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Recount a time when you faced a conflict, setback or failure. How did you overcome it and what did you learn from that experience?

I was 10ft deep in one of the worst psychological barriers you could unconsciously drive yourself into as a highschooler -- a burnout. This was September of 2018. I was overworked. I was running on fumes. I'd taken on too much at school and outside of school to fulfill my passion and my pursuit, and it was the worst moments of my life.

I developed anxiety. I couldn't sleep. I couldn't be happy with myself. I wasn't able to achieve the high goals I personally set -- which I then classed as failure, and pondered over why it was that I was failing myself. It's very privileged of me to say that that's where I hit rock bottom. It's pointless for the world to be great if you yourself are in ruins, because you won't have the energy to appreciate it. But it was the greatest learning curve. From that experience I learned that everything: time, money and even failure, is investment. I made a decision that unknowingly lowered team morale. Of course, I have to be accountable and reflective but... Well, good, that's an investment into the future because I'll have reminded

myself to think ahead and think in other people's shoes next time. That'll save my future teams a breakdown or two. That's a good investment! My solution was to change my mindset.

What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of and that possibly sparked a period of personal growth?

I may be 5"1 but I do know how to knock someone twice my weight and height unconscious. I did Shorinji Kempo until I was in year 10. In year 9, we were asked to perform at the Indonesian Embassy as part of a farewell party. I was appointed to lead the performance, despite being in a group with students who were my senior not only in age but also the martial art.

Despite having to fake being a brown belt, it was one heck of an experience. It was my first time having to differentiate friendship, seniority and the work, or shall we say -- the business that needed to be done. Wielding that sort of authority, coordinating people and their emotions, managing conflict: I was only 13 or 14 when I realized that this was a launchpad into a passion of leadership. It helped me and my thoughts mature to gain empathy and gain satisfaction from being able to lead and develop others. What's your hogwarts house? Why is it superior? I'm a very proud Slytherin!



I think Slytherins are the greatest of the greatest because of our willingness to do what must be done -- despite having to make sacrifices in the present or even to do things that are bad for the greater good. I see that ruthlessness as something aspirational. Also, snakes shed skin. We know how to take care of ourselves and reset.

What unethical experiment would have the biggest positive impact on society as a whole?

One of the books I've currently been keeping up with is called Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro. It's set in a dystopia where clones are being farmed and then used as organ donors. I think that if we ever get to successfully cloning human beings, it opens up the door to do unethical experiments: subjecting them to new drug trials for currently incurable illnesses like cancer; depriving them of human necessities to

test our limits (reopening a similar study to that of Genie Wiley's); brain sampling, embryo monitoring and so much more.

The clones could also be used as human labour and take on jobs that are no longer desired, but necessary by mankind. Definitely a Slytherin, am I not?

What kind of stories would you like to tell your children in the future?

"Mama ate dinosaur steak once... apparently they're better off at medium well instead of medium rare." I'd like to tell them I time travelled to foster an interest for history, but at the very least I hope to do something half as cool as that by the time I have children. I'd tell them stories of my semi wild adventures -- like getting lost in Paris, single and lonely, with 3 shopping bags, because it took me a nap and a half on the

train to realize that I was in the wrong line. Maybe I'll tell them about my protest against the French government for naming their stations so similarly.

What movie can you watch over and over without ever getting tired of?

Elizabeth: the Golden Age or The Shape of Water. I'm just a girl, I'm a sucker for anything that's twisted romance.

What are you looking forward to during THIMUN 2020?

Mobility! I really can't wait to walk around and stay in the back of committees to hear the issues that my team and I have put on the agenda, the ones we've written issue briefs for, the reports we've helped shaped into completion is finally being debated. I look forward to my preconceptions about the issues on the agenda being challenged by our delegates! I also look forward to talking with as many people as possible, so please come say hi! Conversations might not always change people right off the bat, but starting one might make someone smile.

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Stress Issues

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The beginning of the 21st century will be remembered as the beginning of a revolution in educational institutions all over the globe with the mainstream implementation of the International Baccalaureate in thousands of schools around the world. While students are now enjoying and practising in schools that can allow for higher opportunities for students, many feel that the mental toll that is taken on by the multitude of projects, tests and assignments is causing mental health issues within highly stressed students. There is a correlation between better education and anxiety levels with school children aged 6 to 18. Higher anxiety levels usually lead to other associated mental

illnesses. Students feel as if the workload they have is stopping them from doing things in life such as attending social events and in some cases the inability to get a driving licence, go travel or do things that any teenager would normally be expected to do. Prior to contrary belief, the stress of students is not simply teenagers complaining because they're entitled and privileged. Students in previous generations never had to work as hard as current generations had to. Students in schools nowadays are expected to go above and beyond with projects and assignments. Students in high-achieving schools regularly find themselves failing projects even though they published a book that had a few grammatical errors, or a machine that lessened the impact of high functioning autism



because the work was not documented thoroughly enough. This does not only discredit simply exemplary achievements and inventions made by students as young as 14 years old yet it gives them the feeling that no matter what they do it will amount to nothing because the teacher said so. This leaves students in

places that mentally, they should not be in. Students do, unfortunately, develop depression from working to the point of fatigue and not getting the rewards of such tasks. It is the duty of staff administration to ensure students do not have too much on their plate work-wise and must be able to be flexible to meet such demands.

Pseudoscience

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Pseudoscience is probably one of the more fun and exciting sciences out there, no offense to any biology students but understandable to chemistry or physics students. Pseudoscience is a collection of beliefs or practices mistakenly regarded as being based on scientific method. A few groups that are accused of practicing pseudoscience are climate deniers, astrologers, UFOlogists, practitioners of alternative medicine. The boundary problem between science and pseudoscience, in fact, is notoriously fraught with definitional disagreements because the categories are too broad and vague on the edges. Hate to break it to

you guys but just because Co-Star said 'it's okay to cut people off' doesn't mean it's a sign.

A few examples of pseudoscience include those related to space and astronomy like ancient aliens, the Apollo moon landing hoax and astrology. Those related to the Earth are the most debatable ones, a few theories include the Bermuda Triangle, an area where unexplained events like disappearances of ships and airplanes have occurred, Cryptozoology, the search for Bigfoot, Loch Ness monster and the El Chupacabra that many ridicule their existence whilst other devote their lives to find proof. Other pseudosciences include hypnosis, a method of deep relaxation where



the subject is open to suggestions. I personally think that pseudoscience is more challenging but possibly too idealistic for the science field. It challenges beliefs and what's easier to believe and understand and while it may not be taken seriously by scientists, it offers a futuristic outlook of the wonders of the world.

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Head Of Press

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How would you define the work of a press member?

As head, Hind Al Thani, my press members are young, hard-working and ambitious intellectuals that advertise THIMUN-Q to prosper their own creative abilities. These abilities include videography, photography, graphic design, journalism and many other creative outlets that we explore throughout our team. They are not only the communicators of the conference but also communicators of tomorrow. My press members inherit skills and grow together throughout this student led conference. They aspire to become the leaders of tomorrow and hope to prosper in



bigger aspects of life, with THIMUN-Q being their stepping stone leading them to achieve bigger and greater things within the near future. The team is always a group of people chosen with experience and skills that develop later on throughout the exposure of all the hard work

the Q-MUNITY Voice team completes for this conference. However they aren't just individuals that stand alone. Throughout the ups and downs, continuous hardships, obstacles and barriers we continue to collaborate together. Yes, our team is divided into smaller cohesive efforts such as

the reporting team, we enhance our own talents and work together to create not only a helping community, but create a sense of family.

In your own words, what do you think is the purpose of the Q-MUNITY Voice press team?

The purpose of my press team is to showcase THIMUN-Q as an ambiguous and strengthening experience for delegates, chairs, student officers, admins and even teachers involved. To share the conference that holds an overflowing amount of ambition and curiosity through means of highlighting global issues through our newspapers, courage through our photographs and memories to look back on within our videos.

What words would

you tell to a non press member?

I encourage everyone reading this to apply being a part of such a motivational journey for youth. Through this experience, team building skills, communicative and social efforts, tactical techniques, being creating and possessing the ability to think outside the box is what we learn within our press team.

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Gyms In Qatar

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It is no secret that due to the quick and cheap availability of processed fast foods in Qatar and the Gulf in general, it has lead many people in the country towards health issues, be it obesity, diabetes, heart conditions and unfortunately in cases cancer. Qatar has one of the highest diabetes and obesity rates in the world, regularly scoring in the top 15 nation in both categories. The country has attempted to resolve

this issue with the utmost importance by making Doha the sporting capital of the world with the World Cup 2022 and many other major sporting events now being held in Doha. Sporting events and health activities are held throughout the country all the time to get people moving yet the issue is still as prevalent as before, yet gyms throughout Doha are now appealing to the younger population to go and lose weight through social media and influencers, and it seems as if it is working. Gyms

are now offering new experiences for customers such as the Ride Tribe that offer unconventional methods of collective exercise to appeal more to teenagers and also adding aesthetically nice lighting and areas for workouts. Many people feel like now that they have the motivation to go to the gym and workout whereas before there was not the same urgency to work-out. Also, many advertisement campaigns done by such gyms show working out as a luxurious experience with nice views and state of the



art facilities which further entices people to enter the gym. Local business sees this as well and are now offering more health cautious meals and drinks to attract more business instead of sugary drinks that many craved upon

before. There is still a lot of work to do to ensure a healthy society, the trend is mainly in a small group of people that are not the majority of the population. This, however, is still a very good step for a country that has many obstacles towards having a healthy society.

Dealing With Stress

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When stressed, feelings of entrapment, no control and tension rise. You might feel like you have no self control, and you're not able to manage your fast paced heartbeat and the heavy weighted feeling on your chest. Despite what you may think, you have more control than you know. This comes with the realization of knowing you are in control of your own life, and that is the foundation to dealing with your stress. Dealing with your stress is all about taking control: taking control of your constant thought, feelings and emotions surging through, the environment you surround yourself in, and the way you manage your problems. The ultimate stress free life is having a perfect balance of all your necessities such as work, social life, relaxation and others. Identify the cause of your stress within your life. This is the first step of laying the foundation of control. It might sound easy, but the main causes of stress in your life won't be as obvious as you are lead to believe. A way of identification is thinking about your habits, actions and the excuses you make for yourself for your attitude. The second step is to reflect on how you currently cope with your stress. Ponder the ways you have either failed or succeeded in managing past stress you have endured. Think of whether or not they were healthy or



unhealthy, productive or unproductive? This is a crucial step because the way you might think dealing with your stress is best, might be compounding to the original root of the problem. You might not be aware, but most people's stress management increases their problem that caused them stress to begin with. Having a healthy coping mechanism is the key to being in control of your stress. These are common examples that are extremely unhealthy and help enhance your stress levels such as smoking, procrastinating, too much sleep. Another example

is taking out your stress on others through means such as leashing out, angry outbursts and physical violence. Some sources of stress are unavoidable, so start by accepting the things you can't change. This is another effective way of dealing with your stress. Sometimes the way that life plays out is out of your hands, such as the death of a loved one or serious illness. With these cases, the fact is that to get over such obstacles one must identify that the situation is out of hand and accept it as it is. Acceptance is always difficult, but ways that might make it easier is

through sharing your feelings rather than bottling them up, looking at the flipside of things (what was gained out of the situation), and learn forgiveness. And finally, don't forget to reward yourself with enjoyable time and relaxation. Alongside a positive attitude and confidence with the steps mentioned above, nurturing yourself can aid you with reducing the stress within your life. Such as going out with friends, immersing within nature, taking a long bath, watch a comedy for a good laugh and whatever makes you feel stress-free. Regularly

setting a time for foster and boost yourself up will put you in a better place to continue jumping over life's obstacles.

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Vaping Hazards

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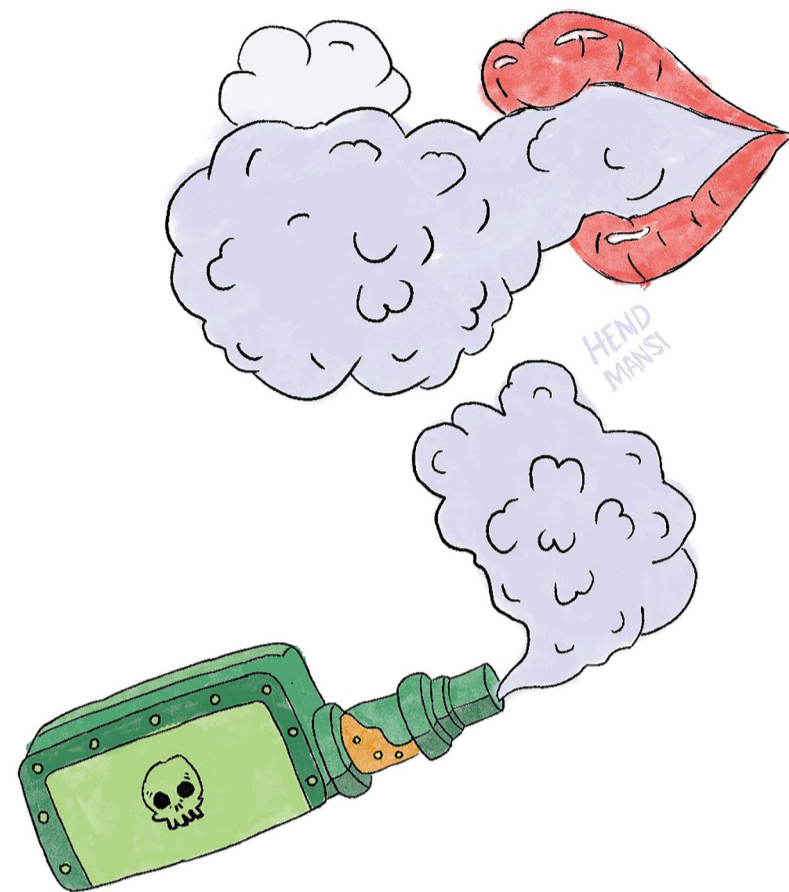
During the late 2000's after tobacco had been widely popularized worldwide for decades, the world became fascinated with the idea of quitting cigarettes through smoking an electrical device, which later on was known to be the birth of modern day vaping. And although the vape hadn't been invented for long, social media and other communicative outlets have spread the trend like wildfire, over 41 million people worldwide smoke vape as of 2018.

Doctors and health institutions around the world have been urging their citizens to stop

smoking due to discovered 450 lung diseases and at least 17 deaths through the act of vaping.

Although it has been said that the electronic devices help you quit smoking, they have been seen to increase the addiction to nicotine. The fact is, nicotine is an extremely high addictive and toxic chemical which works to increase your heart rate in turn increase the chances of heart attack.

Nicotine is a sneaky chemical, not only does it affect your lungs but the brain as well. Vaping is popularized to the youth generation, and with a chemical such as nicotine preventing brain development through ways as your brain connections, or synapses, are formed, which in return affect how your



brain both processes things, learning and your attention span.

Not to mention the hazards of charging your e-cigarettes, burnings and explosions being reported

due to the devices defective batteries. The bottom line is, electronic smoking devices have not been around for a long time, which doesn't give room to experiment and

see the full effect that this technology has. Despite the long list of hazardous warnings to stop vaping, the full range of risks and threats these devices have is not yet to be discovered.

Rwandan Genocide

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The 20th century was a century of hope, new connections and stellar inventions, at the same time it was also the century of destruction, death and the development of weapons that can end humanity. Of course, the world was made aware of the horrifying acts committed by Hitler and the Nazis in the course of the Second World War. Acts so vile and reprehensible that to this day, the events that took place within the camps can make a soldier fall in tears. Unfortunately, the Nazis weren't the only people to have committed genocide. Around the time the premiere of the



TV show 'Friends' came out, and the time when the U.S was hosting the FIFA World Cup for the first time in 1994, a silent, yet devastating genocide in a nation that many people did not even hear of, the nation of Rwanda. Rwandan society is made up of two main groups

of people, the Hutu tribe and the Tutsi tribe. Both are very similar and have only small differences. Historically both groups have been fighting for power in the region for centuries, yet in 1994, with the advent of quick, deadly and inexpensive equipment, the Hutu-led

Interhamwe, the group that planned the genocide (with coordination with government officials) were, unfortunately, able to kill around a million Tutsi people, including innocent women and children. Even Hutus who were not supporting the genocide of their own countrymen were murdered by the Interhamwe. While there were many people who supported the cause out of fear of death, many

sheltered the Tutsi minority in a bid to ensure their survival until after the conflict ends. The U.N and the world knew about the situation, yet sadly, Rwanda is not as strategic as a country for the U.S or other nations to care about so they let the deaths continue. We must not forget that even if one of us is in pain, we are all in pain, all of humanity together.

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Mental Health

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“Stop exaggerating, drama queen”, “It’s because you don’t pray”, “You’re just sad, go outside”, “If you’re depressed, then go out and have fun”. These statements are all too familiar to many individuals who suffer from mental illnesses and disorders such as OCD, autism, Aspergers, PTSD and schizophrenia in the Middle East and the extended Muslim world. Many older generations still see mental illness as something given by the devil, a curse that can be removed religiously instead of medically. Many parents forcibly deny their children medical support and instead ask an imam or some religious individual to ‘pray’ the illness out of the person. The parents are not terrible parents; in fact, they could be spending millions of riyals to bring the imam to the child as very few people are allowed to conduct such practices by the government. They simply are uninformed of the true nature of the situation. These situations are not uncommon in Qatar and the GCC region. Qatar is a country rooted in tradition, which allows for the protection of many of our societal norms that do not get diluted by western culture, unfortunately, this means that some of the ideas of the past that were wrong and still are wrong are prevalent to this day. In the past, people could not believe that an illness could be possible without any physical traits or symptoms, so people with mental illnesses were simply treated as mentally insane individuals and therefore shunned as well as isolated by society. This, in many circumstances, would



be detrimental to the individual’s health. To this day, the term “mb sahe” (this person is not sane/aware) is used for anyone who may only have social anxiety as a way to alienate and isolate an individual, even if it is not meant to be taken seriously. A lot of factors lead to many individuals who have mental disabilities to not go and get professional assistance or medication for their illness.

Qatari medical institutions are prepared and have excellent mental health care, yet people simply don’t go and get help. There have been many ad campaigns for people to go to mental care facilities if they do have mental issues yet to no avail. The stigma of mental health in Qatar reaches so far that it is not uncommon that people

question if they really do have mental health issues. Going to a therapist makes society see yourself as weak and lonely as many believe that a friend has the same skills as a licenced and professional doctor in therapy. While, yes in some cases friends offer support in ways that no other individuals can do, a therapist is still a doctor and many Khaleejis are ashamed of going to one. Hala Al Turk, a famous Bahraini singer cried profusely on a talk show when it was revealed that she goes to a psychiatrist, apologising for going to therapy. Many people, including myself, do not know the name of mental hospitals as it usually is referred to as ‘crazy hospital’ by the majority of the people.

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society that we can help each other, just like we help people with physical disabilities, mental disabilities should be given the same importance because, we see the world differently to them, to some the world is a scary, unwelcoming space, if their own family does not understand their son/daughter’s own situation, their classmates ridicule

them and when religious people try to read the Quran to take the jinn out. People with mental disabilities truly only need the same things as we do. They need love, care and the appropriate medical care for their condition/s. Always remember that they are people, not something to take pity on or shun out of society.



You're Being Watched

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Think of a place that gives you comfort. Possibly a sense of security and peace of mind. Got it? Now what if I told you, you were also being watched, tracked, a prey in a digital world of cyber predators. Many businesses and industries are targeted by cyber-criminals along with members of the general public. 67% of 7,818 businesses detected at least one cybercrime and 60% detected more than one types of cyber attack, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Let me take you through the different types of cybercrimes that wander our digital world. The common forms of cybercrime include 'phishing', using fake email messages to get personal information from internet

users. Some also misuse personal information that can lead to identity theft. More complex ones involve hacking where they'd shut down or take over and misuse websites for personal gain. The most common one we see every day is spreading hate online and inciting terrorism. This type of cybercrime is not uncommon in places like the dark web where they'll also distribute inappropriate content or otherwise known as 'grooming', baiting minors. Now you may wonder how to protect yourself from cybercrime and to prevent it, the first step is to use a full service internet security suite, this provides real-time protection against existing or emerging malware including ransomware and viruses as well as helps protect your private



and financial information when you're online. Next thing you need to do is use strong passwords and don't repeat your passwords on different sites. I'm guilty of not following this step either because frankly, the password I created when I was 9 is good enough for me but there are many

password management applications that help you keep your passwords locked down. Finally, know what to do if you think you've become a victim of cybercrime, you might need to alert local police. It's a tough and complex world out there, especially

when even everyone here in this conference is using internet and digital devices to go about their daily routine but it's important to be careful and aware of these issues. Think about this the next time you decide to go on solarmovies.

Kuwait Invasion 1990

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The invasion of the State of Kuwait by Iraqi forces under the leadership of Saddam Hussein for many years changed rules of engagement and the amount of involvement of the United States throughout the Middle East to this day. On the 2nd of August in 1990, the invasion of Kuwait began, bringing months of previous tensions between the Saddam Hussein regime and the Kuwaiti government over debt issues and economic warfare. At 2:00 am, the invasion began with around 88,000 Iraqi troops at the Kuwaiti border.

The amount of force that occupied Kuwait was too much for the rather small number of soldiers and artillery in the Kuwaiti Armed Forces, the army could only hold off the invasion for 48 hours maximum, so most works were put into an evacuation effort to get foreigners back to their nations if they chose, and nationals to neighbouring countries such as Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and other GCC nations. Important Kuwaiti leaders such as Jaber Al-Ahmed Al Sabah, the then-Emir were taken to the Saudi Arabian desert for hiding. The Kuwaiti resistance movement is one of the most prominent features during the Iraqi

occupation of Kuwait, with en masse strikes, people printing anti-occupation slogans and giving it to their neighbours and friends and high-level resistance meetings happening in mosques and the rise of female resistance leaders. All of this led to a need to hold a tighter grip on power within Kuwait, with illegal raids, killings of hundreds of suspected rebel leaders and many other atrocities. Eventually, after 7 months of brutal occupation, a large coalition of nations from all over the world repelled the Iraqi occupiers and their Kuwaiti puppets. Unfortunately, Iraq burned Kuwait's on-shore oil supply which damaged



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the country. What we remember from this conflict is that occupiers truly cannot occupy unless

the people of the land have fully submitted to their command, which certainly did not happen to Kuwait.

Underaged Driving

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Life as a teenager is hard. Having to delicately balance many factors of your life, while giving time for yourself, having space to learn and excel in school and personally advancing through life, all while dealing with friends and family, while also planning for adulthood all can take a toll on a person and it certainly doesn't help that many teenagers are bounded by their ambitions by needing someone in their family to pick them up or a driver as in the GCC, most teenagers cannot drive till the age of 17 or 18.

This rule is in place to ensure no person without competency can go out on the road and put people's lives in danger, and while in most countries the legal requirement is lower at 16 or in certain conditions as low as 14, many can agree that due to the driving and road conditions of Qatar and the GCC, having 14-year-olds driving is not an appropriate idea.

Many teenagers take it upon themselves to drive without proper documentation or parental consent whether it is for showing off to friends, simply deciding that they want to go and drive wherever they want to or to simply enjoy being in control of a vehicle.

'It's ok the police won't do anything', or 'nobody cares, I know how to drive' are all excuses



people make to believe that what they do is correct. Many children see it as their right as they think they don't need a driver chauffeuring them and that they're justified in their actions. Others see it as a case of simply that they have enough connections that even if they do get caught, no real consequences will occur. There are also people who simply want to drive around with friends and have fun.

In case readers don't know, operation of a vehicle without a proper licence is subject to prosecution in which, for simply an infraction would be a day in prison, and a fine of 3,000 Qatari Riyal or if you injure someone (the majority of apprehensions), the case could result in a month of jail, fines of up to 300,000

QAR and deportation.

Many kids know the consequences, yet still, do it anyway. But if next time you or someone you know wants to drive without a licence remember, whatever happens, it's your fault. If an innocent child becomes an orphan and lives his life reminiscing his/her parents, that's on you. If a teenager is going to graduation and gets in an accident, you will answer to their parents as to why you took their son's future away. When a family in Nepal asks why you took their husband/father and son away, their only source of revenue, you will tell them that I am so spoiled that I took him away because I wanted to show off to my friends. You may think this won't happen, but so did everyone else when it did happen.

We collectively can make the roads safer. If you don't want to take the car, the Doha Metro is an option. If you want to drive, you can do it safely in the desert with an adult, if you want to enjoy time with friends, there are better ways to do so than driving around the Pearl.

Ending on a sombre note. Do not let your own parents stand next to the street where you breathed your last breath mourning you, urging other drivers to slow down and beg them not to put their own parents in the same position they're in on the next day. It only takes one second.

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Sultan Qaboos

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After the unfortunate demise of his majesty, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Bin Taimur Al Said we can see the Omani people and the rest of the gulf is reminiscing his great fifty-year legacy. As a man who truly did not see his own benefit when it came to leading his nation, a man who put Oman's name on the map, not for nefarious actions yet for the kindness of his people and the peace the nation of Oman brought among many people from all over the world.

Oman has been seen throughout the world as a neutral and peaceful nation which has allowed itself to negotiate with large superpowers such as the UK, USA, China and Russia. He was a peaceful moderator especially with Iran and recently with growing tensions even with the gulf. Sultan Qaboos acted as a steadfast ally with Qatar and tried to use negotiation methods to fix the disagreements happening between brotherly states of the gulf. Sultan Qaboos ended his country's major isolation period that had put the country in a dire state by his father, Said bin Taimur Al Said, a person who unfortunately ruined his country as he was too occupied with being scared of a government overthrow. The previous Sultan had serious paranoia, It was forbidden to smoke in public, to play football, to wear sunglasses or to speak to anyone for more than 15 minutes his own son, Qaboos, who was



kept under virtual house arrest at the Sultan's palace in Salalah.

Eventually, Sultan Qaboos was able to overthrow his father, and even after the pain and suffering his people went through because of him, he still allowed him to live comfortably in London, and after his death, he was buried in the Royal Cemetery in Muscat.

Within His Majesty's reign, he abolished slavery, contributed in making a peaceful environment in the country, unified the Omani tribes under his rule which led Oman to be known for their dignified people and their warm hospitality. This unification of the country led to the Omani citizens praising their government

which was something that had never happened in the history of Modern Oman.

In modern times, the Sultan has shown that power is not why he was the Sultan. In 2011 there were moderate protests across Omani cities demanding for more rights, instead of killing his own people like many other Arab countries had unfortunately done so. The Sultan simply responded to their demands and made concessions to please his own people.

The people of Qatar, nationals and residents have a lot to thank for the Sultan as immediately after the blockade came into effect, the Sultanate of Oman prepared its own ports to receive Qatari

shipments and he ordered shipments of Omani goods as an emergency into Doha. Oman Air sent emergency flights to the blockading countries to take any Qatari citizens out of the country as soon as possible, in coordination with Kuwait Airways, and the tab for these flights went to the Sultan himself.

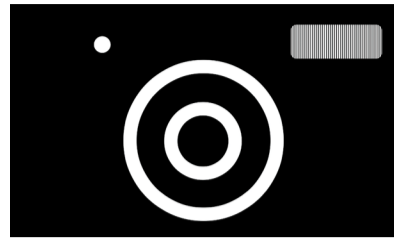
The Omani tourism industry flourished during his reign by inviting the world to a country filled with natural beauty surrounded by a vast desert. He invested heavily in Oman Air, a state-run industry, not only to allow Omanis to see the world easily but to allow expats and foreigners to travel in and out of the Sultanate.

The new Sultan is

mourning the loss of Sultan Qaboos, his hometown of Salalah mourns, Oman and its people mourns, their Gulf brothers mourn and the world mourns for the loss of a righteous leader.

“Omani tribes under his rule which led Oman to be known for their dignified people and their warm hospitality”

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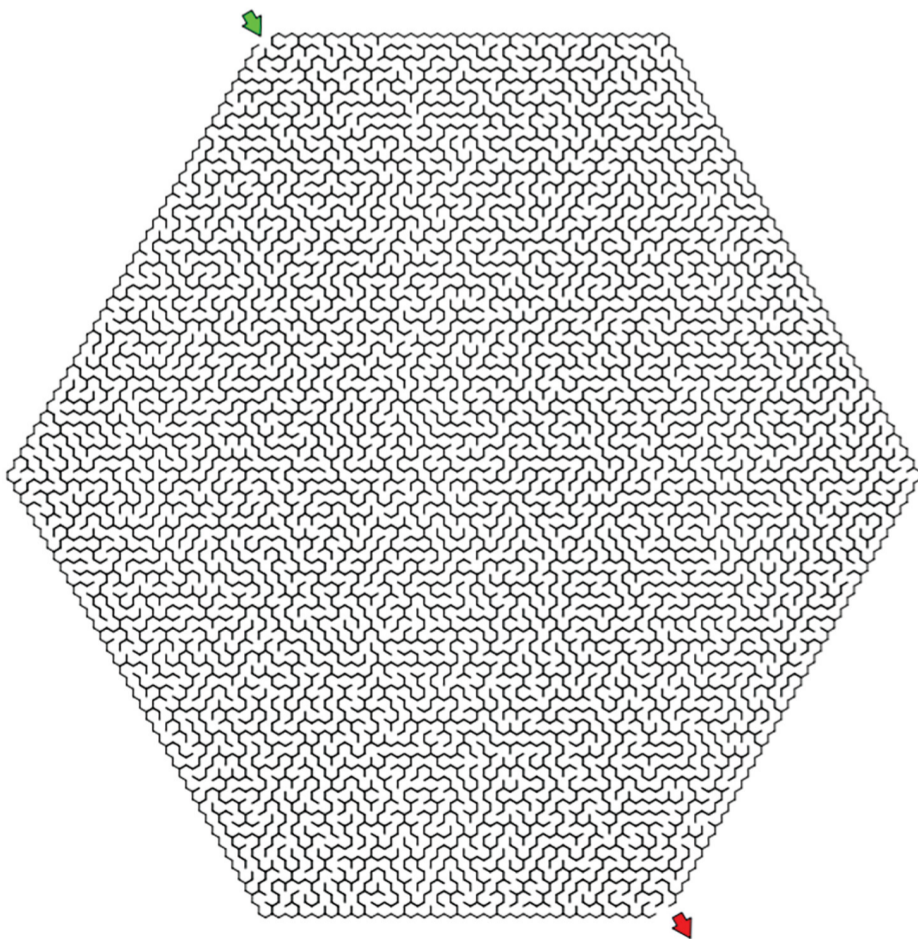
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