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	-6.88 PTS		+56 PTS
SENSEX	17,460	CURRENCY	
	+59.90 PTS	Indian Rupee	12.22
		Philippine Peso	12.23
WEATHER	HOT AND HAZY		
	HIGH: 37°C LOW: 27°C		

Newsline

Qatar exchange gains 56 points

DOHA The Qatar Exchange index closed 56 points higher at 7549.55, led by bank stocks. Doha Bank rose 1.8 percent to QR51.10. The lender on Monday said its first quarter net profit fell 4.5 percent, still beating some forecasts. Commercial Bank of Qatar (CBQ) rose 1.1 percent to QR77.20. CBQ on Monday posted a drop in first quarter net profit, but managed to beat most analysts' expectations. (PG 25)

Enterprise Qatar to be unveiled on April 25

DOHA Enterprise Qatar, a platform created to support the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) will be formally launched on April 25, a senior official of the ministry of business and trade said on Tuesday. (PG 25)

Today in Qatar

- 9:00am GCC forum on human rights at Ritz-Carlton
- 9:00am QF meet on combating human trafficking at Millennium Hotel
- 9:30am International Ladies Pottluck Group event at Al Jazi Gardens, Phase 4
- 3:00pm Al Jazeera Film Fest at Sheraton
- 5:00pm Qatar Debate at Regency Halls
- 5:00pm Launch of French cultural week at Four Seasons Hotel
- 6:00pm HMC Annual Medical Education Day at HMC Hajjar Auditorium
- 7:00pm Techtalk by QSTP and Microsoft at Four Seasons

New volcano chaos looms over Europe

AFP LONDON

NEW spurts of ash from Iceland's volcano triggered fresh travel mayhem on Tuesday, puncturing stranded travellers' hopes of getting home despite the reopening of some of Europe's major air hubs.

While some countries including France, Germany and Belgium did allow a gradual resumption of flights, others scrapped plans to end their lockdown as authorities in Iceland said the volcanic activity was still "considerable".

Millions of people have been stranded across the globe since Europe began shutting down airspace six days ago, while the world association of airlines, IATA, says the crisis is costing the industry 200 million dollars a day.

"The volcano eruption in Iceland has strengthened and a new ash cloud is spreading south and east towards the UK," NATS said in a statement.

In Iceland itself, police said blasts could be seen from three separate craters, although the plume of ash from the Eyjafjoell volcano was diminishing.

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Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem Pillay, in Doha, on Tuesday.

Qtel included in QE index

ASIF IQBAL DOHA

QATAR Exchange announced re-branding of its 20-scrip benchmark index and also rebalanced the list by replacing five scrips on it.

Following the re-branding, effective from May 6, the index so far known as DSM 20 Index will be known as QE Index.

The previous name of the index was a remnant from the time when the Qatar Exchange was still known as Doha Securities Market. The exchange was renamed

in June 2009.

The five companies, which have been included in the new index are Qatar Telecom (Qtel), Qatar Electricity & Water, Vodafone Qatar, Gulf International Services

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Three QA flights go to Europe

Stranded passengers taken to Edinburgh in UK and Lyon in France

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QATAR AIRWAYS operated flights to the United Kingdom and France on Tuesday, as part of its efforts to repatriate passengers stranded in Doha back to both countries.

Two wide-body aircraft originally scheduled to operate flights from Doha to London and Manchester, flew to the Scottish city of Edinburgh.

Another aircraft, scheduled for Paris, was re-routed to the French provincial city of Lyon. All three flights carried a full load of transit and ex-Doha departing passengers to the UK and France.

The carrier has made arrangements to provide these passengers with road or rail transport from Edinburgh to either Manchester or London, and from Lyon to Paris.

The aircraft will remain positioned in Edinburgh and Lyon to fly Qatar Airways' passengers stranded in the UK and France back to Doha and onwards to other cities in the airline's network.

Arrangements are also being made to provide surface transport for returning passengers from London, Manchester and Paris via Edinburgh and Lyon.

Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Akbar al Baker said: "The situation over the past few days has been unpredictable and remains fluid. It is an unfortunate situation facing the air-



Qatar Airways CEO Akbar al Baker

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line industry.

"We, at Qatar Airways, have been working tirelessly to help get travel plans of our customers back on track and we are monitoring the situation frequently throughout the day, every day.

"I would like to offer my thanks to customers for their understanding and cooperation under the circumstances."

Qatar Airways has been working with the UK and French authorities to find a window of opportunity to fly amid the current uncertainty surrounding flights to and from affected European countries.

Like many airlines, Qatar Airways has faced an

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'50% rise in buildings in Qatar'

Third phase of Census 2010 launched

MAYA MANSOUR DOHA

THERE has been a 50 percent increase in the number of buildings in Qatar between 2004 and 2010, Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA) President Sheikh Hamad bin Jabor bin Jassim al Thani said on Tuesday.

Announcing the launch of the third phase of the Census 2010 on Tuesday, at a press conference, the QSA president said that the increase in the number of houses testified that the growth achieved by Qatar's construction sector in the period.

The growth figures for different types of establishments in Qatar revealed clubs and theatres were the fastest to grow during the period followed by hotels and banks.

There was a 111 percent increase in the number of clubs and theatres, 109 percent in the number of hotels and 51 percent in the number of banks between 2004 and 2010.

During the same period, the number of schools has gone up by 19 percent, shops and commercial malls by 12 percent, hospitals and health centres by 10.2 percent and mosques by 7 percent.

Coming back to the population census that began on Tuesday midnight, he said that the census authority has set up 10 regional census offices all over Qatar. Besides, over 3,000 personnel, including managers, supervisors and enumerators, armed with

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