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Tweet of
the Day



My thoughts are with the victims of this barbaric terrorist attack in the great city of Barcelona and with their brave emergency services.

@SadiqKhan

Today's Weather

	Max	Min
	42 °C	31 °C

11th Hour

Leadership condoles with Saudi King

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa sent a cable of condolences to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud over the death of Prince Bandar bin Fahd bin Saad bin Abdulrahman Al-Saud, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the deceased's soul in eternal peace.

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister also extended condolences to the Saudi leaders.

Saudi reopens Qatar border to pilgrims

A general view of the Qatari side of the Abu Samrah border crossing with Saudi Arabia.

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia yesterday ordered the reopening of its border with Qatar to pilgrims.

The Salwa border crossing, also known as Abu Samrah, a key passage for pilgrims on the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, has been closed since June in a diplomatic crisis that saw Riyadh cut ties with Doha for its support to extremists.

Saudi King Salman authorised "the entry of Qatari pilgrims to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through Salwa border crossing to perform Hajj, and to allow all Qatari nationals who wish to enter for Hajj without electronic permits", state news agency SPA announced.

He also ordered that private jets belonging to Saudi airlines be sent to Doha airport "to bring all Qatari pilgrims at his expense".

The Hajj is to take place this year at the start of September and it is expected to draw around two million Muslims from around the world.

Qatar's foreign minister welcomed the decision. "The government of Qatar welcomes the decision and will

respond positively," Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani told a press conference in Stockholm.

The decision to reopen the frontier for Qatari pilgrims came shortly after Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman met with Qatari envoy Sheikh Abdullah bin Ali bin Abdullah bin Jassim al-Thani, a member of Qatar's ruling dynasty.

It was the first public high-level encounter between the nations since the crisis erupted.

The Qatari foreign minister, however, said Sheikh Abdullah had acted on a "personal initiative" by meeting the crown prince on Wednesday in the Saudi city of Jeddah and not on behalf of the Doha government.

Saudi Arabia last month said Qatari pilgrims would be allowed to enter the kingdom for Hajj this year but imposed several travel restrictions, including flying in only on airlines approved by Riyadh.

On June 5, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates severed diplomatic and trade ties with Qatar. (Agencies)

Bahrain welcomes border opening

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Slamming the Qatari authorities for politicising Hajj, Bahrain Foreign Affairs Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, yesterday hailed the "exceptional facilities" provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Qatari pilgrims.

Terming move as a "great historical responsibility", the minister said that the effort is "challenged only by deniers".

On his official Twitter page, the Minister reminded the Qatari authorities that such facilities granted by Saudi Arabia to the Qatari pilgrims are "not obtained by any other Islamic country before."

The Minister also condemned Qatari authorities and the media for raising baseless allegation that



Saudi is denying their right to perform Hajj.

"This is a great historical responsibility," the minister said

praising the Saudi Royal directives to facilitate the entry and stay of Qatari pilgrims during Hajj.

Saudi King authorised "the entry of Qatari pilgrims through Salwa border crossing"



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