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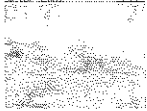
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## EXCLUSIVE

### Mangrove depletion worries fishermen



Largescale urbanisation in coastal areas of Qatar has taken

a heavy toll on fishes and fishermen living in the area. The ongoing projects have resulted in destruction of mangroves at Al Thakira and Al Wakrah beaches.

## OPINION

### Lahore Attacks



IT is often said that two things bind a country as diverse as

Pakistan: Urdu and cricket. After Tuesday's (March 3) shootout on the streets of Lahore, the list has shortened further. The attack on the coach carrying the visiting Sri Lankan team spelled .

## ANALYSIS

### TV Watching & Baby's Skills



ALTHOUGH many parents believe smoking and drinking

alcohol should be factored into movie ratings, fewer than half of parents surveyed felt such behaviours warranted an "R" rating for a film. And, only about one-quarter felt that smoking in movies.

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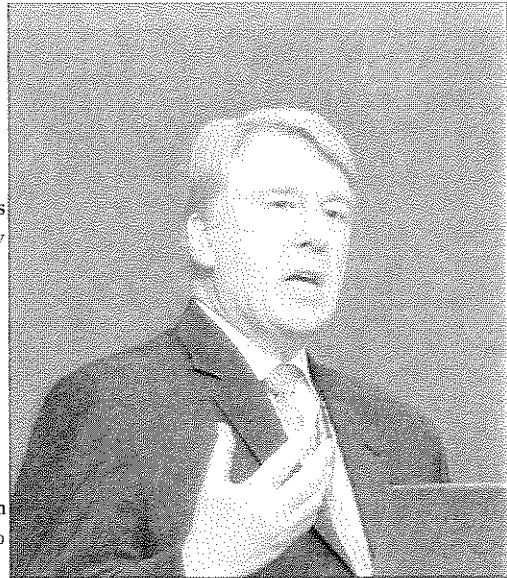
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## Business

### Funds should take advantage of QFC regulations: Thorpe

DOHA The Chairman of Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFCRA), Phillip Thorpe, said on Wednesday investors should take advantage of the high regulatory standards at Qatar Financial Centre and not shy away from it in light of the global economic downturn.

"When the dust has settled it is going to be the robust, high standard and above all, transparent regulatory regimes which will generate investor confidence and which will flourish, and we certainly include the QFC in that category," Thorpe said in a statement to Zawya Dow Jones.



On Tuesday, a top official from international law firm, Simmons & Simmons warned GCC regulators at an annual regulator's summit in Dubai that overregulation in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) was driving investment out of the region to less regulated markets. (Zawya Dow Jones)

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