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**Weather Today**

**HOT & SLIGHTLY DUSTY**

Sunrise	4:42 am
Sunset	6:23 pm
High	44°C
Low	32°C
Wind	10 kts
Visibility	moderate
Pressure	1013 mb
Rel. humidity	40%

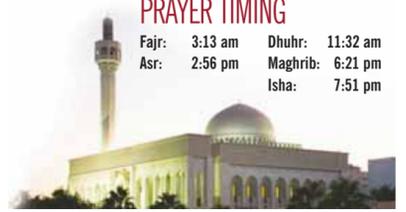
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**PRAYER TIMING**

Fajr:	3:13 am	Dhuhr:	11:32 am
Asr:	2:56 pm	Maghrib:	6:21 pm
		Isha:	7:51 pm



**Nationline**

**Emir receives condolences**

THE Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani received cables of condolences and sympathy from Algerian President Abdulaziz Bouteflika and Lebanese President Michel Suleiman over the Villaggio Mall fire. HH the Emir also received cables from President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa and Cypriot President Demetris Christofias on the incident. There were also cables of condolences and sympathy from Sheikh Hamid bin Rashid al Nuaimi, member of the Federal Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Ajman, and Sheikh Ammar bin Hamid al Nuaimi, the crown prince of Ajman. (QNA)

**PM receives phone calls from world leaders**

PRIME Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani received telephone calls from Prime Minister of the Transitional Government of Libya Dr Abdul Rahim al Keab, Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov and Prime Minister of Kosovo Hashim Thaci on Wednesday. The Libyan and Bulgarian prime ministers offered their condolences to the prime minister on the Villaggio mall fire. Talks between the Prime Minister and Thaci dealt with bilateral relations and issues of common concern. (QNA)

**Qatari, Turkish diplomatic institutes sign pact**

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs HE Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al Attiyah and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmed Davutoglu signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Academy of the Turkish Foreign Ministry on Thursday. The agreement aims at strengthening cooperation in the areas of diplomatic work training, exchanging information on topics related to international law and diplomatic law and other academic disciplines. The MoU also covers facilitating the exchange of scholars, conference speakers, experts and researchers in different areas as well as organising courses and seminars that can be held alternately in both Ankara and Doha. (QNA)

## Qatar, UAE conclude military exercise

**QNA**  
ABU DHABI

QATAR and the United Arab Emirates concluded a joint military exercise (Peace Shield 1) in the United Arab Emirates recently.

Major-General Ghanim bin Shaheen al Ghanim, assistant chief of staff for operations and training, and Brigadier-General Mubarak Mohammed al Kumait al Khayarin, commander of the Qatar Emiri Air Force (QEAF) witnessed the concluding part of the exercise.

They attended the event on the directives of the Qatar Armed Forces Chief of Staff Major-General Hamad bin Ali al Attiyah.

The forces conducted a series of exercises, including a number of operations that showed their advanced level of readiness and combat capabilities.

The exercise also demonstrated



Military officers at a joint exercise, in the UAE, recently.

the level of the joint coordination of the armed forces and their ability to work harmoniously in various environments of joint operations.

The military exercise achieved its aspired objectives, including training on planning, executing and administering joint military

operations.

Brigadier Isa Rashid al Ali, the UAE armed forces spokesperson, said the joint military exercise had

nothing to do with present regional or international events but rather was part of already planned joint military exercises.

## Qatar is an important trading partner: Pakistani minister

**RAMY SALAMA**  
DOHA

PAKISTAN sees Qatar and the other GCC countries as important trading partners, Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar said on Thursday.

The minister who was speaking at the Brookings Doha Center on 'Pakistan's Place in the World' said that Pakistan was keen to obtain LNG supply from Qatar. She said that the Pakistani government was looking into increasing trade opportunities with Qatar as well as the other countries of the region. The Brookings' discussion was held on the sidelines of the US-Islamic World Forum.

Khar is the first female and the youngest minister to ever head Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs.

She also spoke about Pakistan's foreign policy in the context of its growing relations with the Gulf states and with rising Asian powers, especially India and China. She answered questions about Pakistan's ambitions and its role in both South Asia and the broader changing global order.

She pointed out that the job opportunities which the Gulf countries offered to Pakistani nationals



Director of the Brookings Doha Center Salman Shaikh (left) and Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar at the event, in Doha, on Thursday. (QT PHOTO)

helped Pakistan cement its relations with the region. "Entire regions are formed together, and until we find peace around ourselves, we cannot find peace within," the minister said while discussing Pakistan's foreign relations with its neighbours. She cited the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline, also known as the 'Peace Pipeline', a partially constructed pipeline meant to deliver natural gas from Iran to Pakistan as an example of how the neighbours could benefit

from economic and political cooperation.

Khar said Pakistan had emerged as an important player on the international scene as the situation in Afghanistan became more complex with the imminent withdrawal of the US and NATO forces from the war-torn nation.

Pakistan could also play an important role and engage itself proactively with the region in the wake of Arab Spring, she said.

## HMC plans 48-hour appointment time

**LANI ROSE R DIZON**  
DOHA

THE Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) is planning to reduce the appointment waiting time for patients from the current 14 days to 48 hours, the Lord Darzi of Denham, who is overseeing the Qatar National Cancer Strategy, said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the first Qatar National Health Strategy 2011-2016 annual forum, he stressed that the new fixed time appointment system being implemented across the Hamad General Hospital's Out Patient Department (OPD) was one of the significant achievements made during the last 12 months in the country's healthcare sector.

He also said that while the new system has been successful in shortening patients' waiting times from several months to 14 days, the HMC was planning to further cut the waiting time to 48 hours.

With the new fixed time appointment system, walk-

in patients are no longer allowed to be seen at the Hamad General Hospital's OPD. Patients who wish to be seen by specialists at the department must have referrals from the primary healthcare centres, emergency department, or other private hospitals.

HMC Managing Director Dr Hanan al Kuwari also said, "This brings healthcare much closer to patients and the community through the primary healthcare centres while hospitals focus on specialised care."

Statistics included in Qatar's National Health Strategy indicated that there were 2,218 hospital beds, 21 primary healthcare centres and 239 private clinics and polyclinics in the country.

In 2010, there were 645,695 ambulatory and emergency visits, 63,575 admissions, 2.5 million outpatient visits, and 2.8 million pharmacy prescriptions.

Since 2005, ambulatory and emergency visits have been increasing by 10 percent a year.

## Nursing university uses solar energy to raise money for charity

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK**  
DOHA

THE University of Calgary - Qatar's (UCQ) Environment Club 3R staged a 'Solar Bake Sale' to raise money for charity recently.

"Our goal always has environmental protection in mind. With the sizzling temperature in Doha, using solar energy seemed to be an obvious move. Raising money for charity is an added bonus," said Reem Jumah, Club 3R president.

"We use so much energy to stay cool in Doha and then we use even more energy to cook our food. I have a book on solar ovens and I thought

we're in the perfect country for this. We should do this as a project. It makes perfect sense," added Suzanne Monir Abu-Nadar, a UCQ instructor and mentor to Club 3R.

Cookies, cakes, zatars, mini-pizzas and other goodies were baked in the hot Doha sun using homemade solar ovens. They consisted of tin foil in pizza boxes and parabolic ovens made using an umbrella lined with tin foil.

"The solar ovens had varying degrees of success. The most efficient was the parabolic umbrella. It was even able to boil water," said Abu-Nadar.

Over QR600 was raised for 'Water for Africa,' a UK-

based charity which has developed a successful model over the last nine years in providing communities in Africa with water, sanitation and health provision.

"The students have been studying about water being an important resource that the whole world will need to preserve to keep the planet alive," said Abu-Nadar.

"We're very pleased with the response from everyone on campus. Even some students are saying how easy it is to use solar power for cooking and how they might try it at home. That's exactly what we're trying to achieve," Abu-Nadar added.

With Qatar hosting a con-

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ference on how electricity pollutes, the UCQ student's 'Solar Bake Sale' is a timely reminder of the other environmentally safe options that are available.



Students of UCQ during the 'Solar Bake Sale' programme, in Doha, recently.