

Philippines VP meets Qatar's envoy



Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines Leni Robredo met with Qatar ambassador to the Philippines Ali bin Ibrahim al-Malki. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral relations and ways of boosting them, in addition to issues of common concern.

Labour Minister meets Philippine delegation



HE the Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs Dr Issa Saad al-Jafali al-Nuaimi met with Secretary of the Department of Labour and Employment in the Republic of Philippines Silvestre Bello and his accompanying delegation, on the sidelines of his visit to the State of Qatar. The meeting discussed bilateral relations between both countries in fields of common interest, as well as ways to strengthen and develop them. Al-Nuaimi presented the legislations and procedures carried out by the State of Qatar to protect the rights of expatriate labourers. The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs.

Forum looks at misleading media coverage of Qatar blockade

The Department of Mass Communication at Qatar University College of Arts and Sciences (QU-CAS) has held its first media forum, titled 'Siege and Media: The Devil's Lawyer and the Truth Seeker'.

In a press statement yesterday, QU said the forum aimed to discuss the misleading media coverage of the blockade imposed on Qatar by the siege countries, and to shed light on the Qatari media coverage which dealt with the crisis through solid facts and evidence.

The opening session was attended by CAS associate dean for research and graduate affairs Prof Ibrahim Mohamed A

I al-Kaabi, CAS Mass Communication Department head Dr Nouredine al-Melladi, professor of Public Relations at CAS Department of Mass Communication Prof Dr Mohamed Kirat, author Amal Ahmed Abdul-Malik, author and media skills trainer Ahmed al-Maliki, TV presenter and media scholar Dr Elham Badr, journalist and media adviser Jassim Fakhro, and media studies programme coordinator at Al Jazeera Centre for Studies Mohamed al-Raji, as well as CAS faculty, students and alumni.

The event's programme included two sessions that featured discussions on six themes:



Prof Ibrahim Mohamed A I al-Kaabi speaking at the forum.



Dr Nouredine al-Melladi



Dr Mohamed Kirat

Propaganda and Psychological Warfare, Disinformation and

Manipulation of Media, Media Coverage of Qatar's Blockade and the Conflict between Truth

and Lies, Crisis Reporting and the Absence of Professional Ethics, The Problem of Objectivity

and Commitment in Covering the Qatar's Blockade, and Qatar's Blockade and Blocking Integrity, Commitment and Media Responsibility.

Prof al-Kaabi said, "This forum comes at a time when Qatar has achieved a media victory due to the professionalism of its media outlets which dealt with the crisis with transparency and objectivity."

However, the siege countries have been using over the last months a misleading media coverage that lacked media ethics, professional morality and values."

Dr al-Melladi noted, "The issue of media and the blockade

imposed on Qatar is a major concern.

"This forum will contribute to raising the students' and community awareness on media ethics and how to avoid the unethical practices in the field of media such as manipulation and misrepresentation of facts to achieve political goals."

Dr Kirat added, "The forum discusses the role of media in the siege countries and the media coverage of the Qatar's blockade over the last hundred days."

"The siege countries have shown through their media coverage a lack of professionalism, commitment and respect to the readers."

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