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Qatar bourse hits 69-month high, breaks 12,000-barrier

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THE Qatar All Share Index broke the 12,000-barrier on Sunday, reaching its highest level in 69 months.

The bourse ended the day's session at 12,098.46 points, gaining 0.96 percent or 114.6 points.

The market is witnessing a rally, thanks to improved investor sentiment on account of factors like the recent announcement of the largest-ever Budget and the forthcoming upgrade of Qatar from a frontier market to an emerging market by international index compiler MSCI.

Liquidity levels rose to QR 1.8 billion on Sunday, while 38.18 million shares changed hands. The index is expected to

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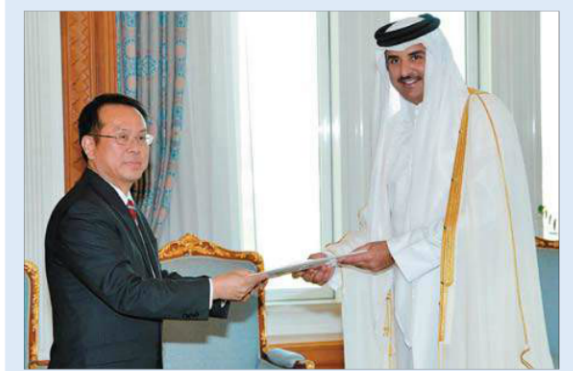
continue its upward movement in the near term. The Qatar index had broken the 11,000 mark in January this year and since then has added about 1,000 points.

The banking and financial sector index was up 0.39 points while consumer goods and services sector rose 3.79 points. The industrial sector gained 0.72 points and insurance sector added 3.17 points.

Among the top gainers were Vodafone Qatar which rose 8.58 percent, Almeera 5.49 percent, Qatar Insurance 4.48 percent, Salam International 3.85 percent and Doha Bank 1 percent. Qatar is due for an MSCI upgrade by the end of May when it will be categorised as an emerging market. The last few weeks have seen an inflow of foreign funds to the tune of over \$800 million. The exchange is expected to receive flows of active funds once the market status is upgraded.

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EMIR MEETS THAI AMBASSADOR



The Emir His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani receives the credentials of newly-appointed ambassador of Thailand to Qatar, HE Piroon Laismit, in Doha, on Sunday.

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National service plan takes off with 500 cadets in 1st batch

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THE first session of the National Service Programme (College Candidates) being attended by 500 recruits was celebrated on Sunday in the presence of Minister of State for Defence HE Major General Hamad bin Ali Al Attiyah and a number of senior officials of the Qatari Armed Forces.

In his speech, the minister described the national service programme as a major national project in which the Emir His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has craved a lot of interest. Attiyah said that there will be a special camp project which includes two categories, university and secondary school students. Qatar, he added, is a small country and the population of Qatar is small. "Therefore, everyone must contribute to the defence of the homeland in case of an emergency," he said. Brigadier Mohammed Mifser Al Ayadi, Commander of Student Training Center at the Ministry of



Minister of State for Defence HE Major General Hamad bin Ali Al Attiyah meets recruits of the first batch of the National Service Programme, in Doha, on Sunday.

Defence, urged students to take advantage of the programme and commit themselves to following the military discipline. He said the daily sessions include sports activities and military training, besides lectures.

The response to the programme has exceeded expectations, he said, noting that the recruits will be among the reserves of the armed forces.

He added that work is on to construct permanent training camps for the upcoming batches which will cater to a larger number of participants. The camps will be an integrated youth programme combining education, training and recreation.

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Some eateries stopped from cooking on open gas flame

WALID SLAIBY
DOHA

SEVERAL restaurants located inside different malls in the country have been stopped from cooking on apparent gas flame as part of what appears to be a campaign to enhance safety standards at restaurants.

Inside Hyatt Plaza, one restaurant has been totally closed and two others partially since Friday.

The restaurant ordered to completely cease operations specialises in cooking and serving mainly pasta on gas stoves with open flames too close to customers for comfort. This seems to be the reason prompting its complete closure by the authorities.

A worker of the restaurant said that municipality officials came on Friday and closed the restaurant, though no official notice to this effect can be seen at the closed restaurant. However, a paper pasted on the restaurant says: "Valuable customers, we regret to inform you that the restaurant is temporarily closed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will be in operation as soon as possible."

Asked for a possible reason, the worker said, "We have been ordered to close

perhaps because of our high dependence on gas for cooking." "The management is working to bring the gas system of the restaurant in conformity with the safety standards as soon as possible," he added.

Other near-by restaurants in Hyatt Plaza mall were seen operating normally with gas stoves though without apparent flames.

The manager of a near-by Arabian restaurant said that they are cooking on gas and most of the restaurants open here are cooking on gas.

"It is impossible to cook most of our food items without using gas, especially rice," he said.

The shawarma and coal-barbecue sections at a near-by Arabian restaurant in Hyatt Plaza were closed due to its inadequate exhaust system. The other sections of the restaurant are, however, working normally serving Arabic food.

An Asian restaurant in Hyatt Plaza has stopped offering a few items of food that must be cooked on gas such as rice, said a customer. In the nearby Villaggio mall, all the restaurants were seen working normally on Sunday night. Several workers said that they didn't get any notice regarding safety conditions.



A notice posted by the management announcing closure of a restaurant at Hyatt Plaza, in Doha, on Sunday.

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Pro-Russians storm govt seat in eastern Ukraine

DONETSK About 50 protesters chanting "Donetsk is a Russian city!" broke through police lines on Sunday and stormed inside the main administration building of the eastern Ukrainian city.

The activists moved away from a crowd of about 2,000 rallying on the main city square and threw firecrackers at police surrounding the government seat before raising the Russian flag above the 11-storey building. A reporter at the scene said security officers pulled a crowd away from the building but did not use force against the activists. The action began earlier in the day with calls for Donetsk - a heavily Russified industrial city of one million people that has witnessed weeks of similar Sunday rallies - to stage an independence referendum like the one that led to Crimea's annexation by Russia last month. (AFP) PAGE 9 >

Netanyahu vows actions after Palestinian move

JERUSALEM Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed retaliatory measures on Sunday after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas made unilateral moves towards statehood.

Netanyahu did not immediately specify the action he would take and said Israel remained willing to press on with US-brokered peace talks, but not "at any price". On Tuesday, Abbas signed 15 international treaties, including the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war and occupations. Palestinians said the step was a response to Israel's failure to fulfil its pledge to free some two dozen Palestinian prisoners.

Israel said it first wanted a Palestinian commitment to keep talks going beyond the end of the month. "Unilateral steps on their part will be answered with unilateral steps on our side," Netanyahu said. (REUTERS) PAGE 16 >

GLORY FOR HAMILTON



Mercedes AMG Petronas driver Lewis Hamilton celebrates on the podium after winning the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix at the Sakhir circuit, in Manama, on Sunday. (AP) PAGE 33 >

Edward Dolman quits as QMA acting CEO

DOHA The Qatar Museums Authority (QMA) acting CEO Edward Dolman, will not be renewing his contract with the QMA. This was announced by the QMA on Sunday. Dolman has decided to return to London and New York. He joined the QMA three years ago as Executive Director of the Chairperson's Office and later assumed the role of acting CEO. During his tenure, he oversaw the opening of several renowned exhibitions and delivered the QMA's ten-year strategic plan. He will be continuing his association with the QMA as a member of its International Advisory Board. He said he felt privileged to have worked alongside talented colleagues under the leadership of Her Excellency Sheikha al Mayassa Sheikha Mayassa, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of QMA, thanked Dolman for the progress made at QMA during his tenure. (TIM) PAGE 2 >