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# Amir, Angola President hold talks; witness signing of pacts



Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and President of the Republic of Angola, Joao Manuel Lourenco, during an official reception ceremony accorded to the President at the Amiri Diwan yesterday. RIGHT: H H the Amir and Angola President witnessing the signing of an agreement. →P2

● **H H the Amir and the President of Angola witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the field of ports, agreements on the promotion and protection of mutual investments; economic, commercial and technical cooperation, and maritime transport.**

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Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the President of the Republic of Angola, Joao Manuel Lourenco, held official talks session at the Amiri Diwan yesterday.  
They discussed bilateral relations and ways of enhancing them in various fields, especially in energy, investment, and air and maritime transport. Also, the two sides discussed several issues of common concern.  
A number of Their Excellencies the ministers and the members of the official

delegation accompanying the President attended the talks. The President of Angola arrived at the Amiri Diwan earlier, where he was accorded an official reception ceremony.  
H H the Amir and the President of Angola also witnessed the signing of a number of agreements and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two countries at the Amiri Diwan this afternoon.  
They witnessed the signing of a protocol on political consultations, an agreement on the abolition of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and special

passports, and a maritime transport agreement.  
H H the Amir and the President of Angola also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the field of ports, an agreement on the promotion and protection of mutual investments, and an agreement on economic, commercial and technical cooperation.  
A number of Their Excellencies the Ministers, and the members of the official delegation accompanying the President attended the signing ceremony.  
H H the Amir hosted a luncheon banquet in honor of President of the Republic of Angola, Joao Manuel Lourenco, and his accompanying delegation at the Amiri Diwan. A number of Their Excellencies Ministers attended the banquet.

## Qatar Airways to launch direct flights to Luanda from March 29, 2020

THE PENINSULA/DOHA

Qatar Airways yesterday announced the launch of its new service to Luanda, Angola, from March 29, next year. The service, which operates up to five-times weekly to the capital and largest city of Angola will be operated by a Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft, featuring 22 seats in Business Class and 232 seats in Economy Class, and is the award-winning airline's first gateway to the African nation.  
Akbar Al Baker, Group Chief Executive, Qatar Airways, said: "We are excited to be announcing our new service to Luanda - the latest destination in our rapidly expanding African network connecting Luanda to key markets in the Far East, South East Asia and Europe. The new route to the coastal city of Luanda not only further solidifies the links between the State of Qatar and Angola, but will enable us to provide a seamless

journey to and from this fascinating country and one of the world's fastest growing economies. Qatar Airways is committed to growing our presence in Africa and adding to the 24 destinations in 17 countries we already offer".  
Perched on the Atlantic coastline, Luanda, offers pristine beaches, sweeping ocean vistas and insight into a rich heritage. This up-and-coming destination is set to become a favourite with travellers looking to combine natural beauty, history and culture with a vibrant urban experience.  
The national carrier for the State of Qatar has recently launched an array of exciting new destinations, including Rabat, Morocco; Izmir, Turkey; Malta; Davao, Philippines; Lisbon, Portugal; and Mogadishu, Somalia. The airline will add Langkawi, Malaysia, and Gaborone, Botswana, to its extensive route network in October 2019. →P2

## NHRC: Saudi trying to mislead public through false pretexts to justify violations

THE PENINSULA DOHA

The National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) yesterday described the statement issued by the Saudi authorities on Saturday as an attempt to mislead the public and provide false pretexts to justify abuses, sanctions and arbitrary unilateral measures, pointing out that the Saudi statement tried to claim that the Kingdom addressed the violations resulting from the blockade.  
In statement, NHRC said: "At a time when the National Human Rights Committee and international organizations were hoping that the Saudi authorities would resolve the humanitarian crisis, lift violations and compensate victims of the blockade, the Saudi authorities said in a statement carried by its (Saudi Press Agency SPA) on September 7, 2019, in which they attempted to mislead the public and provide false pretexts to justify violations, sanctions and arbitrary unilateral measures and also went on to claim that they addressed those violations resulting from the blockade."  
The NHRC noted that the Saudi authorities are making once again a failed attempt to deceive the public and the international community by giving misleading statistics and figures to cover up their violations against citizens and residents of the State of Qatar, warning that attempts to conceal facts would not work for the Saudi authorities and would not prevent them from being condemned and the demand for compensation for the victims and to stop violating their rights. →P3

## Decline in traffic accidents last year

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Despite a decline in traffic accidents in 2018 compared to 2017 by seven percent, over 50 percent of traffic deaths were among young aged between 20 to 39 years old.  
Also the total number of traffic fatalities last year was 168, among them 158 death cases were of males which represent 94 percent of total deaths and 10 were of females representing six percent, according to statistics released by the General Directorate of Traffic.  
Regarding the ages of people

died in the traffic accidents, the statistics point out that half of those who died in traffic accidents were between 20 and 39 years old, which represent 52.4 percent of the total number of road traffic deaths in 2018. The number of road traffic deaths for people aged above 50 years reached 16 death cases which represent 9.5 percent.  
The General Directorate of Traffic said that most of the accidents last year were minor without injuries which is around 97.2 percent of total accidents. The number of accidents that led to deaths decreased by 3.1 percent in

2018 compared to 2017.  
The number of fatalities recorded in 2017 was 159 which decreased by 5 percent in 2018 to reach 154. The Department pointed out that the reason for the decrease in the number of accidents deaths in 2018 is due to decrease in the number of pedestrian run-over deaths.  
The Department also plans to reduce traffic accidents more this year compared to 2018 and will double its efforts specially related to run-over accidents and pedestrians accidents. Among the Department's initiatives to

decrease pedestrian accident deaths include installing lights in dark places and speed humps and distributing reflective bracelets to pedestrians especially in the Industrial Area.  
In spite of all these efforts, the Department said there are many challenges before them like traffic awareness campaigns in different languages for expatriates of different nationalities, in addition to high number of new vehicles and the increase in the number of drivers and population as a result of comprehensive renaissance projects.

## Conference agrees to launch global index to measure extremism

QNA/DOHA

The first international conference on "studying the causes of extremism" concluded here yesterday, with participants agreeing to launch the index of measuring extremism leading to violence to make data on this phenomenon are available to researchers and policy makers.  
Organised by the Social and Economic Survey Research

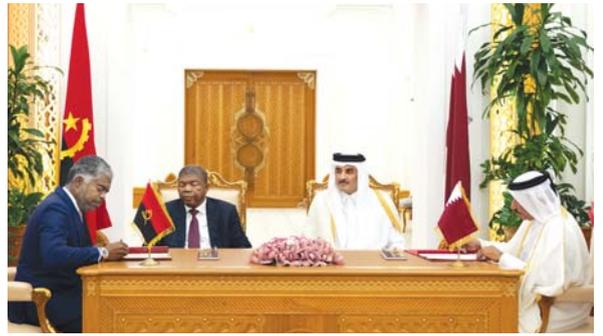
Institute (SESRI), the two-day conference witnessed the participation of several international experts, scientists, researchers and decision makers from 20 countries around the world, in addition to the participation of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate in the Security Council.  
The statement issued by the conference said that the participants from research institutes,

and research centers agreed to take steps towards the development and implementation of a global index of extremism that uses data collected from representative surveys to measure violent extremism in all countries and at different times.  
The statement included several recommendations, the most important of which is the need for member states to exchange research findings on

regional and national trends on extremism and violent extremism regularly.  
Participants condemned all forms and manifestations of extremism, regardless of its motives, stressing that violent extremism is one of the most serious challenges facing the world today and poses a great danger to the lives of many and young people in particular. →P2



Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the President of the Republic of Angola, Joao Manuel Lourenco, holding official talk session at the Amiri Diwan yesterday. RIGHT and BELOW: H H the Amir and the President of the Republic of Angola witnessing the signing of agreements and a memorandum of understanding between the two countries at the Amiri Diwan yesterday afternoon.



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They pointed out that violent extremism and terrorism are global challenges that are not limited to specific countries, ideologies or religions, stressing the importance of evidence-based policy and interventions in combating violent extremism.

The recommendations also emphasised the need for collaboration between researchers, academics and policy makers in disseminating knowledge and best practices related to violent extremism, concerning its drivers, risk factors, methods of monitoring and measurement within communities

as well as the means to address it.

The recommendations noted the importance of the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular the two resolutions, which required closer cooperation between the research community and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee and its executive management.

The Director of the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI), Dr. Hassan Al Sayed said that the agreement to launch an index to measure the level of international extremism issued by Qatar University is an important achievement for the conference.

The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute is seeking to launch a survey-based index in many countries to measure the phenomenon of violent extremism, he added.

In a press statement at the end of the conference, Dr. Hassan Al Sayed said that the indicator through scientific surveys will help to reach a mechanism through which everyone can measure any phenomenon, including the phenomenon of violent extremism, and reveal the reality of this phenomenon. He pointed out that the institutions and research institutes that participated in this conference will become partners in the index.

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The multi-award-winning airline was named 'World's Best Airline' by the 2019 World Airline Awards, managed by international air transport rating organisation Skytrax. It was also named 'Best Airline in the Middle

East', 'World's Best Business Class' and 'Best Business Class Seat', in recognition of its ground-breaking Business Class experience, Qsuite. Qatar Airways is the only airline to have been awarded the coveted "Skytrax Airline of the Year" title,

which is recognised as the pinnacle of excellence in the airline industry, five times. Qatar Airways currently operates a modern fleet of more than 250 aircraft via its hub, Hamad International Airport, to more than 160 destinations worldwide.

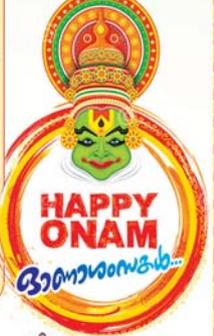
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