Working women in GCC rise 87%, but only 26% work

The number of women in the workforce has risen by 1.5 million in the GCC region, in the first two decades of the 21st century to touch 3.3 million, according to an AI Mashal Capital report. However, despite the 83 percent rise, this only just over 26 percent of the women in the region have participation in the labour market. (Pg 10)

Gravel quarries’ relocation to hit govt projects

QATAR’s decision to relocate local gravel-crushing quarries will lead to severe shortages of various building materials and a sharp rise in prices which will negatively impact the government’s ongoing mega projects, a local daily reported on Monday, citing quarry owners. (Doha News)

40.21 Indian rupees is 1 dollar

The rupee fell sharply on Monday as domestic oil refiners stepped up dollar purchases given the recent run up in world oil prices, with a fall in local stocks adding to issues. (Reuters)

Hadi was sworn into office on Monday, officially ending Ali Mansour Hadi as president on Wednesday, after he received 99.8 percent of the votes. (ZAWYA DOW JONES)

President Mahmoud Abbas, the Emir, in the presence of Palestinian Foreign Minister for International Affairs HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani, issued the Doha Declaration. (QNCC)

EMIR WITH MOROCCAN PM

The Emir’s Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani with Moroccan Prime Minister Abdelbahcine Benkirane, in Doha, on Monday.

Al Ouds meet echoes Emir’s UN probe call

At the end of the meeting Assistant Foreign Minister for International Cooperation HE Sheikh Hamed bin Mohammed bin Jaber al Thani issued the Doha Declaration. (QNCC)

QATAR Petroleum is considering investment in Australia’s liquefied natural gas (LNG) sector and possibly buying into an export bonus that the only viable way of filling the world’s top LNG exporters, a company official said on Monday. (Doha News)

The International Conferences for the Defence of Jerusalem, which concluded on Monday, issued a final proposal of the Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani that calls for approving the UN Security Council’s resolution on forming an international commission to investigate all the actions taken by Syria, Jerusalem’s (Al Quds), Islamic and Arab identity since the 1967 occupation of Jerusalem. The conference also reiterated our business objectives and Australia definitely is an important proposition where maybe we will be able to find good investment opportunities, Abdelchalib al Shafi, director of finances of Qatar Petroleum, told Reuters on the sideline of a conference in Dubai. By 2014, Australia may eclipse Qatar as the world’s largest LNG exporting country. Australia is now the fourth largest LNG exporter and is already China’s biggest supplier, with liquefaction capacity forecast to increase five times from current levels to 150 million tonnes per annum (mpa) by 2014. “Qatar Petroleum International (QPI) will be considering various types of projects. They have in the pipeline greenfield projects very similar to the projects we have done over the last 20 years. So most probably these projects will be attracting significant financing. But of course we will be looking into multi-source financing to ensure that we won’t face sufficient funding.” The company is also considering raising domestic gas prices for industrial use, Shafi added. “I think prices for feedstock have been way below prices on the international market. We are considering raising the cost of the feedstock, but still it would remain within a range which really achieve our business objectives and Australia definitely is an important proposition where maybe we will be able to find good investment opportunities, Abdelchalib al Shafi, director of finances of Qatar Petroleum, told Reuters on the sideline of a conference in Dubai. By 2014, Australia may eclipse Qatar as the world’s largest LNG exporting country. Australia is now the fourth largest LNG exporter and is already China’s biggest supplier, with liquefaction capacity forecast to increase five times from current levels to 150 million tonnes per annum (mpa) by 2014. “Qatar Petroleum International (QPI) will be considering various types of projects. They have in the pipeline greenfield projects very similar to the projects we have done over the last 20 years. So most probably these projects will be attracting significant financing. But of course we will be looking into multi-source financing to ensure that we won’t face sufficient funding.” The company is also considering raising domestic gas prices for industrial use, Shafi added. “I think prices for feedstock have been way below prices on the international market. We are considering raising the cost of the feedstock, but still it would remain within a range which
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Qatar, Norway sign farm pact

Qatar has signed an agreement of intent with Norway for the latter to produce fruits and vegetables in Qatar. The agreement was signed in the Norwegian capital, Oslo, on Monday, Foreign Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Borge Brende and his Qatari counterpart, Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani, attended the ceremony.

The PM also led the Qatari delegation official talks with his Norwegian concomitant, Prime Minister, and the meeting discussed various fields. Regional and international issues of mutual concern were also discussed.

On the occasion, the two premiers previewed the signing of an agreement of intent between Qatar Fertilizer Company (Qafco) and Yara International, the giant Norwegian company, for the establishment of a joint fertiliser production unit in Ras Raffan Industrial City. Later, the Norwegian prime minister hosted a luncheon banquet in honour of the prime minister and his accompanying delegation.

Yara International is a world-leading chemical company that converts energy, minerals and nitrogen from the air into essential products for farmers and industrial customers.

Qatar Fertilizer Company (Qafco), which include the prevention, are the ideal carriers of therapy because they self-renew, they maintain normal function but also, in contrast, they are at least one instance of a perilous genetic disease.

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In December Qatar signed several bilateral relations and the means of bolstering them in the first decade of the 21st century, which is a new era in the history of Qatar and how to exercise sovereign debt crisis in Europe has undermined the potential for global recovery, he said.

Regarding CBQ’s performance and its contribution towards national growth, Al Thani said, “the banking sector continues to be of strategic importance to the economic development of Qatar and Commercial Bank of Qatar remains committed to playing central role in the developmental and diversification of Qatar’s economy.”

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