

S'hail showcases Qatar's heritage



Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani viewing various exhibits of falcons and hunting equipment and accessories during a visit to S'hail 2019, yesterday.



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S'hail 2019 was able to book for itself a distinct and leading position in the map of international and international exhibitions specialised in hunting and falcons.

The exhibition was characterised by local, Arab and international participation. The number of pavilions participating in the exhibition reached over 140 pavilions, representing major local companies.

Qatar, Kuwait, Britain and Spain topped the participating countries, represented by a large number of pavilions, providing options and exhibitions that contributed significantly to meet the aspirations and needs of visitors and enable them to discover the latest equipment, weapons and services provided in fishing.

It reflected the cultural, heritage and economic importance of the exhibition, and was able to meet the hopes of exhibitors and visitors to see what is new and innovative in the world of hunting, falcons and trips, highlighting the inherent values of Qatar, and all crafts, arts and sports associated with it. The third edition of S'hail was marked by the addition of the electronic auction, which held a large platform in the heart of the exhibition showcased by 18 birds of the best and most beautiful types of falcons, and was bidding open throughout the days of the exhibition from 9am to 10pm, allowed everyone to participate from through a special code for each participant to write the price.

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Amir sends congratulations to President of Brazil

DOHA: Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Deputy Amir H H Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Thani and Prime Minister and Interior Minister H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani sent yesterday cables of congratulations to the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro, on the occasion of his country's Independence Day. QNA

Qatar strongly condemns bombing in northern Iraq

DOHA: The State of Qatar has strongly condemned the bombing in northern Iraq, causing deaths and injuries. In a statement issued yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated the State of Qatar's firm stance rejecting violence and terrorism, whatever the motives and causes. The statement expressed the State of Qatar's condolences to the families of the victims and the government and people of Iraq, wishing the injured a speedy recovery. QNA

NCTC Chairman underscores Qatar's leading role in countering extremism

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The Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, Michele Coninx, said that research centres and related institutions should study the motives of extremism in some people, and study these cases in-depth, to reach results that will help to take preventive action in this regard. She added that there is certainly no single cause for extremism, therefore there are no single measures to counter it, as the motives are different, so the actions must be different.

Former assistant secretary for the Private Sector at the US Department of Homeland Security, Douglas Andrew Smith, stressed the importance of adopting scientific mechanisms to understand the current situation and derive results. He said that this field is open for academics to contribute to the diagnosis and analysis of the phenomenon of extremism.

Senior Director of the National Security Studies Research Group at Royal United Services Institute, Andrew Glazzard, called for the inclusion of countering extremism in the general policy of any country in the world.

HBKU Press and Art Omi to sponsor Arabic writer for residency program

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For the very first time, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press (Doha, Qatar) has partnered with Art Omi in New York to sponsor one aspiring Arabic writer to participate in the 2020 Art Omi Writers' Residency Program.

This annual residency provides writers with the space and time away from daily pressures to create, and to bring experts in the field to dialogue with the residents.

The retreat is held over four weeks in either the spring or fall seasons at the Art Omi residences located in Ghent, New York, on a 300 acres of rolling farmland with spectacular views of the Catskills and the Hudson River Valley.

"HBKU Press is committed to serving the wider community by sponsoring opportunities like the 2020 Art Omi Writers' Residency Program that allow

for the exposure of local literary voices on a global stage," said Rima Ismail, Outreach and Special Project Manager at HBKU Press.

"This inaugural event reflects the spirit of cultural exchange that is essential to both HBKU Press's and Art Omi's mission." Residents are encouraged to select one writing piece to focus on during the



residency. Daytime is reserved for writing and quiet activities, while evenings are more communal. Noted editors, agents and book scouts are invited to share dinner and conversation on both creative and practical subjects, offering insight into the workings of the publishing industry, and introductions to some of its key professionals.

"Art Omi is thrilled to be working with HBKU Press to bring an Arab writer to our beautiful campus in the Hudson Valley," said DW Gibson, Director of Art Omi: Writers. "With our primary goal of supporting the work of writers working outside the U.S. this partnership helps us ensure that we will be able to include this important region of the world in our international cohort. HBKU Press is the ideal partner for helping us identify some of the most exciting writers and we look forward to welcoming them to New York and promoting their work in the U.S." "This may very well be

once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to writers in Qatar and the Middle East," said Ismail. "Not only are all of the living expenses for the selected resident covered for a month, but the chosen resident will receive invaluable guidance and feedback on their work from noted American publishing industry professionals."

HBKU Press has opened its application for the residency programme online on its website. This opportunity is open to all writers, though preference is given to mid-career writers.

Applicants must have an intermediate grasp of the English language as the residency and its workshops are all in English. A full application package includes the application (found on hbku.press.com), statement of purpose (1000 words), and a CV to be submitted in English; and a writing sample (5000 words) that can be in Arabic. Only completed applications emailed to hbkupcomms@hbku.edu.qa will be considered.

Conference on studying causes of extremism begins

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The international conference on studying the causes of extremism kicked off here yesterday, organised by the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University.

The two-day conference gathers international experts, scientists and decision-makers from a number of countries around the world.

The conferences agenda includes five sessions, which are going to be on the role of evidence-based policy in combating extremism, assessing risk factors for this phenomenon, ways to control and combat it, processes of extremism and flexibility, with new approaches to measuring extremism and intolerance.

The organisers said that the

conference is the first-of-its-kind in the Middle East and is part of Qatar's ongoing efforts to strengthen the fight against terrorism in bilateral and multi-lateral forums.

Dr. Hassan Rashid Al Derham, President of Qatar University, said in a speech at the beginning of the conference that experts will discuss over two days the factors and risks of extremism and the mechanisms to address this phenomenon as well as assessment of the international efforts to monitor and combat radicalism and violent extremism, noting that these scientific events are in line with the continuous efforts exerted by the State of Qatar to promote progress in combating extremism and terrorism in various international forums.

He said that the conference is a platform for launching an

important new research project by the Institute of Social and Economic Survey Research in partnership with a number of research centres and distinguished policy institutes around the world to develop an international index to measure the level of extremism leading to violence and study its determinants and track them over time and space, with a view to having access to international data on the phenomenon to be available to researchers and policy makers.

Addressing the opening session also, Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al Ansari, Chairman of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, underscored the importance of this conference and its role in enhancing the State of Qatar's efforts in confronting terrorism. This indicator will be an essential



A session during the international conference on studying the causes of extremism, organised by the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute, at Qatar University, yesterday.

reference for measuring this phenomenon."

For her part, Michele Coninx, Executive Director of the Executive Directorate of Counter-Terrorism at the UN

Security Council, commended the conference, which, she said it examines the causes of extremism, stressing the need for a practical and thoughtful approach to combating the

phenomenon of terrorism and studying the causes of some tendency towards this dangerous scourge, and the real motives for their involvement in the ranks of terrorists.