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Weather Today

HOT

Sunrise	4:41 am
Sunset	6:21 pm
High	42°C
Low	32°C
Wind	10 kts
Visibility	moderate
Pressure	1013 mb
Rel. humidity	54%

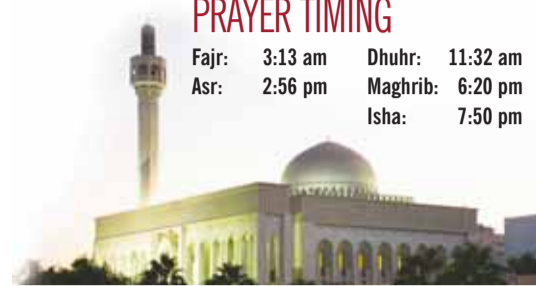
Nation

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PRAYER TIMING

Fajr:	3:13 am	Dhuhr:	11:32 am
Asr:	2:56 pm	Maghrib:	6:20 pm
Isha:	7:50 pm		



Nationline

Emir receives condolences

The Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani received condolences and sympathy on the victims of the Villaggio mall fire which occurred on Monday. HH the Emir received condolences over the phone from Sudan's President Omar Hassan Ahmad al Bashir, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Turkey President Abdullah Gul. HH the Emir also received condolences in a telephone call from Chief of the Politburo of the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) Khalid Meshaal. (QNA)

PM receives condolence cables on mall blaze

PRIME Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani on Tuesday received a cable of condolences from Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on the victims of the Villaggio Mall blaze that happened on Monday. The prime minister also received another cable of condolences from Tunisia's Foreign Minister Dr Rafiq Abdel al Salam. (QNA)

Attiyah meets Khayat

CHAIRMAN of the Administrative Control and Transparency Authority HE Abdullah bin Hamad al Attiyah on Tuesday met Secretary-General of the Arab Organisation for the Fight against Corruption Dr Amer Khayat. They discussed issues of common interest. (QNA)

Minister of state meets Ecuadorian minister

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs HE Dr Khalid Bin Mohammad al Attiyah, on Tuesday met Minister of Coordination of the Strategic Sectors of Ecuador Jorge Glas. They discussed cooperation in matters of mutual interest and ways of developing them. The meeting was attended by officials from the foreign ministry. (QNA)

British embassy to close on June 3-4

THE British embassy will remain closed to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II on June 3 and June 4. The visa application centre will be open as normal. For emergency consular cases, calls can be made to 44962000. (TNN)

PRIME MINISTER MEETS CUBAN MINISTER



Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani with Cuba's Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, in Doha, on Tuesday.

'History will not forgive oppressive regimes'

RAJESH MISHRA
DOHA

HISTORY will not forgive oppressive regimes. Governments must cope with the political changes taking place in the Arab world without resorting to violence, Assistant Foreign Minister for International Cooperation and Chairman of the Permanent Committee for Organising Conferences HE Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Jabor al Thani has said.

In his welcoming remarks at the 2012 US-Islamic World Forum on Tuesday, he said, "The Arab Spring calls for a more tolerant and rational approach on the part of the governments. The governments must pave way for smooth transition to democracies avoiding points of differences and conflicts with the opposition. The Arab Spring is also set to redefine US relationship with the Islamic world."

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President and Director of Foreign Policy at Brookings Martin Indyk said that the theme of this year's forum was aptly titled 'New Voices, New Directions' in the wake of the dramatic political changes sweeping across the region with young leaders emerging.

Speaking at the first plenary session on 'Political Change: The Dynamics of Domestic Transformations', Founder and



Assistant Foreign Minister for International Cooperation Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Jabor al Thani (right) with Martin Indyk at the opening of the US-Islamic World Forum, in Doha, on Tuesday. (MANEESH BAKSHI)

Director of Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights Hossam Bahgat expressed deep concern over the state of affairs in Egypt after the revolution.

"The transition to democracy did not start at all in Egypt in the aftermath of the Arab Spring. There is a great deal of disappointment among people with the result of the revolution. People never thought that with the victory of Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt secularists and Islamists would get polarised. In fact, the victory of Muslim Brotherhood has defeated the revolution in Egypt."

Tunisian expert and co-founder of Ennahdha Rached Ghannouchi stressed the importance of aligning Islamic values with modern values and called for media freedom and

role of civil societies for a healthy, vibrant democracy. He said that Tunisia has been attracting huge foreign investments after its transition to democracy.

Ghannouchi, however, added that Tunisia also faced a major challenge of combating unemployment among educated workers.

"Unemployment among educated workers is the biggest challenges we are faced with. We need to link education with workplace needs to overcome the problem," he said.

Ghannouchi described corruption as another major challenge in Tunisia. He further argued that the Arab Spring, 'which had not been manufactured from outside' had sent a clear message that people wanted to change regimes.

Sheikha Moza inaugurates forum on Arabic language

QNA
DOHA

HER Highness Sheikha Moza publicly expressed her condolences to the families of the Villaggio mall fire victims at the inauguration of a forum on the advancement of the Arabic language which, she said, requires exerting all efforts to overcome them and advance the language forward.

Moving on to address the opening session of the forum, HH Sheikha Moza underlined the challenges currently facing the Arabic language which, she said, requires exerting all efforts to overcome them and advance the language forward.

The revival of Arabic language is inseparable from the nation's revival as it is synonymous with the whole Arab world, which should be free in thought, economically strong, and politically independent, HH Sheikha Moza said.

She pointed out that budgets for research programmes in the Arab region were not up to 0.2 percent, in comparison with the two percent minimum in developed countries, adding that the expression of political commitment towards supporting the Arab language was insufficient on its own.

HH Sheikha Moza welcomed all official and academic Arab initiatives and their recommendations. She stressed the importance of taking Arabic language advancement programmes through linguistic development, turning it into a cognitive entity embedded in sustainable development and a language for the sciences capable of staying abreast with higher education outputs and scientific research.

HH Sheikha Moza called on researchers and participants at the forum to identify

ideas and procedural visions which contribute towards shifting the Arabic language from mere codification purposes and usage in archives and platforms, to a lively language always memorable with a bountiful cognitive presence, as well as one for applications in laboratories, plants, science and research.

HH Sheikha Moza identified language as that withstanding pillar among 'Language, Culture, and Identity', which destabilise as an entity on the collapse of one.

She said that it was unfair to describe Arabic language as old-fashioned "as if the language functions on its own regardless of our purposes and actions."

"The human being in essence is a language, fulfilling oneself while personifying authenticity, approximating ambitions and facing obstacles in line with protecting 'Language, Culture, and Identity', which vanish in his absence and appear in his presence", HH Sheikha Moza explained.

She said that it was unfair to describe Arabic language as old-fashioned "as if the language functions on its own regardless of our purposes and actions."

According to her, people forget that Arabic language is the object and that it is people who don't keep pace and are old-fashioned.

Her Highness highlighted the need to work on re-positioning the Arabic language and bringing it back to what it used to be hundreds of years ago; the language of science, literature and acculturation with other civilisations.

Kerala forum members to donate organs to HMC

SANTHOSH CHANDRAN
DOHA

MEMBERS of Nandi, a Kerala socio-cultural forum in Qatar, have decided to donate their healthy organs to the Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) after their death in Qatar.

Their consent in this regard will be handed over to HMC officials during the forum's first annual day on June 15. Indian Ambassador HE Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa will inaugurate the annual day event at Gulf Cinema.

HMC Medical Director Yousuf al Meslamani and Pharis Aboobacker, a busi-

nessman from Kerala, will be chief guests on the occasion.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, the convenor of the forum Basheer Puthiyakkal said, "Organ donation is not yet popular in this region. We hope our initiative will be an inspiration for other socio-cultural forums in Qatar."

The forum will on the occasion honour selected Kerala expatriate social workers from Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and the UAE.

The forum will also offer financial assistance for the purchase of an ambulance in their home village back in Kerala.



Kerala forum members at a press conference, in Doha, on Monday. (QT PHOTO)

Playback singers of Kerala Biju Narayan, Sindhu Premkumar, Kollam Shafi, Asif Kappad, Rijija and

Sheena will perform during the programme.

Fund generated at the event will be utilised to facilitate

future activities of the forum and take care of the welfare of its members.

Entry to the programme

will be controlled with tickets which are free of charge.

The press conference was attended by forum chairman

TP Rasheed, programme convenor Shihab Babu, PK Abdul Gafoor, Rashid and Sushal Kumar.