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Sunrise	5:12 am
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High	40°C
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Wind	15 kts
Visibility	moderate
Pressure	1013 mb
Rel. humidity	66%

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Thursday, August 27, 2009

PRAYER TIMING

Fajr:	3:53 am	Dhuhr:	11:36 am
Asr:	3:05 pm	Maghrib:	6:00 pm
Isha:			7:28 pm



CEO ME honours CMU-Q passout

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK

DOHA Jinanne Tabra, a 2008 graduate of the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar has been identified by the magazine *CEO Middle East* as part of the next generation of Arab leaders.

The magazine has put her in its "Top 30 under 30", a list of the best and brightest entrepreneurs in the Arab world. The list includes names from well-known Arab families as well as those representing a variety of businesses from internet start-ups to fashion labels to construction firms and oil and gas companies.

Tabra is the founder of ARABOH.com, a website that promotes the education of the Arabic language, particularly among Arabs living outside the Arab world. It is an online community for learning tools stocking over 700 educational books with an Arabic theme from well-known publishers including Scholastic, Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing and Asala.

"It's very exciting to be recognized by *CEO Middle East*," says Tabra. "It means that people value our efforts to promote the Arabic language and culture. It's such an honour to be considered one of the Middle East's 'top 30 under 30' and although ARABOH.com is just over 1 year old, it tells me we're on the right track."

Born in Iraq and raised in Scotland, Tabra struggled to learn the Arabic language growing up in a non-Arab country. Arabic language books, educational toys and computer games were either in limited supply and variety or non-existent. Her appreciation for the Arabic language and culture today is in a large part due to the efforts made by the small local Arab community in her neighbourhood in Scotland. Upon her family's return to the



ARABOH.com founder Jinanne Tabra, a 2008 graduate of the Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar with children.

Gulf a few years ago, Tabra had the idea to provide Arab children, as well as adults, fun and easy access to Arabic learning tools over the internet and soon

thereafter, launched ARABOH.com. Balancing her studies at Carnegie Mellon Qatar and running her own business proved to be a worthwhile challenge for

CEO Middle East magazine has put Tabra in its "Top 30 under 30", a list of the best and brightest entrepreneurs in the Arab world who could be part of the next generation of Arab leaders.

this young entrepreneur.

Success breeds success, as there is more to come for ARABOH.com. ARABOH.com is gearing up to launch its own new brand of language resources, and is working towards its goal to double the product range. Ms. Tabra has also worked closely with Al Jazeera Children's Channel, whose broadcasts are among the best Arabic-language children's television programming. Many of these programs are now available on DVD through ARABOH.com.

In addition, ARABOH.com is partnering with a large number of libraries and schools all over the world to put quality Arabic materials in the hands of the people who need them. ARABOH.com also donates a percentage of annual profits to charities that aid children in the Arab world. Tabra is a 2008 graduate and member of the inaugural graduating class at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar. She holds a degree in Business Administration.

Now she joins the ranks of successful entrepreneurs among the Carnegie Mellon Qatar alumni and student body. The curriculum at Carnegie Mellon leverages the core values of innovation, creativity and problem solving by providing students a distinct education that gives them the tools to pioneer solutions to real-world issues.

Qatar, Malta sign multiple pacts

QNA

DOHA Qatar and Malta entered into an agreement to avoid double taxation on Wednesday. The signing of the agreement was witnessed by the Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani and the President of Malta Dr George Abela.

They also witnessed the signing of a number of other agreements following an official round of talks between the two countries earlier in the day. The signed pacts included a draft agreement on cooperation in the legal sector, an agreement on joint cooperation and exchange in the field of news and an air transport agreement. In the field of sports the Qatar National Olympic Committee and the Maltese Sport Council signed a memorandum of understanding.

The two countries also signed an agreement on avoidance of double taxation and income tax evasion in addition to a memorandum of understanding on bilateral consultations between the two countries foreign ministries.

The agreements were signed on the Qatari side by the Minister of International Cooperation and acting Minister of Business and

Commerce His Excellency Dr Khalid bin Mohammad al Attiyah and on the Maltese side by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tonio Borg.

The president of Malta was accorded an official welcome in a ceremony at the Emiri Diwan when he arrived there shortly before the official talks began.

The talks were attended by the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani, the Chief of the Emiri Diwan HE Sheikh Abdurrahman bin Saud al Thani, the Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage HE Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al Kuwari who is also head of the accompanying mission of honour, the Minister of International Cooperation and HE the Acting Minister of Business and Commerce, the Director of HH the Emir's Office HE Sheikha Hind bint Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani, the Secretary to HH the Emir for Follow-up HE Saad bin Mohamed al Rumeihi, Director of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's Office HE Abdullah bin Eid al Suleiti, assistant director of the European and American Affairs Department

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SPIRIT OF RAMADAN

Tradition comes alive at Souq Wakif

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DOHA The aroma wafting from the perfume shops of Souq Wakif has a new scent these days. The Souq, an attractive destination for shoppers and their curious cousins throughout the year, becomes even more frequented during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

In anticipation of the increased footfalls the Souq made intensive preparations ahead of the advent of the Holy Month when devotes visit the place in large numbers and spend most of their evenings in the traditional surroundings.

In order to cater to the needs of the fasting devotes who spend long hours at the Souq the many bazaars selling everything from perfumes to choicest Arabic food get themselves stocked well in advance.

In the unique setup of the Souq, where the past meets the present, the Holy Month is also the time for commerce to bloom. The shops remain open from dusk to dawn to accommodate the needs of the citizens and res-

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— Raghieb al Abdulla

idents as well as the guests.

"More people visit the Souq in the Holy Month of Ramadan and we register higher sales during the time. The Souq reflects the history and heritage of Qatar. That is why it also attracts many guests who try to discover the charm of old-world Qatar by visiting the Souq and wandering in the lanes," said Raghieb al Abdulla who owns one of the shops there.

The Souq is widely full of Shammi, Lebanese and Egyptian food to meet visitors' needs. The owners of food outlets and coffee shops consider the Holy

Month an excellent time for making money. It is really an annual season.

The spiritual air takes on a festive hue around every corner of the Souq. A number of entertainment programmes are organised. Shows presented by folk artistes are a big draw for families. But, for the children, there is perhaps nothing more charming than the very well known donkey ride at the Souq.

Arif Mohammed al Meer, a visitor said that Souq Wakif was the best place for him during the Holy Month of Ramadan. "I come to the Souq at nights during the Holy Month of Ramadan to feel and enjoy the ways of our ancestors. The spread out shops and coffee shops provide just the right kind of setting for spending the nights during the Holy Month," he said.

Abdulla Mohammed al Dousari said that he was keen on visiting the Souq after prayer of Al Taraweeh. "I stay at the Souq with my friends till Suhoor. There are many restaurants here that offer very delicious food. For Suhoor I prefer Qatari food such as Al-Harris and Al-Thareed," he added.



People visiting the Souq Wakif at night during Ramadan. (QT PHOTO)

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