting glimpses of the daily suffering experienced by the Palestinian people for the past 6 months, and the ongoing efforts made by the field teams of the Qatar Red Crescent Society on the ground to provide basic necessities to the affected individuals in the Gaza Strip. Director of Communications and Public Relations at the Qatar Red Crescent Society Mohamed Rashid al-Marri reviewed the results and achieve-

ments attained during the year 2023 across the main sectors and departments, represented by the volunteering and local development sector, the medical affairs sector, the relief and international development sector, the financial resources development department, the office of strategic planning and institutional development, and the communications and public relations department.

According to the presentation, the number of beneficiaries of the projects and aid provided by the Qatar Red Crescent Society internally and externally in the past year reached 8,529,794 individuals, with a total budget exceeding QR522,561,096.

Furthermore, the General Assembly approved the financial statements and endorsed the final account based on the report of the independent auditor.

Qatar University enhances co-operation with NHRC

QNA
Doha

Qatar University and the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) have signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance co-operation in scientific research related to human rights and areas of common interest.

Vice-President for Research and Graduate Studies Dr Mariam Al Ali al-Maadeed and Vice-Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee Dr Mohamed bin Saif al-Kuwari, signed the memorandum. Both parties affirmed that the memorandum would contribute to enhancing communication, knowledge exchange, practical and cognitive experiences between the university and the committee, thus promoting scientific research and development in the field of human rights. Additionally, it aims

to strengthen co-ordination and co-operation in organising conferences, seminars, workshops, training courses, and joint discussions on agreed-upon topics. Moreover, it includes implementing joint programmes in the fields of scientific research and post-graduate studies.

Dr Mariam Al Ali al-Maadeed said that this collaboration represents a significant step towards building a civil society characterised by justice, equality, and the protection of human rights for all its members. She emphasised that the memorandum reflects the commitment of the university and the committee to promote human rights culture and joint work to achieve its goals.

Dr al-Kuwari pointed out the importance of the memorandum in establishing scientific and research co-operation between Qatar University and the NHRC, particularly in civil, political, economic, social, environmental



rights mentioned in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the two International Covenants on Human Rights.

He highlighted that co-operation between the two parties will be through exchanging information and experiences to enhance scientific and research co-operation related to human rights, such as women's rights, children's rights, the rights of the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the right to a healthy environment in Qatar and other rights.

By Joey Aguilar
Staff Reporter

According to Visit Qatar, shoppers at Saad's shop are immersed in a journey spanning nearly 7,500 years of pearl trade traditions. It showcases several artefacts, in-



The exploration of Qatar's heritage extends beyond pearl diving as Visit Qatar showcases an array of experiences for Ramadan revellers, from iftar gatherings on traditional dhow boats overlooking Doha's skyline to strolls through the picturesque Old Doha Port adorned with street art. For culinary enthusiasts,

Transit passengers at Hamad International Airport also have the opportunity to explore Qatar's popular tourism destinations, and take advantage of the stopover packages, Visit Qatar added. From iconic museums and art galleries to numerous cultural locations, Visit Qatar noted that visitors can immerse themselves in a wide range of curated experiences and must-visit places throughout Ramadan.



The MIna District transformed into an open art gallery.

QNA
Geneva

This came during his opening speech at a symposium organised by

Al-Jamali said that ANNHRI's efforts in co-ordination with Independent Commission for Human Rights in Palestine continued throughout the aggression on the Gaza Strip since Oct 7, providing support through ANNHRI members, and urging Arab states to halt normalisation and force the Israeli occupation to allow sufficient humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. Al-

Al-Jamali said that despite all of these efforts and the efforts of supporters of Palestinian rights were not sufficient to stop the Israeli aggression on Gaza, nor did they even allow the delivery of sufficient humanitarian aid to civilians in the Strip. He added that some of the High Parties that signed the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War failed to enforce International law, due to their colonial interests overshadowing the fulfilment of their legal and moral obligations.

For her part, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 Francesca Albanese stressed that the tragedy in Gaza is

In the same context, Israel and Palestine Director of the Middle East and North Africa Division at Human Rights Watch Omar Shakir stated in his speech that the organization documented last month, as did many other human rights groups, the Israeli governments non-compliance with the temporary measures established by the ICJ, pointing out that the occupation government weaponizes starvation, which is considered a war crime.





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Zumra Group's 'Ease After Hardship' event today

Zumra Group, under the leadership of founder Nasser al-Naama, announced the launch of 'Ease After Hardship' event, an evening dedicated to artistic expression and entrepreneurial spirit in support of Palestine.

Scheduled today at Mondrian Doha Hotel at 9pm, this event will feature the "Art for Palestine" exhibition and a panel of five distinguished speakers sharing their inspiring journeys of overcoming challenges in alignment with the theme of resilience and hope.

The participating artists are Ismail Azzam, Ahmed Nouh, Saeed al-Habshi, Maria Ovsyannikova, Aryam Elizabeth, Bachir Mohamad, Lulwa al-Misfer, Azzam al-Mannai, and Amer Mohamed Baydoun.

Ismail Azzam, is a Doha-based Iraqi artist and curator known for his portraits, with works exhibited globally and significant contributions to the art community. Ahmed Nouh, born in Doha, is renowned for exploring cultural themes, notably with his 'Traces of Life' exhibition and works emphasising the significance of reading. His artistic endeavours have gained acclaim in various exhibitions and collections.

Saeed al-Habshi is a distinguished



Egyptian graphic artist and a 1991 Fine Arts graduate from Alexandria. He is known internationally for his contributions to environmental art, earning prestigious awards and recognition in global exhibitions.

Maria Ovsyannikova is a fine art photographer in Doha, inspired by Qatari culture, focusing on Arabian horses. She shifted to full-time art in 2016 and actively exhibits to promote cultural dialogue.

Aryam Elizabeth, a Venezuelan in Doha, is an entrepreneur and artist known for her work in dream-inspired art and coffee business. Bachir Mohamad is a Syrian artist and interior designer based in Qatar. He is recognised for his award-winning work and roles at Bluribbon Design Atelier and Eiwan

al Gassar Gallery. His diverse art has been exhibited across Qatar. Lulwa al-Misfer, a Qatari artist, creates resin art that embodies motion and emotion, offering a colourful and textured experience that invites deep engagement.

Azzam al-Mannai is a Qatari photographer renowned for creating images across different fields such as aerial, wildlife, underwater and more. His work has been featured in several exhibitions and publications such as Unesco, CNN, National Geographic, Discovery Channel, New York Times and Netflix on Our Planet.

Amer Mohamed Baydoun, a Syrian artist and sculptor based in Doha, is renowned for his still life artworks and documenting heritage through both local and international exhibitions. He is the founder of the Free Art School, significantly impacting the global art scene.

Their compelling stories of perseverance in the face of adversity are set to inspire and encourage the audience, reinforcing the event's message of finding light after darkness.

According to Zumra Group, 'Ease After Hardship' is more than an event, it is a movement towards fostering solidarity and uplifting spirits in the face of challenges.

Ecuador president receives credentials of Qatar's envoy



Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa received the credentials of Fahad bin Ahmed Jassim al-Hamar as Qatar's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary in Quito. The ambassador conveyed the greetings of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to the president and His Highness' wishes of good health and happiness for him, and the government and the people of Ecuador for enduring progress and prosperity. For his part, the president entrusted the ambassador with his greetings to the Amir wishing His Highness good health and happiness and enduring progress and growth for Qatar. (QNA)

Qatar attends preparatory meeting for 19th Francophonie Summit

Qatar took part in the preparatory meeting for the 19th Francophonie Summit, slated for Oct 4-5, under the theme "Create, innovate and do business in French". Qatar's ambassador to France, and representative to the International Organisation of the Francophonie HE Sheikh Ali bin Jassim al-Thani represented Qatar at the meeting. (QNA)



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Iftar delivery spots at Al Aziziya, Al Rayyan serve 2,400 people daily

The Iftar tents and meal distribution points set up by the General Administration of Endowments (Awqaf) at the Ministry of Endowments (Awqaf) and Islamic Affairs continue to receive a large number of fasting persons.

According to a statement from Awqaf, the Iftar points at Al Rayyan and Al Aziziya distribute 2,400 meals a day. The supervisors of the two points start ahead of the call for Maghrib prayer.

The tents are at Ain Khaled (Thursday and Friday Market), Al Sailiya (New Central Market), Industrial Area (Eid Musalla, Street 23 Al-Attayah), Industrial Zone Street 38, Al Rayyan (Eid Prayer Hall), Al Muntazah, Umm Salal Mohamed, Al Wakra (op-

posite the old Al Wakra Market), Al Khor (Othman Mosque), Bin Omran (Eid Prayer Hall), Al Aziziya (Eid Prayer Hall), Souq Al-Ali, Al Sulaimi (North Farms Area), Muraikh, next to Mosque No (879) and Al Thumama.

Meals distribution points are at Old Airport (behind Family Shopping Centre), Umm Ghuwailina (Council Co-operation Traffic Signals), Bin Mahmoud (Jaidah Bridge), Souq Al Faleh (near Al-Qubab Mosque) and Salwa Road (Azab Abu Nakhla Complex).

The General Administration of Endowments has set up points with facilities at the Eid prayer grounds at Al Rayyan and Al Aziziya to receive fasting people and to distribute meals easily taking into account security and safety requirements. The administration has chosen the best restaurants to prepare meals. The Iftar tents are



supervised by experienced officials. The Iftar initiative is one of the humanitarian projects of the department that aims to strengthen community partnership and to serve the segments of society during Ramadan as well as to fulfil the conditions of the honourable donors and to accomplish the slogan 'endowment is a community part-

nership' while assisting those fasting in Ramadan by feeding them. "The fasting persons are the guests at the tents," the statement noted.

The administration receives contributions from donors and philanthropists to support Iftar tents. Benefactors can endow and contribute to Iftar tents and meal distribution through Awqaf.

Dama, Kirm championships to conclude at Katara today



Katara Ramadan Championship for traditional board games Dama and Kirm at Katara - the Cultural Village concludes tonight (Thursday).

Katara general manager Prof Khalid bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti and other officials attended the opening ceremony on Tuesday night. Mohamed Saad al-Sulaiti, director of the Dama Council, noted that the Dama Championship consists of two categories: one for professionals with four players,

and the other for amateurs with six players. The qualifications are based on points, where the winning player receives three points, and one point is awarded to each player in case of a tie. In the finals of the competition, points are counted, and in case of a tie, a tie-breaker match is held, and the winner gets the first place.

Prof al-Sulaiti recalled that the game of Dama was historically popular in Qatar and the rest of the GCC region during the pearl

diving period, and it spread in the Levant, North Africa and Turkiye. It has several names and is one of the competitive games played by two individuals on a playing table. The game relies on intelligence, sharpens the mind, and requires focus to win, and was played by those returning from diving trips.

As for the Kirm Championship, eight professional players aged 40 and above participate, selected from the best players from various parts and majlis in Qatar.

HMC reveals decline in emergency visits in February

Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) has announced a drop in the number of the persons seeking emergency services during February compared to January, following an awareness campaign. Local Arabic daily *Arrayah* reported that HMC had pointed out that the visits to HMC emergency departments dropped significantly, as did the number of calls to ambulance and air ambulance services, according to the latest report on total activities across HMC hospitals and services. According to the report on total activities in HMC hospitals and services, the ambulance service received 27181 calls during February, a decrease of 7% compared to January. Besides, the number of air ambulance operations decreased by 15% in February, with 175 operations compared to 206 in January. The report also indicated that the HMC emergency departments recorded 51,108 visits during February, which is 8% lower than the 55,450 visits in January. However, the paediatric emergency centres at HMC

saw an increase in the number of patients, receiving 69,003 patients in February compared to 64,145 in January.

Seven emergency departments and the five paediatric emergency centres at HMC operate 24 hours a day, providing emergency care for critical medical conditions, as well as life-saving emergency services for patients with critical conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, seizures, choking, chest pain, loss of consciousness, difficulty breathing and severe allergic reactions.

In the meantime, HMC recorded 280,391 outpatient visits and 32,388 inpatient admissions during February, with 2,142 babies born in HMC hospitals during February. Home care services at HMC recorded 5,320 visits for those who do not require continuous medical supervision or nursing care around the clock, but who temporarily or permanently stay at home and require skilled nursing and assisting health services.

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Shafallah Centre opens art pavilion for students at The One store

The Shafallah Centre opened an art exhibition at The One furniture store at Doha Festival City to display a selection of paintings by its students with autism and mild and moderate intellectual disability to mark World Down Syndrome Day.

The event, held in collaboration with Al Mana Interiors, aims to showcase the students' artistic talents. In a press statement, Shafallah Centre executive director Maryam Saif al-Suwaidi said: "This collaboration reflects the private sector's interest in supporting persons with disabilities in such productive projects based on notions fuelled by the community responsibility.

"Through its participation in the art exhibition, the Shafallah Centre aims to showcase the talents and creativity of the Centre's individuals with disabilities and encourage them to develop their talents so they can experience economic empowerment by participating in local and international art competitions.



Artworks by Shafallah Centre students showcased in an exhibition at The One store.

"These collaborative events attract all segments of society to discover the artistic creations of individuals with disabilities and help establish their rights within the society," al-Suwaidi said.

She noted that the centre recognises and appreciates all efforts made by The One to support and empower Shafallah students and

integrate them within the community in a way that showcases their talents and abilities.

Commenting about the partnership, The One general manager Gaby Salome said: "Our alliance with the Shafallah Centre through the 'The Oneartists' initiative mirrors the essence of The One's core principles. It is a privilege to



bring the incredible talents of these children into the spotlight. Each piece of art now displayed at our stores expresses their unique stories told through their creativity.

"We invite everyone to come and see the inspiring artworks, support this great cause, and contribute meaningfully to the lives of these young artists and their families."

Salome emphasised that the art collection is proudly displayed at The One Doha Festival City, and it

will continue throughout Ramadan and beyond. She added that this initiative demonstrates The One's commitment to philanthropy and nurturing young talents in an inclusive and supportive environment.

"These endeavours reflect The One's vision that prioritises corporate social responsibility, highlighting its fundamental importance and showcasing The One's aim to provide an environment that best promotes and includes people

with disabilities," she added.

According to Shafallah, this partnership between the two parties has taken place in the past, however, The One worked on expanding the scope of the collaboration and commitment.

Several activities and art workshops will be held at the Shafallah Centre to further support young artists, and training will be held to teach The One's team how to better interact with and communicate with individuals with disabilities.

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HEC Paris in Qatar holds Ramadan Ghabga

HEC Paris in Qatar celebrated its annual Ramadan Ghabga event at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, fostering a sense of unity and connection. French ambassador Jean-Baptiste Faivre shared inspiring remarks that resonated with HEC Paris' community, which included clients, current programme participants, alumni, and faculty members. Dean Dr Pablo Martin de Holan welcomed the guests and highlighted the significance of group gatherings. He emphasised:

"Our community of alumni is based on friendship, co-operation, inclusivity, and a strong sense of service. When our community gets together, we make our bonds stronger and our friendships deeper, and it is through these bonds that HEC Paris alumni build stronger organisations and, ultimately, a better world. "HEC Paris is a community of people, all unique and yet, all sharing a common desire to make organisations and societies better for all".

Snoonu sets success example via collaboration with innovative partners

By Peter Alagos
Business Reporter

A Qatari tech company and ultra app is actively collaborating with new enterprises and innovative partners in the country, fostering a supportive ecosystem and setting an example of success. Amid Qatar's rapidly evolving digital landscape, homegrown brand Snoonu has taken an innovative approach to fostering local entrepreneurship through its unique strategy of partnering with local startups, according to Snoonu's Product Marketing Manager, Andrew Edward. "We're currently collaborating with several local startups, providing them with mentorship and partnership opportunities. This approach not only supports the growth of these startups but also enhances Snoonu's service offerings," Edward told Gulf Times in an exclusive interview. Citing Snoonu's recent collaborations with Ooredoo as an example, Edward said the partnership has enabled Snoonu to integrate Ooredoo Money into their app, providing users with a seamless payment experience. "This is just one way of how we're working with local businesses to enhance our app and support the local economy," Edward said. However, Edward underscored



Andrew Edward

that the company's commitment to local startups extends beyond mere partnerships, saying Snoonu is actively involved in mentoring these startups and helping them navigate the challenges of growth and market expansion. Edward emphasised that this stems from the broader vision of Snoonu founder and chief executive Hamad Mubarak al-Hajri to support the local economy and serve as an example of a successful Qatari startup. "al-Hajri is particularly passionate about this vision. One of his goals is to show everyone that a Qatari local startup can do it and can be an example to many others," Edward stressed. As the company continues its collaborations with local startups, Edward said Snoonu is currently developing a comprehensive loyalty programme that will engage customers on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, which is expected to further

enhance user engagement and accelerate the company's growth. "Snoonu's initiative to partner with local startups is not just a business strategy - it's a commitment to fostering a vibrant and innovative tech ecosystem in Qatar. As Snoonu continues to grow and evolve, it's clear that the company is not just delivering products; it's delivering on its promise to support local entrepreneurship," Edward pointed out. Asked to provide an outlook for the country's startup community for 2024, Edward said he believes that the growth of the startup culture in neighbouring GCC countries like Saudi Arabia and the UAE "will not overshadow Qatar." "Instead, it will create a ripple effect, sparking more interest and investment opportunities in the region. The competition between these three countries is fueling growth in their respective startup cultures. This will benefit the local startup ecosystem here in Qatar, attracting more interest and investments," Edward further explained. He added: "Snoonu is not just observing these developments. It is actively participating in them through the company's current collaborations with several local startups and by providing mentorship and partnership opportunities."

Dodge, Mercedes-Benz, Mazda models recalled

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), in co-operation with United Cars Almana, has announced the recall of Dodge Challenger and Charger, 2023 models, as the parking brake may have been built out of adjustment, which may lead the vehicle to skid. The MoCI, in co-operation with Nasser Bin Khaled and Sons Automobiles, announced the recall of Mercedes-Benz A Class, CLA, GLA, and GLE, 2024 models, as the control unit software for the head unit does not meet the factory specifications causing the radio not to work. The MoCI, in co-operation with National Car Company,

also announced the recall of Mazda CX-60, and CX-90, 2023 models, as the strength of the steering gear spring may lead to difficulty in steering the wheel. The MoCI urged all customers to report any violations to its Consumer Protection and Anti-Commercial Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: Call Centre: 16001, e-mail: info@moci.gov.qa, X (formerly Twitter) - @MOCIQATAR, Instagram - MOCIQATAR. The MoCI mobile application, MOCI_QATAR, is available on iPhone and Android devices

Ashglal completes Al-Wajba East development first package



Engineer Abdulla al-Suwaidi



Engineer Fahad Mohamed al-Otaibi



such as street lighting systems and directional signs along with 29km of shared cycling and pedestrian paths and more

than 2,800 car parking," he said. The infrastructure development works included the con-

struction of a 14km drainage network, 16.6km of surface and groundwater drainage network, 8.4km of treated water network and the extension of the potable water pipes and connecting them to the main potable water network. Local materials were used and local manufacturers relied on bringing the local component to 70% of the total materials used in the project. Materials such as lighting poles, directional and traffic signs, drainage and rainwater drainage pipes, asphalt, precast manholes, concrete, rebar and other materials were supplied. In 2022, Ashglal announced the completion of the development works of Al Wadi Park Natural Reserve in Al-Wajba East, including enhancing green areas by planting 836 trees, providing irrigation network lines as well as constructing a 1.5km metal fence around the reserve along with three gates to the North, South and East. The reserve was also provided with benches for visitors, bicycle parking spaces, an advanced lighting system, and two prayer areas. Works also included the construction of 1.1km of pedestrian and cycling paths and 1.1km of jogging paths.



Qatar Fine Arts Association opens 'Elite' exhibition at Katara Village

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General manager of the Cultural Village Foundation (Katara), Dr Khalid bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti, inaugurated the Elite exhibition at Katara premises, building 13, in the presence of a host of fine artists and those interested in visual arts. Organised by Qatar Fine Arts Association, the event will run until April 16 and showcase over 37 art works by Qataris and residents. The showcased art works demonstrate the interplay between the art of drawing, portraiture, sculptures, and ceramics, reflecting the enrichment of the art scene.

President of the Qatar Fine Arts Association, artist Yusuf Al Sada said the exhibition constitutes a platform to share expertise and promote communication among participants. The exhibition shines a spotlight on the positive and bright image of the Qatari art movement, along with the experiences of pioneer artists and young people. It offers an opportunity for the public to enjoy the art, he said. Fine artist Issa Al Mulla pointed to the multitude of art orientations and schools participating in the exhibition, underscoring the significance of those schools in promoting interaction among the innovators and talented people, alongside those interested in art

and visual art. He said the event includes art works in which he employed a variety of banknotes and coins with a new method. Artist Hussein al-Nasiri said he is participating with a painting inspired from his personal experience and forms combined with abstract, impressionistic and realist schools, reflecting a part of his escapades from plight to peace, in addition to highlighting his love for goodness, art and beauty. Participants in the exhibition underscored Katara's vital role in strengthening the art and cultural movement in Qatar, noting the efforts of the association in supporting the artists and caring for them to share expertise through high-level exhibitions.

MGD opens three new showrooms in India

Malabar Gold & Diamonds has opened three new showrooms in India at Chandni Chowk (Delhi), Kolar (Karnataka) and Puducherry, a statement issued in Doha said yesterday. The showrooms were virtually inaugurated by Malabar Group chairman M P Ahamed. Parlad Singh Sawhney (Member of Legislative Assembly from Delhi) unveiled the Chandini Chowk store, Srinidhi Shetty (film star) performed the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Kolar store in Karnataka, and the Puducherry store, which is the Brand's first showroom in the Union Territory, was opened for the public by the Chief Minister N Rangaswamy. Other dignitaries, senior management team members from Malabar Gold & Diamonds, customers and well-wishers were also present for the occasions.



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As part of its Ramadan campaign 'Endless Giving' Qatar Charity distributes Iftar meals to IDPs in northern Syria

Within the framework of its "Endless Giving" campaign, Qatar Charity continues for the second week to implement Iftar projects in northern Syria, Iftar were distributed to the displaced in the camps of the northern Aleppo and Idlib, and the distributions targeted the area's most in need.

Qatar Charity aims to distribute approximately 31,500 iftar meals during the holy month, each sufficient for 4 people.

Well-deserved thanks

Engineer Yousef bin Ahmed Al Hammadi, General Supervisor of the Turkey Office, thanked the donors



to the Ramadan campaign for their generous support and continuous giving, around the world.

"We are confident that the generous Qatari People will do more to providing a decent life for the needy and those affected by disasters and crises."

For his part, Sayed Marei Al-Hassan, director of Jabin camp in the Azaz countryside, expressed his gratitude for the giving and support of the people of Qatar, saying:

"It is the first day that we receive Iftar meals for fasting people since

the beginning of the holy month, as Jabin camp suffers severely from cases of malnutrition among children. You have brought joy and happiness to the souls of the camp's residents."

Thank you to Qatar Charity and the people in Qatar, hoping for continued support for this camp, which has been suffering severely since the beginning of the crisis."

In a related context, the director of Shuaib camp in Idlib, Mr. Muhammad Faisal, said: Most

of the people in the camp cannot afford Iftar or suhoor. Yesterday, I toured the camp after distributing meals and many of them told me that had it not been for the meal that Qatar Charity provided for them, they would have stayed. Without eating."

Hajj Ahmed Al-Ali, one of the displaced people, said: "Qatar Charity has alleviated our suffering during the month of Ramadan by distributing Iftar meals for those who are fasting, may God reward you all."

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Giving food to the needy

This is a good gesture of Allah's Mercy to Mention giving food in a Surah entitled "Al-Insan". Allah The Exalted Says (what means): {And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive...} [Qur'an 76:8]

Ibn 'Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, and Mujahid, may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "This verse denotes that they feed the needy, the orphan and the captive despite the scarcity of food and their need and love for it."

What about you and your food?

How great a deed is feeding the hungry in our time!

Allah The Exalted Says (what means): {Or feeding on a day of severe hunger...} [Qur'an 90:14]

An-Nakha'i, may Allah have mercy upon him, commented on this verse saying, "They feed the hungry at times when food is not ample."

Mohamed ibn al-Munkadir, may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "Feeding hungry Muslims guarantees the forgiveness of sins."

He also said on another occasion: "Feeding the hungry and saying kind words to others usher you into Paradise."

Dear brother and sister, you may notice how our days - in some Muslim countries - have turned into days of severe hunger. Food has become scarce and meat has also become scarce as well as being too expensive for the poor.

What about you, dear readers? What about your food?

An Explicit Command:

Feeding people in general and a hungry person in particular has been explicitly mentioned in the



command of the Messenger of Allah, sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam (may Allah exalt his mention). Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam, said: "Feed the hungry, pay a visit to the sick and free the captives." [Saheeh] A reported saying reads, "The best charity is to satisfy a hungry person." Alas, a Muslim may sit at an Iftar table with delicious and tasty dishes while his neighbours break their fast with a few morsels of food, if they can be found!

Our righteous predecessors, may Allah have mercy upon them, were keen to feed people and favoured this act of worship over many others, whether it was for a hungry poor person or feeding a righteous Muslim. Poverty is not an essential condition in this regard. The Messenger of Allah, sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam, said: "O people! Spread the Islamic greetings amongst yourselves, feed the hungry, maintain

kinship relations, observe prayer at night while people are asleep and you will peacefully enter the Paradise." [Saheeh]

Some of the righteous predecessors said: "It is better for me to invite ten of my friends and feed them delicious food that they like than freeing ten slaves from the children of Isma'eel may Allah exalt his mention (i.e. Arabs)."

Abu as-Siwar al-'Adawi, may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "Some men from the 'Uday tribe used to pray in this mosque and none of them would break his fast alone. If one found someone to eat with, he would eat. If he could not find someone to eat with, he would take his food and go to the mosque to share it with the people in the mosque."

Fruits of Feeding the Hungry:

The act of worship of feeding the hungry gives rise to many other acts of worship such as showing affection towards one's fellow Muslims whom he feeds and this can be a reason for him being granted Paradise. The Prophet, sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam, said: "You shall not enter Paradise as long as you do not affirm belief (in all those things which are the articles of faith) and you will not believe as long as you do not love one another." [Muslim]

It also gives rise to (the act of worship) being in the company of righteous people and hoping for the rewards of Allah The Almighty in offering them food as they gain strength to perform acts of worship.

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Qatari aid for Palestinians reaches Al Arish



An aircraft belonging to the Qatar Armed Forces arrived in the city of Al Arish in Egypt, carrying 20 tonnes of aid, including food supplies provided by the Qatar Charity, for delivery to Gaza, bringing the total number of planes of aid to 87. HE the Minister of State for International Co-operation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lolwah bint Rashid AlKhater received the aircraft at Al Arish Airport. This aid comes within the framework of Qatar's support for the brotherly Palestinian people during the difficult humanitarian conditions they are currently facing. Moreover, a number of Palestinians holding Qatar residency permits were evacuated from the Gaza Strip, for their return to Doha. (QNA)



Green Tent calls for developing institutions to empower people with disabilities



The Green Tent of "A Flower Each Spring" programme held a symposium to discuss the importance of developing academic, training and vocational institutions and private sector institutions in the Arab world to empower people with disabilities, especially in light of the obstacles that prevent their integration into society.

A group of experts and researchers working in the field of disability from inside and outside Qatar discussed several topics such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Arab countries' role in the CRPD, the contribution of academic and training institutions for people with disabilities to the needs of the labour market, the role of modern technology in facilitating the integration into the labour market, and the availability of proper infrastructure for people with disabilities.

Moderated by Dr Saif Ali al-Hajri, head of the A Flower Each Spring programme, participants said people with disabilities deal with the stereotype of needing help and sympathy while it's more important to help them overcome difficulties and give them equal opportunities. Society needs to empower and integrate them and believe in their abilities.

The participants pointed out the importance of assistive technology programmes as valuable tools that greatly improve the lives of people with disabilities, help them live independent lives, and to ensure their effective par-

ticipation in society. They also highlighted the importance of education, training and providing job opportunities for graduate students and individuals with disabilities, and enhancing educational and vocational support to bridge the gap between people with various disabilities and the labour market.

Academic institutions are important in enabling them to meet the needs of the labour market, creating specially designed educational programmes, as well as focusing on vocational training and comprehensive practices.

The CRPD holds great importance as it affirms the rights of people with disabilities and strengthens the commitment of countries to protect and empower them. Participants said that the failure of some countries in the Arab world to implement this is due to the lack of budget, lack of confidence in the abilities of people with disabilities, the spread of the idea that this group only needs compassion, the absence of binding national legislation, and the lack of specialised cadres.

The Convention affirms the right of people with disabilities to be recognised as people before the law, guarantees them personal freedom and security, calls for providing means of resorting to judicial systems like everyone else, and ensures that they are not subjected to neglect or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

The participants recom-

mended developing policies and programmes to ensure the appropriate rehabilitation of people with disabilities, spreading awareness of their rights, encouraging society to respect these rights, providing them with the necessary services such as healthcare, education and rehabilitation, providing the necessary protection and support, ensuring their rights and enabling them to participate fully in society, as well as providing proper infrastructure to meet their needs.

The symposium highlighted Qatar's role in this regard. The country has paid attention to their rights stipulated in the law, and providing appropriate infrastructure which is important to establish equality and in ensuring participation in all social activities and events.

Proper infrastructure helps their access to basic services, encourages work and professional integration, provides educational and awareness means to the community about disability issues and helps implement legislation and policies related to them.

The participants reviewed Qatar's infrastructure and its accessible design, in addition to the stadiums and football fields, which all proved the great care that the country has for people with disabilities. (QNA)

Eidiah ATMs launched in various locations



Middle East scholar shares new insights on 2011 Syrian uprising

Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q) hosted leading scholar Dr Bassam Haddad for a series of engaging exchanges on lessons emerging from the Syrian conflict, the war on terrorism, and sociopolitical issues currently shaping the Middle East region.

Dr Haddad, the founding director of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Programme and associate professor at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University, shared ongoing research from his new book, *Understanding The Syrian Tragedy: Regime, Opposition, Outsiders*.

He examined the transformation of the Syrian revolution from a legitimate civil uprising in 2011, to a complex political stalemate. "Almost 13 years after the start of the Syrian uprising, Syria finds itself embattled, divided and impoverished with no positive end in sight," he said, referring to the situation as a persisting "calamity" with a heavy humanitarian toll for Syrians across the political spectrum. "More than any other case of mass uprisings in the region, it continues to be shrouded in political power plays and contradictions at the local, regional and international levels." Syria's various external supporters and allies in subsequent years contributed to the confusion, he said, pointing out that the disparate interests of these state and non-state actors, and the transactional nature of their support often prioritised a specific balance of power over the underlying principles of the revolution.



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"During the first three to five years after 2011, the uprising in Syria was transformed from a democratic protest against dictatorship to a regional and international proxy war with multiple attempts to redraw the political and territorial map of the entire region, not just Syria," explained Dr Haddad.

An unintended outcome has been

the militarisation and radicalisation of the conflict, as well as the disillusionment of the original activists and revolutionaries.

"The situation is quite bleak, and the best option is for the Syrian economy to improve, which we can see signs of here and there, but it's likely to take a long time," he concluded.

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Ukraine and India foreign ministers to meet in Delhi

Ukraine's foreign minister will begin a two-day visit to India today to discuss "global issues", Russia's traditional ally New Delhi said in a statement. Ukraine's Dmytro Kuleba will meet his counterpart S Jaishankar in New Delhi and also hold talks with India's deputy national security adviser, India's foreign ministry said. India has shied away from explicit condemnation of Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, even as it has pursued greater security ties with the US. New Delhi and Moscow have ties dating back to the Cold War. Kuleba will discuss "co-operation on regional and global issues of mutual interest", New Delhi said.

CONTROVERSY

Foreign journalists slam China video manipulation claims

The Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines yesterday rejected a claim made by China that Manila had journalists manipulate videos taken during resupply missions in the South China Sea to make it look like a "victim". China's assistant minister of foreign affairs, Hua Chunying on March 26 said the Philippines' routine mission to deliver supplies for its troops stationed on a grounded warship on the Second Thomas Shoal always carried many journalists on board and "had them manipulate the videos they recorded to make sensational news and project the Philippines is a victim".

CO-OPERATION

China to develop strategic infrastructure: Sri Lanka PM

Sri Lanka's prime minister yesterday said China has pledged to develop the nation's strategic deep sea port and the capital's airport after talks with his counterpart in Beijing. Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said China - the island's biggest bilateral creditor - would "assist" Sri Lanka's restructuring of external debt, a key condition to maintaining a \$2.9bn IMF bailout. Sri Lankan officials have said China was reluctant to take a haircut on its loans but could extend the tenure and adjust interest rates. Gunawardena's office said Premier Li Qiang had promised China would "assist Sri Lanka's debt restructuring process continuously and help Sri Lanka to develop its economy".

POLITICS

Legal bid to disqualify Indonesia's president-elect

Indonesia's losing presidential candidates yesterday laid out their court challenge to last month's election, accusing the state of interference and urging a poll re-run and disqualification of the winner, Prabowo Subianto. Former governors Anies Baswedan and Ganjar Pranowo said the victory of Defence Minister Prabowo was helped by pressure on regional officials from a partisan administration and President Joko Widodo, with social aid used as a tool to ensure just one outcome. Anies said the election showed the world's third-largest democracy was at risk of sliding back towards its authoritarian past, and warned it could set a bad precedent.

India seeks co-operation with Philippines



India's External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (left) and Philippines' Secretary of Foreign Affairs Enrique Manalo arrive for a joint press conference at the Sofitel Hotel in Manila. Jaishankar said India supports the Philippines upholding its sovereignty and hopes to find new areas of co-operation including in defence and security.

India 'to spend \$3.7bn to fence Myanmar border'

Reuters

New Delhi

India plans to spend nearly \$3.7bn to fence its 1,610km porous border with Myanmar within about a decade, said a source with direct knowledge of the matter, to prevent smuggling and other illegal activities.

New Delhi said earlier this year it would fence the border and end a decades-old visa-free movement policy with coup-hit Myanmar for border citizens for reasons of national security and to maintain the

demographic structure of its north-eastern region.

A government committee earlier this month approved the cost for the fencing, which needs to be approved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet, said the source who declined to be named as they were not authorised to talk to the media.

The prime minister's office and the ministries of home, finance, foreign affairs and information and broadcasting did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment. Myanmar has so far not commented on India's fencing plans.

Since a military coup in Myanmar

in 2021, thousands of civilians and hundreds of troops have fled from there to Indian states where people on both sides share ethnic and familial ties. This has worried New Delhi because of risk of communal tensions spreading to India.

Some members of the Indian government have also blamed the porous border for abetting the tense situation in the restive northeastern Indian state of Manipur, abutting Myanmar. For nearly a year, Manipur has been engulfed by a civil war-like situation between two ethnic groups, one of which shares lineage with Myanmar's Chin tribe.

India objects to US remarks on opposition leader Kejriwal's arrest

Reuters

Mumbai

India has strongly objected to remarks made by the US on the arrest of key opposition leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

New Delhi's objection came two days after Washington said it is closely following reports of Kejriwal's arrest and that it encourages a fair legal process.

Kejriwal, whose Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) governs the national capital territory and the northern state of Punjab, was arrested last week by the federal financial crime-fighting agency on corruption charges, weeks before India begins voting in general elections on April 19.

AAP, all of whose main leaders are now imprisoned in connection with the case, says he has been "falsely arrested" in a "fabricated case".

The federal government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) deny political interference.

"India's legal processes are based on an independent judiciary which is committed to objective and timely outcomes. Casting aspersions on that is un-

warranted," the Indian foreign ministry said in a statement.

"In diplomacy, states are expected to be respectful of the sovereignty and internal affairs of others. This responsibility is even more so in case of fellow democracies. It could otherwise end up setting unhealthy precedents," it said.

Kejriwal's arrest after the announcement of elections has angered the opposition alliance challenging Modi and drawn international attention.

The US comments on Kejriwal followed those by Germany, which said Berlin assumes and expects that the standards relating to independence of judiciary and basic democratic principles will also be applied in this case.

In response, New Delhi summoned a German envoy to protest against the remarks. The acting US deputy chief of mission in New Delhi was also summoned yesterday, news agency ANI reported.

India and the US enjoy close, strategic ties and Washington has increasingly come to see New Delhi as an important partner in its effort to push back against China's growing power worldwide.

Meanwhile, one of the opposition parties said yesterday the

alliance needs to stick together to take on Modi in the upcoming polls.

A key test of the opposition unity would be on Sunday, at a protest rally in Delhi to which AAP has invited all opposition parties.

"In this current election, it's imperative for all opposition parties to come together," said Delhi Finance Minister Atishi, one of the only few senior AAP leaders not yet in jail.

"At this stage, this election is not about Aam Aadmi Party or the Congress or the Trinamool Congress or the Samajwadi Party," she said in an interview, referring to other main opposition parties. "This election is about saving the constitution of the country."

The enforcement directorate (ED), which arrested Kejriwal, can conduct searches and make arrests without a warrant. It has summoned, questioned or raided nearly 150 politicians from the opposition since Modi took power in 2014. In that time it has targeted four politicians from Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Opposition parties accuse the BJP-run federal government of using the ED and other agencies to target their leaders for political gain.

Satisfaction with NHS slumps to new low: survey

Public satisfaction with the UK's state-funded National Health Service (NHS) hit record lows in 2023, research suggested yesterday, with long waits for appointments a central grievance. The NHS, which offers free care for patients, is increasingly grappling with a lack of funding and staffing shortages, as well as rising demand as the population grows and gets older. GPs blame longer waiting times on the shortage of family doctors and more doctors taking time off due to burnout from intense workloads. The analysis by the British Social Attitudes survey (BSA) comes ahead of a general election in the UK in which funding of the NHS is set to feature as a prominent issue for voters. According to the survey, which was released by the King's Fund and the Nuffield Trust health charities, 71% of respondents were dissatisfied with the long waiting times for a GP and hospital appointments.

Sri Lanka students protest



Medical students gather to protest against the government demanding the closing of private medical universities in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday.

Migrant crossings to UK hit new record

Reuters

London

More than 4,600 asylum seekers have arrived in Britain on small boats so far in 2024, a record total for the first three months of the year and giving Prime Minister Rishi Sunak a fresh political headache.

Provisional data from the Home Office, or interior ministry, yesterday showed that 4,644 people had been detected arriving across the Channel on small boats such as inflatable dinghies up to March 26 this year.

That compares with 3,770 for the same period last year and 4,162 for 2022, the previous record high. Sunak is hoping his flagship scheme to deport those arriving in Britain without permission to Rwanda will deter people from making the dangerous

cross-Channel crossings. Legislation which aims to get that plan up and running after a series of legal setbacks is due back in parliament next month.

"The unacceptable number of people who continue to cross the Channel demonstrates exactly why we must get flights to Rwanda off the ground as soon as possible," a Home Office spokesperson said last week.

"We continue to work closely with French police who are facing increasing violence and disruption on their beaches as they work tirelessly to prevent these dangerous, illegal and unnecessary journeys." Overall annual numbers fell 36% last year from 2022's record total, which led to Sunak claiming the government was beginning to have success in "stopping the boats", one of his key priorities ahead of an election expected later this year.

Australia battles to save last 11 wild 'earless dragons'

AFP

Sydney

Australia's grassland earless dragon is no bigger than a pinkie when it emerges from its shell, but the little lizard faces an enormous challenge in the years ahead: avoiding extinction.

As recently as 2019, scientists in Canberra counted hundreds of grassland earless dragons in the wild. This year, they found 11.

In other areas of the country, the lizard has not been seen for three decades.

The earless dragon - which is light brown and has long white stripes

down its body - measures about 15 centimetres (the size of a US\$1 bill) when fully grown.

It lacks an external ear opening and functional eardrum, hence the name.

Australia has four species of earless dragons. Three are critically endangered, the highest level of risk, while the fourth is endangered.

The critically endangered dragons will likely be extinct in the next 20 years without conservation efforts.

"If we properly manage their conservation, we can bring them back," said University of Canberra Professor Bernd Gruber, who is working to do just that.

Australia is home to thousands

of unique animals, including 1,130 species of reptiles that are found nowhere else in the world.

Climate change, invasive plants and animals, and habitat destruction - such as the 2019 bushfires, which burned more than 19mn hectares (46mn acres) - have pushed Australia's native species to the brink. In the past 300 years, about 100 of Australia's unique flora and fauna species have been wiped off the planet.

To save the earless dragons there are several breeding programmes under way across Australia, including a bio-secure facility in Canberra's bushlands, which Gruber is overseeing.

On shelves are dozens of tanks that house the lizards - one to each container - with a burrow, grass and heat lamps to keep them warm.

The biggest problem is matchmaking, with the territorial female lizards preferring to choose their mates.

This means that scientists must introduce different male lizards to the female until she approves.

If that was not hard enough, scientists must also use genetic analysis to determine which lizards are compatible together and ensure genetic diversity in their offspring.

At any one time, the breeding programmes around Australia can have up to 90 earless dragons, which

will eventually be released back into the wild.

At the moment, Gruber is looking after more than 20 small lizards that have just hatched. Scientists almost missed the tiny eggs until three weeks ago.

"There is a sense of hope looking over them," he said.

Despite the efforts of scientists, the lizards are contending with a shrinking habitat and a changing climate.

Australian Conservation Foundation campaigner Peta Bulling said the lizards only live in temperate grasslands, most of which have been destroyed by urban development.

Only 0.5% of grasslands present

at the time of European colonisation still exist.

Without the lizards, Australia's alpine grasslands could look vastly different.

"We don't understand everything the grassland earless dragons do in the ecosystem, but we can make guesses they play an important role in managing invertebrate populations. They live in burrows in the soil, so they are probably aerating the soil in different ways too," she said.

Bulling said that while it was important to bring the lizard back, it was also vital to protect their habitats, without which the newly saved lizards would have nowhere to live.

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Who's afraid of price controls?

Is it time to consider adding price caps to the emergency economics toolbox? The unprecedented surge in energy prices that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine has prompted much soul-searching in Europe regarding the effectiveness of traditional economic-stabilisation policies.

In response to this energy shock, the European Union has imposed a general price cap on natural gas, and several member states have capped profit margins, staple foods, and rents, in addition to reintroducing windfall taxes.

But despite the widespread adoption of price controls and the support of some prominent economists, the economic mainstream remains apprehensive about policies that might disrupt price signals. Nowhere has this reticence been more pronounced than in Germany, where the delayed use of effective price caps could have far-reaching political implications. In a recent working paper, we argue that economists' fear of price controls is baseless and may have disastrous consequences. Germany serves as a useful case study, given its heavy dependence on Russian natural gas and the direct impact of the 2022 energy shock on its economy.

The lack of a coherent industrial strategy could herald the end of Germany's manufacturing prowess as we know it

While mainstream German economists downplayed the effects of the shock and opposed any policy aimed at controlling energy-price inflation, the crisis of 2022 has taken a heavy toll on Germany's economy and society. It led to a short-run output loss of 4%, impeding the country's post-pandemic recovery and triggering an economic slump on par with both the pandemic and the 2008 financial crisis. And for wage earners, the 2022 energy shock represented Germany's most severe economic crisis since the end of World War II.

That year, Germany's inflation rate soared to levels not seen since the 1970s, significantly outpacing nominal wage growth. This led to a 4% annual decline in real wages – the largest one-year drop in the country's postwar history. In addition to these short-term losses, there is growing evidence that the energy crisis is causing long-term harm to the German economy. The recovery remains sluggish, with output and real wages, respectively, currently 7% and 10% lower than pre-pandemic levels.

According to the International Monetary Fund, Germany was the only developed economy to experience negative GDP growth in 2023, and growth projections for 2024 and 2025 are lower than those for most other comparable economies. These unprecedented income losses, combined with heightened uncertainty, help explain German wage earners' economic anxiety.

Moreover, these trends belie economists' assertions that Germany has weathered the energy shock with surprising ease, as well as Finance Minister Christian Lindner's claim that the time has come for a "normalisation" of fiscal policy. The economic-policy establishment appears far too eager to proclaim the crisis over and impose potentially disastrous austerity measures.

The summer of 2022 is a case in point. Initially, Germany responded effectively to the energy shock by launching an ambitious public procurement programme. But policymakers waited too long to introduce energy-price controls. Despite the discontent over declining living standards and the overwhelming popularity of energy-price caps, the German government proposed a gas-price levy (Gasumlage), a measure favoured by economists who opposed price caps.

The German government's "wait-and-see" approach to the energy-price shock needlessly prolonged a period of heightened economic insecurity and contributed to a sharp increase in support for the far-right Alternative für Deutschland. The AfD's growing momentum began to falter only after the government changed course and introduced an energy-price brake as part of a big stabilisation package, known as Doppel-Wumms ("double-whammy"), in September 2022.

Once introduced, these price caps succeeded in shielding households from the Ukraine shock, but the government never established an effective price cap for the country's industrial base. The government delegated responsibility for designing the energy-price brake to a panel of economists, most of whom strongly opposed any measure beyond simple lump-sum payments to the industrial sector. This meant that manufacturing companies had little incentive to maintain production in the face of skyrocketing energy costs.

It is difficult to overstate the calamitous consequences of this policy. The lack of a coherent industrial strategy, coupled with the decision to tighten fiscal policy in the middle of a crisis, could herald the end of Germany's manufacturing prowess as we know it.

Nevertheless, the question remains: Can we beat back the populist surge? The potential economic benefits of energy-price controls – an effective policy response to energy shocks fuelled by endogenous price uncertainty – suggest that the answer is yes. While mainstream economists often reject price controls outright, arguing that they are invariably suboptimal, the price uncertainty inherent to geopolitical mega-shocks like the war in Ukraine underscores the need for governments to reconsider their assumptions. — Project Syndicate



Uneasy Europe faces up to security threats

By Harold James
Berlin

Democracies tend to struggle with security challenges. That was the context that led W H Auden to call the 1930s a "low dishonest decade", a description that seems to apply to our own.

Now, as then, political posturing is easier than persuasion. Yet persuasion is what one needs to build alliances, galvanise support, and preserve international stability. With Ukraine depleted and overstretched, and with Russia posing a security threat to the Baltics and Europe more broadly, diplomatic and strategic co-ordination is more necessary than it has been since the end of the Cold War. Yet despite the high stakes, Western leaders look weak and divided. Their 1930s equivalents, French prime minister Édouard Daladier and British prime minister Neville Chamberlain, appear less pathetic in comparison.

In Germany, Chancellor Olaf Scholz has endured blistering attacks from his own coalition partners over his muddled, incoherent explanation of why he will not furnish Ukraine with Taurus missiles.

At the beginning of the war, he memorably spoke of a historical turning point, a Zeitenwende. But he has largely stuck to business as usual. Sometimes, it looks as if the only politician who will defend him is the pro-Russia right-wing leader Alice Weidel.

Equally reminiscent of the 1930s is the response to French President Emmanuel Macron's refusal to rule out sending French troops to Ukraine. Dissident (and sometimes Russophile) voices counter that France is not prepared. Similarly, in the face of obvious security threats from Nazi Germany early in World War II, a wide range of French opinion shapers asked why they should be expected to die for Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland): "Mourir pour Dantzig?"

Like Macron, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has the right instincts. But he is crippled by his unpopularity within his own

party and by the certainty that he will soon lose an election. Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden is facing a wave of American isolationist sentiment, both from left-wing Democrats and from a Republican Party that has been remoulded by Donald Trump.

Politicians in the 1930s at least had good excuses for their weakness. Their countries were exhausted and depleted from the Great Depression, and many of them vividly recalled the appalling sacrifices and losses of World War I. Today's isolationists have no such frame of reference.

Ukrainians remain deeply committed to defending democracy and the principles of self-determination and political freedom. But in Western Europe and the United States, the initial emotional willingness to support their fight has not translated into sustained, effective assistance. Ukraine thus finds itself in the position of the anti-Mafia prosecutor and judge Giovanni Falcone, whose life and martyrdom are retold by the Italian journalist Roberto Saviano in his novel *Solo è il coraggio: "Lonely Is the Courage"*.

Of course, it is not easy to build a democratic consensus for necessary but risky actions. Tellingly, *High Noon*, the 1952 movie starring Gary Cooper as a lone sheriff confronting a group of bandits, became an iconic cultural reference for Poland's pro-democracy movement in 1989.

The most consistently courageous voice in Europe nowadays seems to be that of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. There may be an institutional reason for that. To the extent that the Commission is insulated from the day-to-day need to forge political compromises in complex parliamentary settings, it can ignore the powerful short-term pressures that invariably shape democratic policymaking.

This gives Von der Leyen an opportunity to redress a profound flaw in Europe's institutional design. Following the collapse of communism and the breakup of the Soviet Union, Scholz's predecessor, Helmut Kohl, and French president François Mitterrand saw that a historic step was needed. The

most obvious move would have been to make Europe a coherent security player with its own army. But defence lobbies in the major countries, fearing that they would lose out, blocked the scheme. The big, historic gesture would have to take a different form.

European leaders thus opted for the move toward monetary union and, eventually, the creation of the euro. The decisive European Council meeting in December 1991 that opened the door to monetary union occurred just a day after another agreement that is now almost forgotten.

At Viskuli (near the Belovezha Forest in Belarus), the three largest components of the Soviet Union – Belarus, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine – agreed to end the Union Treaty of 1922. With that, the Soviet implosion seemed complete, and any security threat from Russia less urgent. Europe could calmly proceed with its monetary unification.

But the monetary union was strikingly incomplete, as Kohl and Mitterrand knew, and Europeans have spent the past decade debating how to augment the economic side of the arrangement with a capital-markets union, a banking union, and even a social-security union (something Scholz was enthusiastic about, for a time). But now, priorities have changed. The most urgent task is to correct for the failed response to the Belovezha Accords with an energy union and a military or security union.

Thirty-five years after the decisive Polish election that ended communism in the country, Europe is facing its own *High Noon*. If Trump wins in November, Europe really could be alone in the world. The movie's opening song, "If I'm a man, I must be brave," should be the theme of a new security-building coalition in the June European Parliament elections. European leaders can take inspiration from real-world heroes like Falcone. — Project Syndicate

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Households wasted a billion meals a day in 2022: UN

Households around the world threw away one billion meals every single day in 2022 in what the United Nations yesterday called a “global tragedy” of food waste, the UN’s latest Food Waste Index Report says.

More than \$1tn worth of food was binned by households and businesses at a time when nearly 800mn people were going hungry, the UN’s latest Food Waste Index Report says It said that more than 1bn tonnes of food – almost one fifth of all the produce available on the market – was wasted in 2022, most of it by households.

“Food waste is a global tragedy. Millions will go hungry today as food is wasted across the world,” Inger Andersen, executive director of the UN Environment Programme, said in a statement.

Such wastage was not just a moral but “environmental failure”, the report said. Food waste produces five times the planet-heating emissions of the aviation sector, and requires huge tracts of land be converted for growing crops that are never eaten.

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The report, co-authored with non-profit organisation WRAP, is just the second on global food waste compiled by the UN and provides the most complete picture to date. As data collection has improved the true scale of the problem has become much clearer, said Clementine O’Connor from UNEP.

“The more food waste you look for, the more that you find,” she told AFP. The report said that the “billion meals” figure was a “very conservative estimate” and “the real amount could be much higher”.

“For me, it’s just staggering,” Richard Swannell from WRAP told AFP. “You could actually feed all the people that are currently hungry in the world – about 800mn people – over a meal a day just from the food that is wasted every single year.”

He said bringing together producers and

retailers had helped reduce waste and get food to those who need it, and more such action was needed.

Food services like restaurants, canteens and hotels were responsible for 28 percent of all wasted food in 2022, while retail like butchers and greengrocers dumped 12%.

But the biggest culprits were households, which accounted for 60%–some 631mn tonnes.

Swannell said much of this occurred because people were simply buying more food than they needed, but also misjudging portion sizes and not eating leftovers.

Another issue was expiration dates, he said, with perfectly good produce being trashed because people incorrectly assumed their food had gone off.

A lot of food, particularly in the developing world, was not so



frivolously wasted, but instead lost in transportation or spoiling because of a lack of refrigeration, the report said. Contrary to popular belief, food waste is not just a “rich country” problem and can be observed across the world, the report said.

Hotter countries, too, generated more waste, possibly due to higher consumption of fresh foods with substantial inedible parts.

Businesses also underestimate the cost of wasting food to their bottom line because it was cheap to dump unused produce in landfill.

“It’s quicker and easier to throw it away at the moment because the waste fee is either zero or very low,” O’Connor said. Food waste had “devastating effects” on people and the planet, the report said. Converting natural ecosystems for agriculture is a leading cause of habitat loss yet food waste takes up the equivalent of nearly 30 percent of the world’s farming land, the report said.

“If we can reduce food waste across the entire of the supply chain, we can... minimise the need to have land set aside that’s growing stuff that’s never used,” Swannell said.

It is also a key driver of climate change, generating up to 10% of annual greenhouse gas emissions.

“If food waste was a country, it would be the third biggest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions on the planet behind the US and China,” Swannell said.

But people rarely think about it, he said, despite the opportunity to “reduce our carbon footprint, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and save money, simply by making better use of the food that we’re already buying”.

Pakistan steps up security for Chinese workers

Pakistan ramped up security guarding Chinese engineers building Beijing-linked projects in the nation’s northwest, an official said yesterday, a day after five workers were killed in a suicide bombing.

Beijing is Islamabad’s closest regional ally and Pakistan has benefitted from billions of dollars of investment in recent years, but has struggled to guarantee the safety of Chinese migrant workers.

The five Chinese engineers – plus their Pakistani driver – were killed while travelling between Islamabad and a hydroelectric dam construction site in Dasu, in northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

A high-ranking official from the provincial interior ministry told AFP yesterday that at the more than two-dozen sites hosting Chinese engineers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa security was stepped up.

“Directives have been issued to all law enforcement agencies to enhance security for Chinese nationals and all other foreigners,” he said on condition of anonymity.

“Instructions have also been given to foreign nationals to restrict their movements.”

Information minister Attaullah Tarar told a press conference in Islamabad that security procedures would be reviewed “with a focus on identifying and addressing any gaps”.

Meanwhile, further details emerged about the attack, which has yet to be claimed by any militant group.

Local police officer Bakht Zahir said the five engineers killed near the city of Besham included four men and a woman, and that the bomber targeted the middle vehicle in a convoy of 12.

“The suicide bomber rammed his vehicle into the convoy in the middle, detonating himself, causing the Chinese engineers’ vehicle to fall into a 180-foot-deep (55-metre) ravine and catch fire,” he said.

Pakistan’s domestic chapter of the Taliban is the most active militant threat in the region, but the group’s spokesman denied involvement in a statement late Tuesday.

China has inked more than \$2tn in contracts around the world under its Belt and Road investment scheme, with billions pouring into neighbouring Pakistan and aiding its crumbling economy.

Since 2015, power plants, ports and transport projects have been under construction by joint Pakistani-Chinese teams in remote parts of the South Asian nation. But Chinese workers have frequently been targeted by militants hostile to outside influence, with some complaining Pakistanis are not getting a fair share of wealth from the huge projects.

Tuesday’s attack came just days after militants attempted to storm offices of the Gwadar deepwater port in the southwest, considered a cornerstone of Chinese investment in Pakistan.

It sparked a flurry of diplomatic activity at the Chinese embassy in Islamabad, with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the foreign and interior ministers offering condolences in quick succession.

China’s foreign ministry declared the countries “iron-clad friends” but asked Pakistan to “take effective measures to ensure the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects, and institutions”.

Top Pak judges complain of intelligence agency coercion

AFP
Islamabad

Six Pakistan high court judges have accused the nation’s intelligence agency of intimidating and coercing them over “politically consequential” cases in a letter seen by AFP yesterday.

Pakistan’s military – which runs the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) spy agency – has long been accused of wading into civilian affairs, but the missive is a rare rebuke to their mostly unquestioned power.

In the lead-up to Pakistan’s February 8 elections, analysts said the military was leaning on the courts to sideline opposition leader Imran Khan, who was eventually jailed and barred from running.

Some of the nearly 200 cases brought against the former cricket star were heard at Islamabad High Court, where six judges signed the letter to the Supreme

Judicial Council watchdog.

The letter, dated Monday, makes numerous allegations including that in March 2023, “considerable pressure was brought to bear” on judges “by operatives of the ISI” over a case facing Khan.

“Fearing for their security, they sought additional protection for their homes,” the letter said.

It also alleges a judge’s brother-in-law was abducted by “individuals who claimed to be operatives of the ISI” and “tortured into making false allegations”.

On another occasion, a judge was said to have found secret cameras in his living room and bedroom.

“We believe it is imperative to inquire into and determine whether there exists a continuing policy on part of the executive branch of the state, implemented by intelligence operatives who report to the executive branch, to intimidate judges, under threat of coercion or blackmail, to engi-

neer judicial outcomes in politically consequential matters,” the letter reads.

An official at Islamabad High Court who asked to remain anonymous confirmed to AFP that the letter was delivered on Tuesday to the Supreme Judicial Council, which oversees the courts.

Pakistan’s powerful military establishment has directly ruled the nation for roughly half of its 76-year history and continues to exercise enormous power behind the scenes.

Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, said the letter showed “the extent of interference in the legal process, at the highest levels”.

“That says a whole lot about just how deep and extensive and serious the establishment’s interference is these days – in the law, but also in politics and public policy,” he wrote on social media site X.

The Pakistan military’s public

relations wing did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Khan, 71, fell out with the military establishment that boosted him into office in 2018, and was ousted from power by a controversial parliamentary no-confidence vote in 2022.

In opposition, he and other senior members of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party were deluged by court cases that hobbled their campaigning for last month’s election.

Despite that, candidates loyal to Khan won more seats than any other party. However, a coalition of army-aligned parties took power, headed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

A statement released on Khan’s X account said “the fact that the judges have been intimidated and coerced into giving judgments based on political expediency raises a lot of questions on the fairness of the courts and their judgments over the last two years”.

Four suspects remanded in custody over massacre

Four men accused of involvement in a massacre at a Moscow concert hall that killed 137 people were remanded in custody Sunday, as Russia observed a national day of mourning following the attack claimed by the Islamic State.

All four suspects have been charged with terrorism, according to Moscow’s Basmanny district court, and face life imprisonment. Their detention is set until May 22 but may be extended depending on the date of their trial.

The court said two of the defendants had pleaded guilty, and one of them, from Tajikistan, had “entirely acknowledged his guilt”.

President Vladimir Putin has vowed to punish those behind the “barbaric terrorist attack”, and on Saturday said the four gunmen had been arrested while trying to flee to Ukraine. Kyiv has strongly denied any connection to the attack.

Putin has made no public reference to the Islamic State (IS) group’s claims of responsibility. At least 137 people, including three children, were killed Friday evening when gunmen stormed the Crocus City Hall in Moscow’s northern suburb of Krasnogorsk then set fire to the building.

Uproar in France after school chief quits in hijab row

French politicians from across the spectrum yesterday expressed dismay over the resignation of a Paris school principal who had received death threats after asking a student to remove her Muslim veil on the premises.

In a show of support, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, a former education minister, was set to receive the principal later yesterday, his office said.

Secularism and religion are hot-button issues in France, which is home to Europe’s largest Muslim community. In 2004, authorities banned school children from wearing “signs or outfits by which students ostensibly show a religious affiliation” such as headscarves, turbans or kippas on the basis of the country’s secular laws which are meant to guarantee neutrality in state institutions. The headmaster’s departure comes amid deep tensions in the country following a series of incidents including the killing of a teacher by an Islamist former pupil last year.

Insurers could face losses of up to \$4bn after Baltimore tragedy

Reuters
London

Baltimore’s Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse could cost insurers billions of dollars in claims, analysts say, with one putting it at as much as \$4bn, which would make the tragedy a record shipping insurance loss.

Six people are still missing after a collision with a Singapore-flagged container ship destroyed the landmark bridge on Tuesday, forcing the closure of one of the busiest US ports.

With little clarity on when the Port of Baltimore would re-open, insurers and analysts are now assessing the likely losses borne by underwriters across several product lines including property, cargo, marine, liability, trade credit and contingent business interruption.

“Depending on the length of the blockage and the nature of the business interruption coverage for the Port of Baltimore, insured losses could total between \$2bn and \$4bn,” said Marcos Alvarez, managing director for global insurance ratings at Morningstar DBRS. That would surpass the record insured losses of the

Costa Concordia luxury cruise liner disaster in 2012, he said.

Mathilde Jakobsen, senior director, analytics at insurance ratings agency AM Best, also said the claims would likely run into “billions of dollars”.

Ship liability insurance, which covers marine environmental damage and injury, is provided through protection and indemnity insurers known as P&I Clubs.

The International Group of P&I Clubs collectively insures approximately 90% of the world’s ocean-going tonnage and member P&I clubs mutually reinsure each other by sharing claims above \$10mn. The IG Group declined to comment.

According to AM Best, the group holds general excess of loss reinsurance cover up to the value of \$3.1bn.

Moody’s Ratings analyst Brandon Holmes said approximately 80 different reinsurers provided that cover to the ship’s insurers.

“While the total claim is expected to be high, it is unlikely to be significant for individual reinsurers since it will be spread across so many,” he said.

Insurer Britannia P&I said in a statement

that vessel, named the Dali, was entered with the club, adding that it was working closely with the ship manager and relevant authorities “to establish the facts and to help ensure that this situation is dealt with quickly and professionally”.

Loretta Worters, spokesperson at the Insurance Information Institute, said AXA XL was the lead reinsurer on the first layer of cover for IG’s reinsurance programme, with other global reinsurers also involved. AXA XL did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Alvarez said the disaster would likely put upward pressure on marine insurance rates globally.

Worters added she believed Aon was the insurance broker for the property policy for the bridge. Insurance Insider reported that Chubb was the lead underwriter for the policy. Aon and Chubb declined to comment.

Initial estimates of the cost of rebuilding the bridge, which is likely to be paid by the federal government, are at \$600mn, economic software analysis company IMPLAN said.

The closure of the port for just one month could see a total loss of \$28mn for the state of Maryland, according to IMPLAN analysis.

Scientists chronicle the earliest stages of a supernova

About 20mn years ago, in a galaxy not so far away, a large star exploded and sent elements representing the building blocks of life racing through space.

About a year ago, by chance, as the light it emitted reached Earth, a team of scientists in Israel observed it and for the first time collected data on the earliest stages from such an explosion, known as a supernova.

The picture they are putting together offers a detailed look at the origins of crucial elements around us, like the calcium in our teeth and the iron in our blood. “We are actually seeing the cosmic furnace

in which the heavy elements are formed, while they are being formed. We are observing it as it happens. This is really the unique opportunity,” Weizmann Institute of Science astrophysicist Avishay Gal-Yam said.

The findings, published yesterday in the journal *Nature*, also indicate that the giant star, located in a neighbouring galaxy called Messier 101, likely left behind a black hole after it exploded.

An amateur astronomer who happened to be watching that galaxy tipped off the researchers that something appeared to be occurring. They quickly focused their



This composite image of the Crab Nebula, a supernova remnant, was assembled by combining data from five telescopes spanning nearly the entire breadth of the electromagnetic spectrum. (Reuters)

ground-based telescopes at the star and started documenting the early stages of the explosion. The team, which included

doctoral student and study lead author Erez Zimmerman, contacted Nasa, which changed its schedule and aimed the

Hubble Space Telescope at the supernova. This allowed early-stage observation of ultraviolet light from the explosion, which is blocked by the atmosphere and not picked up on Earth.

Along with tracking elements like carbon, nitrogen and oxygen blasted into space, the ultraviolet data showed a discrepancy between the star’s initial mass and the mass it ejected into space during the explosion.

“We suspect that after the explosion a black hole was left behind – a newly formed black hole that wasn’t there before. It’s the remnant of the explosion. A little bit of the mass of the star

collapsed to the centre and created a new black hole,” Gal-Yam said.

Black holes are extraordinarily dense objects with gravity so strong that not even light can escape.

Having created a sort of fingerprint of the supernova from start to finish, Gal-Yam said it could help scientists identify impending supernovas elsewhere.

“Perhaps we will be able in the next few years to say, not for all stars, but maybe for some of them, this star we think, we suspect, it’s going to explode,” Gal-Yam added.

“That will be fantastic, and then we will know to be there and prepared.”

Expo 2023 Doha hosts awards ceremony



Expo 2023 Doha concludes today after running for 179 days.
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Expo 2023 Doha yesterday hosted an awards ceremony in which participating countries were honoured for displaying innovations. After featuring the latest trends in sustainability, farming and environmental preservation and hosting a slew of cultural activities, the expo will conclude today at Al Bidda Park.

The ceremony was attended by HE the Minister of Municipality Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah al-Attiya and other dignitaries including HE the Expo 2023 Doha commissioner-general ambassador Bader Omar al-Dafa, Bureau International Des Exposition (BIE) Secretary-General Dimitri Kerkentzes and ambassadors of various countries.

The International Zone yesterday hosted a slew of cultural performances.

Under the theme "Green Desert, Better Environment", Expo 2023 Doha focused on modern agriculture, technology and innovation, environmental awareness and sustainability.

The event promoted sustainable innovations and combat desertification through activities and celebrations that lasted for 179 days while drawing visitors from across the world.



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