H E the Prime Minister was briefed on the various educational equipment and health preparations made for the new academic year in light of the pandemic.

H E the Prime Minister also attended a part of the lessons and exchanged discussions with students about their study experience.

H E the Prime Minister praised the efforts of the education sector to continue distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and to utilize the technological progress in this field.

Ministry acts against imported nut bars due to possible contamination

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QFFD signs $50m contribution pact with Global Fund

The Global Fund’s long-standing commitment to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria will continue until 2023. Qatar has pledged $50m towards the Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment. This commitment will help the Global Fund to achieve Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

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Taking action under the ongoing national campaign, the Joint Committee for Removing Abandoned Vehicles at the Ministry of Municipality and Environment has removed 6,500 abandoned vehicles from different areas in the country. The campaign reached Al Daayen Municipality yesterday where the Joint Committee identified over 120 abandoned vehicles to be removed during the drive.

The campaign is moving from one municipality to another to remove abandoned vehicles that hinder cleaning operations, development works and protect health and environment.

“The Committee in cooperation with General Monitoring Section of Al Daayen Municipality spotted over 120 abandoned vehicles at a number of places across the municipality,” said Mazrooj Midhat Al Mousafer, Assistant Director of Mechanical Department and a member of the committee while launching the campaign yesterday. He said that the campaign will continue until the removal of all abandoned vehicles. The campaign was launched in July, and since then, it has reached Al Daayen Municipality, said Al Mousafer.

He said that since the beginning of the campaign in July, over 2,000 abandoned vehicles have been removed. The General Monitoring Section of Al Daayen Municipality identified large numbers of abandoned vehicles in several areas. He said that since the job is done there, the team will move to other areas until all abandoned vehicles are removed. "Large number of people were educated about the importance of abandoned vehicles under the campaign," he said. Many owners removed their abandoned vehicles responding to the drive." said Al Humaidi.

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The inspectors of joint committee patrol and warn citizens about the damage caused by abandoned vehicles.

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PM visits schools to inspect health safety arrangements

Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, H E Sheikh Khalid bin Khalfa bin Abdullah Al Thani, visited several schools yesterday to inspect the preventive and precautionary measures in place to safeguard the students, teachers, and staff from coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Qatar attends ministerial session of Arab Economic and Social Council

The State of Qatar participated in the 106th session of the Economic and Social Council at the ministerial level, which began yesterday at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Arab League, in the presence of the Arab ministers of economic, trade, and finance.

Minister of Finance, H E Ali Sherief Al Emadi, represented the State of Qatar in the session, which was held via videoconferencing.

The minister discussed several topics presented to members of the Economic and Social Council, foremost of which are the economic and social issues of the Arab League at the level of the next Arab summit, support for the Palestinian economy, the 2020 unified Arab economic report, and the unified Arab Leahs report of the joint annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for 2020.

The minister will inform the council about the reports and decisions of ministerial councils and specialised Arab committees.

In a statement before the meeting, Head of the Social Affairs sector at the Arab League, Ambassador Hafsa Al-Sabah, highlighted the agenda presented to the ministers, which is focused on the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the High-level Political Forum (HLPF), and the 2020 Economic, Social, and Cultural Report.

The council member H E Khalifa bin Al Ali Al Hetmi, represented the State of Qatar at the webinar.

Qatar Embassy delivers medical aid to the Kingdom of Eswatini

The Embassy of the State of Qatar in the Kingdom of Eswatini delivered medical aid and materials from Qatar Charity (QF) to support Eswatini’s efforts to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

The delivery of the aid was attended by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Eswatini, H E Thuli Dladla; and third secretary at the Embassy, Abdullah Abbas Ahmed Ali.

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Qatar keen on strengthening ties with Greece: Envoy

Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Hellenic Republic, H.E Abdulaziz Ali Al Nuama, has underlined that the State of Qatar has great interest to invest in Greece, noting that the relations between Qatar and Greece are developing continuously.

In an interview with the Greek newspaper Ta Nea, the Ambassador said that Qatar will provide a rich and unlimited spectrum of football for the 2022 World Cup, which will be a gateway to learn about Qatar and its teens.

The Ambassador highlighted the developing relations between Qatar and Greece to the light of the meetings between officials in both countries and the exchange of high-level officials.

It is stated that the State of Qatar is keen on strengthening bilateral relations with Greece, given the long-term aim of reducing the impact for education and training of nationals, and to ensure everyone's right to education and quality education.

The WorldHelp platform aims to support the education sector and protect students from violence. The platform is funded by His Excellency Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Qatar Charity, which has supported projects for the 2022 World Cup, and has provided support for the Education City Stadium, the third stadium of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which apart from hosting the opening match for the FIFA World Cup, it seeks to prove to the world that the Arab world has the ability to organise such huge global events.

QF’s Quranic Botanic Garden launches gardening helpline

The Quranic Botanic Garden (QBG) has launched a free-of-charge ‘Home Garden Helpline’ service, which enables any member of the public, locally or internationally, to handily address, on a 24/7 basis, queries from anywhere in Qatar. The service can be called by the helpline at 5001 8191 every Monday from 1 to 12:30pm, and every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

The QBG ‘Home Garden Helpline’ is suitable for season gardeners, as well as for those with experience in the field, as well as for those interested in taking up gardening as a hobby. To date, the service has generated a significant amount of interest among audiences in Qatar’s ‘green’ sector and helped manyikit (their garden enthusiasts), as well as improve the quality and quantity of Qatar’s green yields. In addition to the positive impact that gardening has on the environment and the community, it makes it easier to feed a location, as it also has a positive effect on the fight against climate change.

Director QBG, Dr. Mohiy, one of the beneficiaries of the telephone line service, said: “Qatar’s young population, especially those who are already facing a hard time, is expected to receive a prompt response by the garden helpline. It is so much easier to work towards reimagining and rehabilitating an education platform that is innovative and resilient, with protection and account-ability as a cornerstone.”

QRCs preparing $50,000 relief plan for flood-affected families in Sudan

Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) is working with the Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) on a relief proposal with an initial budget of $50,000 to provide non-food items (NFIs) for the flood-affected families in Sudan.

Under the scheme, many tarps, blankets, mattresses, palm, mosquito nets, mats, anti-mosquito, and will be urgently supplied. Also awareness sessions will be held to inform the public about health safety precautions.

Around 350 worst-affected families will receive prompt assistance as a matter of urgency. Heavy rains and flash floods since the end of June have affected over 300,000 people and killed nearly 50 across 12 states in Sudan according to preliminary data from the Government, Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC). The continuous flood and flooding are causing damage to houses, schools, water points, and other critical infrastructure with a notable Darfur, South and West Darfur, White Nile, and Blue Nile states affected the hardest hit.

More than 37,000 homes have been destroyed, forcing most of the families affected to seek shelter with relatives and host communities.

Another 35,000 houses, 34 schools, and 2,475 health facilities have been damaged, according to HAC. Food supplies might have been further compromised, as approximately 1.5 million people have died, and thousands of animals have been lost or will not be able to be irrigated.

In the White Nile State, major residential areas, such as the White Nile, have been flooded by the rise of flash floods on the White Nile. However, over 350,000 people remain exposed to flash floods across the state.
South African healthcare workers protest, threaten strike
Despair not of divine mercy

The Quranic meaning of Iman

According to the Quran, Iman is conviction which is based on reason and knowledge; a conviction that results from full mental acceptance and intellectual satisfaction; the kind of conviction that gives one a firm belief in the existence of God and peace. And a Mu'min is one who accepts truth in such a way that it is impossible to reason, to rely upon or have confidence in anything else.

The Importance of Iman

The Quranic meaning of Iman is addressed: Surat Al Furqan. The Prophet (PBUH) tells us, not only lives degradation of man when he does not use reason. (8:22) Man has been granted data supplied by the senses into consideration. Man has been granted an art of living. This is because Allah (subhanahu wa ta'ala) once said: I am not to be followed blindly. The Believers (Mu'minin) according to the Quran are: those who do not use reason are called worse than animals by Allah. The revelation says that even His revelations are not second nature to us; only we can be taught by the revelation. The following commands are given in the Quran, so that Iman can come not by the renunciation of matter but by proper adjustment of man's relations to these forces in view of the illumination of spirit, the guidance of the Qur'aan, and the teaching of the Sunnah (the life and sayings of the Prophet (PBUH)).

Characteristics of Iman

Iman is one of the noblest and most honoured keys of Persia. I swear by God that I am calling [you all] to be firm in the Faith. I and they who follow me.” (Quran, 2:253). According to the Quran, Iman is not a form of force or coercion but rather it is a means to an end.

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Almost 84,000 virus cases in a single day spark fear in India

India yesterday witnessed another single-day spike of 30,803 new COVID-19 cases, sending fear that the South Asian nation may soon become the worst-hit country in the world. According to an update issued by the country’s Health Ministry, the nation has now a total of 6,85 million positive cases with 1,043 more deaths reported in the last 24 hours. The country has recorded a total of 67,376 coronavirus-related deaths.

With the number of COVID-19 cases steadily increasing each day, India is approaching the number of cases in which both Brazil and US are currently ranked second in the world.

The government figures also said that 200 million people have now been vaccinated against the virus so far. Health experts in India said the situation is very critical across the peak in the country.

I believe the peak of the epidemic in India is in the coming days. “Before the end of the week, we will witness in the coming days. The government figures yesterday revealed recoveries were at 2.36 million cases in India compared to 9.9 million. Experts believed by the end of September India may even surpass the US – currently the largest affected country in the world.

but that rescue work is not complete yet. The long-persecuted Rohingya are now being put on a Facebook list of “dangerous individuals”. But around 600,000 more Rohingya remain in a Myanmar, where in what Amnesty International describe as “apartheid” conditions. Kyaukgyi is one of many camps in western Myanmar where nearly 30 houses were burned down and by the end of September, there is a misconception amongst people that the worst is over,” he said. “It’s an intentional attempt to discredit the government and hate from having a presence on our platform,” a Facebook spokesman said. An “emergency” process was followed in making the decision to block Raji, the spokesman added.

Rahi, who made headlines for reportedly saying that Muslim Rohingyas should be considered illegal immigrants in Bangladesh, is now being put on a Facebook list of “dangerous individuals”. People throw stones during clashes with the police after authorities tried to halt the annual Buddhist festival in violence in 2012.

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The Afghan government said yesterday it had released 400 Taliban prisoners as part of a prisoner exchange deal with the militia, despite a "few" cases of violence by Taliban prisoners against Afghan civilians, a government official said.

The countries of the Islamic republic are now in full preparations to attend the "direct talks to start." The Afghan officials said that a "few" of the Taliban prisoners were among those freed.

Parliament approved the exchange deal between the US and the Taliban, which sought to bring the last 5,000 militiamen to the peace table yesterday. The Taliban have said they were willing to begin negotiations "within a week" of the prisoner swap being completed and blamed Kabul for delaying the negotiations.

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But 10 years ago, Syria was plunged into conflict, and the Bedouin were forced to flee their homes. As a result, Syria's nomadic pastoral population declined, from 13 percent of the total population in 1990 to 5 percent in 2020. More than 1.2 million people were displaced from their homes, with the majority living in camps and host communities. This has had a profound impact on the Bedouin way of life.

Traditionally, Bedouin herders have a deep connection with their land and animals, and they depend on the resources of the environment for their livelihood. The conflict between tribes, and settled societies for land, has affected Bedouin herders living there and made it harder for herders to keep their animals healthy and productive. Many have been forced to sell or trade their livestock, and the Bedouin way of life is under threat.

Syrians gather for a demonstration by the ruins of a building, in the town of Ariha in northwestern Idlib province.

The Syrian civil war is threatening an ancient way of life in Syria.

Abdel Rahman Al Shami, a Bedouin, from the Omran tribe, speaks about his family during an interview at an emergency shelter for internally displaced persons in Idlib, Syria. The family of Al Shami, who is a Bedouin from the Omran tribe, was forced to flee their home in Idlib due to the conflict. They are now living in an emergency shelter provided by the Syrian Red Crescent. The family has been living in the shelter for over a year. They are trying to find a way to continue their traditional livelihoods and culture.

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However, the conflict between tribes and nomadic pastoralists in Syria has led to a dramatic decrease in the number of Bedouin herders. In some cases, the nomadic herders have been besieged by groups of pro-government forces and ISIL (ISIS). This has resulted in the loss of livestock and the displacement of many people.

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However, there are some efforts to help Bedouin herders. For example, in 2018, the Syrian regime began to reduce pressure on Bedouin herders. This led to an increase in the number of Bedouin herders and an improvement in their livelihoods. In some cases, the Bedouin herders have been able to return to their homes and resume their traditional way of life.

However, the conflict continues and the Bedouin still face many challenges. They are at risk of losing their land and animals, and the risk of violence and displacement remains high. The Bedouin way of life is under threat, and it is important to support their efforts to continue their traditional livelihoods and culture.
Tycoon acquitted in Slovak journalist’s murder case

Prime Minister Igor Matovic said on Facebook: “It seems that the apparent plotters of murder want to escape the claves of justice... Let’s hope that justice awaits them both.”

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The US State Department imposed sanctions against nine entities on Tuesday.

The US president has made it a priority to reduce Iran’s ability to sell oil on international markets.

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Three Venezuelan nationals have been arrested in Colombia.

The arrests come amidst rising tensions between Colombia and Venezuela.

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Hurricane Nana made landfall in Belize, bringing heavy rains and winds to the country.

Nana is expected to continue moving northwards, affecting other parts of the region.

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Donald Trump said that it is illegal to vote twice.

The former president has repeatedly claimed that it is impossible to vote twice.

The current president has not commented on the issue.

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**EU finance ministers will discuss in Berlin next week the implementation of a C$40bn recovery package and how to grow the bloc’s economy to pay back joint debt. German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz (pictured) said yesterday. European Union leaders in July clinched an historic deal on a massive debt-financed stimulus plan for their coronavirus-hit economies, but they left open details on how quickly the funds would flow and how the bloc would repay the borrowed money.

Speaking at an event of the Bruegel Institute via video-link, Scholz said Germany, which currently holds the rotating presidency of the 27-nation EU, wanted to finish the process of setting up the recovery plan and clear the EU’s long-term budget.

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The market share of electric cars in Europe has increased during and immediately after the worst of the pandemic, according to figures presented for the April-June quarter of 2020 to help the sale of vehicles of all types plunged during the second quarter. The new figures come as automakers ramp up electric car production under pressure to meet new limits on carbon dioxide emissions that come into force next year.

The share of chargeable cars rose to 7.2 percent in the April-June quarter from 6.8 percent in the first quarter, according to figures from the European Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk on his white Tesla car tours the construction site of the future US electric car plant, Tesla, yesterday in Grünheide near Berlin. Tesla builds a component at the site in Grünheide near Berlin, which it calls “Gigafactory Berlin.”

The share of chargeable cars is expected to rise further as more people return to work and governments recover from the historic coronavirus slump.

Fifty-seven percent of working adults traveled to work between August 26 and August 30, up from 47 percent two weeks earlier and 33 percent in May, according to the US Census Bureau’s American Community Survey. Those working exclusively from home slipped to 23 percent from 27 percent for the Office for National Statistics said. That was a fall of 40 percent in June.

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Amazon said it will add "7,000 permanent roles by the end of 2020 across more than 50 sites throughout the UK involving a diverse range of good jobs from operations management and IT, to customer service, logistics, and human resources." The new roles will help to continue to meet customer demand and support small and medium-sized businesses selling on Amazon, it added.

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Amazon said the new permanent jobs will be in addition to the 1,000 new permanent UK roles it created this year and will help to create more than 20,000 seasonal positions across the country ahead of the festive period.

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**US Open: Djokovic through as Pliskova crashes out**

*Reuters – New York*

Novak Djokovic overcame an early scare to move into the third round of the US Open on Wednesday but top-seeded compatriot Karolina Pliskova crashed out in the tournament’s first shock.

Djokovic, who had missed the US Open in 2019, was under pressure from an in-form Pliskova after dropping the first set 7-5 and then losing a 4-1 lead early in the tie-break. But the No. 2 seed put four straight games together to take the second set 6-3 and seal a 6-5 6-3 victory.

**Nets hire Hall of Famer Nash as head coach**

*AFP – New York*

Two-time NBA Most Valuable Player Steve Nash was named coach of the Brooklyn Nets yesterday, taking charge of a struggling All-Star team for the 2022-23 season.

Nash, who finished second in the final coach vote last year, was chosen after several names were linked to the Nets job in the past few weeks, including LA Clippers coach Tyronn Lue and former Miami Heat coach Erik Spoelstra.

**Retiring Pironkova stuns Muguruza**

*Agencies – New York*

Spartan Itho-seed Garbine Muguruza was handed out of the US Open on Wednesday, losing in straight sets to the unseeded Tereza Pironkova.

Pironkova, who made a comeback to tennis three years after a health scare following the birth of her son, stunned two-time Grand Slam singles-winner Muguruza 7-5, 6-3 in the 23rd round.

**Braves beat Red Sox 7-5 to complete sweep**

*AP – Boston*

The visiting Atlanta Braves got a three-home run performance for the second straight night, this time by Adam Duvall in a 7-5 win over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday.

The result gave Atlanta a three-game sweep of Boston for the first time this season.

Duvall matched the three-home run performance by Marcell Ozuna on Friday when he became the first National League player to hit three home runs in a game at Fenway Park. Duvall and Ozuna became the first pair of Atlanta players with three-plus home games in the same season since Bob Horner and Kent Ginter did so in 1986.

**Naomi Osaka receives emoji advice from mother**

*Reuters – New York*

Naomi Osaka received plenty of encouragement and advice from her mother after her second-round victory at the US Open on Wednesday, although it came in the form of emojis printed on a sheet of paper.

Shortly after defeating Camila Giorgi 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 on Wednesday, Osaka’s mother, Shizuka, sent the 23-year-old a widely shared emoji message that appeared to be a series of mugs.

**Muguruza comments on discrimination**

*Reuters – New York*

Defending US Open champion Naomi Osaka said she had seven different masks with her at the tournament after a remarkable collapse.

The 23-time Grand Slam singles-winner retired from her first-round match against unseeded Russian Varvara Gracheva 7-5, 6-1, 6-1, saying she needed a break.

“After a match I usually then go to the practice court. That day I didn’t,” Osaka said at a news conference on Wednesday.

**Elijah McClain case: Colorado deals with an injustice**

*Reuters – New York*

The 23-year-old Black man who died after a violent encounter with Aurora, Colorado, police officers in 2019 was remembered in a protest to the US Open.

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**QFA, SC and Concacaf announce new partnership**

With just over two years to go until the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, the Qatar Football Association (QFA) and the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) have formed a new strategic partnership with Concacaf, the governing body for football in North America, Central America and the Caribbean.

The partnership will see the QFA, SC as an important role in all levels of football and sport across the Concacaf region and help deliver long-term football development programs across the region. The partnership includes Qatar’s participation as a guest nation in the region’s top football competition, the Conifa Gold Cup, in both 2020 and 2023. The reigning AFC Asian Cup champions will make their Conifa Gold Cup debut in July of next year, and the QFA, SC as a guest nation at the Copa America South America’s top football competition, next year.

Al Rayyan’s recent appearance marks another important football development milestone on the road to Qatar 2022, and will help further prepare the team ahead of their first match as host nation on November 23, 2022. The partnership also includes increased investment in the region’s football for development initiatives through Conifa’s flagship human and social legacy program, Generation Amazing, and the Conifa NextGen Programme. In particular, the partnership will have a significant focus on community coaching development, which will benefit thousands of young people across the region, and help ensure a lasting human legacy for the 2022 World Cup.

The Conifa Gold Cup is a prestigious tournament and we view Qatar’s historic participation in the competition as the first step in our development plans and we see the opportunity to present Qatar’s development plans and we see the opportunity to present Qatar’s participation in the tournament next year places it 17 months before the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 kicks off, so it will be a great opportunity to help further prepare the national team ahead of their opening World Cup match on 21 November 2022. Winning the 2019 AFC Asian Cup marked an important milestone in our development plans, and we are thrilled to host the Conifa Gold Cup confident that we can compete with Conifa’s best teams. We look forward to the competition.”

AC Secretary-General, Hassan Al Thawadi commented on the long-term football development partnership between the SC’s Generation Amazing Programmes and Conifa’s NextGen Programmes: “Generation Amazing uses the power of football to create sustainable social development in communities around the world. Since it was launched as part of Qatar’s bid to host the World Cup, it has positively impacted the lives of more than 500,000 people around the world. Looking to the future and the expansion of this important legacy project, we are excited to announce this strategic partnership with the Conifa’s own football for development programmes, to ensure the growth of both initiatives and deliver a greater impact on the lives of even more people, in even more countries. Most importantly, this partnership will help ensure a sustainable football tournament legacy in North America, Central America and the Caribbean, well after the last ball is kicked in 2022.”

Al Thawadi added. “From a footballing perspective, we’ll be great to see our national team take on some of the world’s best teams when they meet the 2022 edition of the Conifa Gold Cup, ahead of their historic participation on home turf at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.”

As hosts of the next World Cup, the collaboration will also provide multiple knowledge sharing opportunities between the organizing bodies of Qatar 2022 and the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which will take place in the Concacaf region.

Conifa President and FIFA Vice-President, Prince Hamza bin Al Saud, commented on the QFA’s national team invitation to play in the 2020 and 2023 Conifa Gold Cup competitions. “In 2017 we entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Asian Football Confederation which has been mutually beneficial for both regions, and paved the way for this important agreement between Conifa, the Qatar Football Association and the Supreme Committee. The Qatar National Team will be a guest participant in the Conifa Gold Cup flag football men’s international competition next year. We look forward to welcoming them and we are sure that our reigning AFC Asian Cup Champions they will provide true opposition for our national teams. This innovative partnership with the QFA and the SC includes a significant football development and social responsibility component, offering huge benefits to the game across the Concacaf region.”

**Five-star Al Sadd off to a flying start at brand new Education City Stadium**

Spanish star Saulo Carvalho spearheaded Al Sadd’s dominance show with a brace as the Wolves defeated newly promoted Al Kharaitiyat 5-1 at the brand new Education City Stadium in the opening day of the new QNB Stars League (QSL) yesterday.

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Al Rayyan’s best chance in the first half saw to Abdullatif Haakim in the 18th minute but it was saved by Al Sadd’s Yacine Brahimi.

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