Welcome to D+ March 2016 Newsletter. It is the twenty-seventh edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in March 2016 on D+.

It was the month of D+ Carnival 2016. This year we celebrated the joys and delights of the Middle East as part of the carnival. The carnival also attracted everyone’s attentions to two different D+ global campaigns #BringBackOurGirls and #Stop Burning My Child. For more details on the Carnival visit us at http://www.dailypositive.org/Daily_Positive_Carnival.

A Big Thanks to everyone to participate in the Carnival. We will soon share some colorful carnival pictures from around the world on our carnival page. Stay tuned! If you still want to share your experience of the Middle East with us, please send us your pictures at info@dailypositive.org.

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Top News Of The Month

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**D+ News: March 2016**

- **South Sudan** became the sixth member of the East African Community (EAC), a regional intergovernmental organization for cooperation between the member countries.
- **Chilean** scientists have developed an ointment that has proved effective in combating melanoma, the most aggressive variety of skin cancer.
- **Colombian** researchers have discovered a new frog species, named Pristimantis macrumendozai, with distinctive yellow eyebrows in Colombia’s East Andes.
- The European Union (EU) and **Cuba** signed an agreement to normalize ties, paving the way for the 28-member bloc to establish full economic cooperation with Cuba.
- Researchers at **Japan's** Kyoto University have discovered a bacteria, named Ideonella sakaiensis, that is capable of consuming plastic.
- Two **Italian** teams won both the first and second prizes at the 2016 Bee Breeders Tokyo Pop Lab architecture competition.
- The Government of **Malawi** and UNICEF have started testing the use of drones to explore cost effective ways of reducing waiting times for HIV testing of infants.
- **Chinese** chess star Hou Yifan was crowned as the new world champion at the 2016 Women World Chess Championship beating reigning world champion Maria Muzychuk from Ukraine.
- **Palestinian** teacher Hanan Al Hroub won the Global Teacher Prize, a 1 million dollar award that recognizes a teacher who has made outstanding contributions to their community.
- A **Russian**-European mission ExoMars to search for life on Mars was successfully lifted off on a Proton-M rocket operated by Russia’s Roscosmos.
- **Singapore's** Changi Airport kept its title of World's Best Airport for the fourth year in a row at the World Airport Awards published by Skytrax.
- **English** mathematician Sir Andrew J. Wiles was awarded the 2016 Abel Prize by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.
- **Cameroonian** Achaleke Christian Leke was named as the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year 2016 & Commonwealth Africa Young Person of the Year 2016.
- **Gambia** and **China** resumed diplomatic relationship between the two countries.
- Monts de Tlemcen reserve in **Algeria**, an area of great biodiversity, which also has major archaeological sites, was added to the list of UNESCO World Network of Biosphere.
- Mohamad Al-Bacha of **Denmark** was crowned as the FIFA Interactive World Cup (FIWC) Champion after beating Sean Allen of England at the Apollo Theater in New York.
- Doctors at the Johns Hopkins University in the **USA** have become the first in the world to execute an HIV-positive to HIV-positive liver transplant and the first in the United States to do an HIV-positive to HIV-positive kidney transplant.
- Dr. Nihal Naj Ali Al-Awlaqi, served as **Yemen**’s Minister of Legal Affairs since her appointment in January 2016, was awarded the 2016 International Women of Courage Award.