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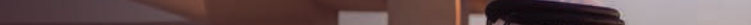
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QatarEnergy highlights key projects at WPC in Riyadh

The QatarEnergy pavilion has highlighted Qatar's ongoing LNG and other energy projects at the World Petroleum Congress (WPC) conference and exhibition, which will run until October 15 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The Minister of State for Energy Affairs HE Saad bin Sherida al-Kaabi, who is also president and CEO of QatarEnergy, toured the pavilion's multimedia displays highlighting other future initiatives designed to help meet the world's growing energy needs, all designed to convey QatarEnergy's vision and achievements.

The pavilion includes audiovisual and physical displays of projects, operations, and initiatives, including the North Field Expansion Project, Golden Pass LNG, Al-Shaheen oil field development, upstream investments, downstream projects, such as Ras Laffan Petrochemicals and Golden Triangle Petrochemicals, and key products like helium and urea.

The pavilion also highlights QatarEnergy's newly built state-of-the-art LNG vessels, a future investment underwritten as part of the world's largest ever shipbuilding programme, as well as its sustainability drive bringing together elements and initiatives like solar energy, carbon capture and storage, and turtle conservation, which recognises that protecting biodiversity is an essential part of QatarEnergy's sustainability efforts.

QatarEnergy is a strategic sponsor of the WPC conference and exhibition, which are organised every three years by the World Petroleum Council.



The Minister of State for Energy Affairs HE Saad bin Sherida al-Kaabi during a tour of the QatarEnergy pavilion at the World Petroleum Congress (WPC) conference and exhibition, which will run until October 15 in Riyadh.

Al-Kaabi leads Qatar delegation to Ministerial Council for Electricity meeting

The Minister of State for Energy Affairs HE Saad bin Sherida al-Kaabi led Qatar's delegation to the 16th meeting of the Arab Ministerial Council for Electricity, which took place yesterday in Saudi

Arabia as part of 'Riyadh Energy Week'. The meeting discussed ways to enhance Arab regional cooperation in the electricity sector, the exchange of expertise, investment projects,

and modern technologies for developing Arab energy infrastructure. The ministers also reviewed a number of reports by specialised Arab Ministerial Council for Electricity committees on a number of

issues, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, a common Arab electricity market, and the peaceful use of nuclear energy for electricity generation and seawater desalination.



Al-Kaabi attends energy congress in Riyadh



HE the Minister of State for Energy Affairs Saad bin Sherida al-Kaabi, who is also the president and CEO of QatarEnergy, attended the 25th WPC Energy Congress in Riyadh. The conference and accompanying exhibition, opened by Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman al-Saud, Minister of Energy of Saudi Arabia, will run until October 15 as part of Riyadh Energy Week. The event is used by global leaders, ministers, and industry executives as a central stage for high-level dialogue and strategic cooperation in the energy industry. [Page 3](#)

QNB Group wins 7 *Global Finance* awards

QNB Group has received seven honours across *Global Finance* magazine's 2026 World's Best Consumer Digital Bank Awards and The Innovators Awards, recognising its continued investment in customer-focused digital innovations and solutions. At the regional level, QNB Group was named 'Best User Experience (UX) Design' and 'Best Integrated Consumer Banking Site' in the Middle East. The group also secured four country-level awards in Qatar: 'Best User Experience (UX) Design', 'Best in Transformation', 'Best Online Payments Solution', and 'Best Integrated Consumer Banking Site'. QNB Group was also named among the 'Most Innovative Financial Institutions' in the Middle East for its Mobile Banking Enhancements at 2026 *Global Finance's* The Innovators Awards. The latest honours build on QNB's track record of digital excellence, following its recognition by *Global Finance* in 2025 for 'Best Mobile Banking App' and 'Best in Social Media Marketing and Services' in Qatar. Adel Ali al-Malki, senior executive vice president for Group Retail Banking at QNB Group,



The latest honours build on QNB's track record of digital excellence, following its recognition by *Global Finance* in 2025 for 'Best Mobile Banking App' and 'Best in Social Media Marketing and Services' in Qatar

said: "These awards recognise our commitment to creating a digital banking experience that is simpler, safer and more responsive to the customers' evolving needs. "As banking becomes increasingly digital, we continue to invest in next-generation technologies that provide customers with greater convenience and control over their finances, while retaining the customer centric approach that defines QNB Group."

only to respond to customer expectations, but to anticipate them by combining research, innovative technologies, and integrated services that support individuals throughout their financial journeys.”

These awards reflect QNB's broader strategy, which places customer needs at the centre of digital transformation. Through accessible and intuitive services, the group aims to help customers benefit from the transition towards an increasingly digital and cashless economy.

QNB Group introduced more than 60 new digital features over the past year, including digital account opening, card delivery, digital motor insurance, and instant Visa Transfer services. These developments have simplified banking journeys, expanded online payment capabilities and provided customers with a more connected experience across QNB's digital platforms.

The recognition reinforces QNB's position as a leader in digital banking innovation and supports Qatar's continued development as a centre for advanced financial and fintech-enabled services.

Commercial Bank receives 3 Mastercard awards for excellence in affluent banking

Mastercard has presented Commercial Bank with three awards, reaffirming the bank's leadership in premium banking, payments innovation, and affluent consumer engagement.

The awards celebrated Commercial Bank's ongoing commitment to delivering exceptional experiences to its affluent segment, through its flagship Limited Edition Mastercard World Elite card portfolio.

The award for highest spend per Mastercard World Elite card reflects the continued success of the Bank's premium card proposition across the region.

Commercial Bank also won the Card Design Excellence Award for the innovative design and craftsmanship of its Limited Edition Mastercard World Elite Gold Metal card, featuring a fully engraved gold aesthetic. The award highlights the bank's ability to translate premium materials and technical functionality into a payment product that stands out in the region's highly competitive market.

Further, Commercial Bank received the Affluent Banking Excellence Award for its sustained investment in building one of the region's leading premium card portfolios.

Stephen Moss, Group CEO, said: "We are honoured to accept these three prestigious awards from Mastercard. Being recognised for the highest spend per card account across the region for the third consecutive year is particularly rewarding. These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our teams and the strength of our longstanding collaboration with Mastercard as we continue to raise the bar in premium banking and payments."

Shahnawaz Rashid, executive general manager and head of Retail Banking at Commercial Bank, added: "These



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awards reinforce the success of our strategy to deliver market-leading products to our most valued customers.

"Our Limited Edition Mastercard World Elite portfolio has been carefully curated to combine elevated benefits, exclusive lifestyle experiences, and distinctive card design, resonating strongly with high net-worth individuals. We are pleased to see these efforts acknowledged by Mastercard and look forward to developing new differentiated offerings together."

Mark Elliott, Division president for East Arabia at Mastercard, said: "Mastercard and Commercial Bank share a commitment to innovation and to creating value for consumers. The three awards recognise Commercial Bank's leadership in shaping the country's affluent banking segment"



Philippine F&B sector targets Qatar, GCC markets with ready-to-eat halal exports

By Peter Alagos
Business Editor

Philippine food manufacturers are expanding their footprint in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) retail market by introducing halal-certified, shelf-stable ready-to-eat products tailored for consumers across Qatar and the wider region. Speaking to *Gulf Times* on the sidelines of yesterday's opening of 'Hospitality Qatar 2026', Philippine ambassador to Qatar Mardomel Celo D Melicor highlighted how Philippine brand 'Cabalen' adapted its traditional restaurant operations to capture international retail distribution. Hospitality Qatar 2026 will run until October 14 at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC). According to Melicor, the Philippine Embassy in Qatar invited Cabalen to participate in this year's exhibition, where the company showcased a line of packaged meals designed to meet

growing demand for convenience and long shelf life. "Cabalen is known in the Philippines primarily as a restaurant chain, but they innovated in response to challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. They are now producing off-the-shelf food items that consumers can easily prepare using a microwave, making them highly convenient and fully halal," Melicor said. The ambassador noted that product innovation among Philippine exporters alligns with broader efforts to strengthen commercial ties and ensure supply chain diversity between the Philippines and Qatar. Beyond packaged retail goods, Melicor pointed to expanding opportunities in halal tourism and regional infrastructure, emphasising that local governments and private enterprises in the Philippines are working to build facilities that cater to Gulf travellers. "The market for halal tourism primarily involves families rather than individual

travelers. Facilities must cater to groups that include both adults and children, requiring tailored amenities and services," Melicor explained. To address transit friction for travellers from the Gulf, the embassy is engaging with regional stakeholders and airlines, including Qatar Airways, to streamline connections to secondary destinations such as Northern Mindanao. "Accessibility and infrastructure remain key factors for international visitors. For example, by collaborating with Qatar Airways, travellers from Doha can book integrated itineraries to regional destinations like Dipolog or Cagayan de Oro on a single booking pass, bypassing unnecessary travel steps," Melicor pointed out. Melicor also expressed optimism that initiatives bridging local agricultural producers, food manufacturers, and tourism hubs will establish a scalable template for Philippine provinces seeking to attract trade and investment from Qatar.



Philippine ambassador to Qatar Mardomel Celo D Melicor. PICTURE: Thajudheen

Model blitz at Paris motor show as Europe-China rivalry heats up

Carmakers expected to unveil up to 60 new models; show comes days after tentative EU-China deal on hybrids; Chinese automakers need sales in Europe as home market slumps

Reuters
Paris

Europe's car industry fought back against rising Chinese competition at the Paris car show on Monday with a wave of new model launches and fresh support from Brussels, even as Chinese automakers expanded their push into the region.

The show opened days after the European Union announced a deal with China to curb imports of Chinese hybrid vehicles into the bloc, with a cap of 350,000 a year, according to a European Commission official. While details of the arrangement have yet to be finalised, it was welcomed by European manufacturers.

The flood of Chinese hybrid imports into the EU is "not sustainable" for Europe, Renault CEO Francois Provost said, describing the agreement as "better than a trade war".

China's Leapmotor International said it needed to understand how the cap would work in practice, but that it was an "interesting alternative to tariffs".

Around 20 Chinese brands, including BYD and Chery, are attending the show, double their presence in 2024 as they seek growth overseas amid intense competition and weaker demand at home.

Chinese brands have gained share rapidly in Europe over the last three years, while Chinese exports of hybrids to the EU's 27-member states tripled to \$7.5bn in the first half of this year, according to Chinese customs.

The EU-China deal could hit BYD, Chery and state-owned SAIC's MG brand hardest as between them they accounted for 90% of Chinese brand hybrid sales in the EU in the first eight months of 2026, Jefferies analysts said on Sunday.

Volkswagen CEO Oliver Blume welcomed progress in EU-China talks, saying on Sunday that companies selling cars in Europe should compete under comparable conditions and create jobs and value in the region.



French President Emmanuel Macron listens to Citroen and DS CEO Xavier Chardon as he visits the Paris Motor Show. Europe's car industry fought back against rising Chinese competition at the Paris car show on Monday with a wave of new model launches and fresh support from Brussels, even as Chinese automakers expanded their push into the region.

The German carmaker said on Monday its deliveries fell 14.3% in the third quarter, the steepest quarterly drop in four years, dragged down by a further decline in demand in its top market, China. Deliveries also fell in North America and Western Europe.

As part of its efforts to regain market share in Europe, Stellantis is launching six new models across its European brands at the show and unveiling nine concept cars, marking a significant expansion of its presence at the show.

On Sunday evening, Stellantis CEO Antonio Filosa hailed "the re-invention of a European icon" as he unveiled an affordable retro electric version of Citroen's 2CV.

The company is also adopting faster Chinese-style development cycles, Chief Technology Officer Ned Curic said, outlining plans to build small EVs in Italy using a platform being developed with Leapmotor.

Renault's head of growth, Fabrice Cambolive, said the carmaker could increase EV production in France by at least 50% over the next 12 months.

Like other Western motor shows, Paris had been in decline until Chi-

nese automakers began turning up in force four years ago.

Alongside BYD and Chery, this year's show features newer Chinese entrants including Aito, while state-owned Changan is launching its Nevo and Avatr brands in Europe.

Chinese automakers also used the event to outline further European expansion plans. Changan President Zhao Fei said the company was in talks with manufacturers about producing vehicles in Europe and hoped to build its first European-made car in early 2027.

BYD is studying the possibility of building a factory in France, Executive Vice President Stella Li told broadcaster BFM TV on Monday.

The EU imposed tariffs on Chinese-made fully electric vehicles in October 2024. Brussels is also working on "Made in Europe" rules requiring minimum local content levels for EVs to access large parts of the bloc's market.

Agreement between France and Germany on the provisions is "imminent", French President Emmanuel Macron said at the show.

Chinese automakers have sought

European production bases ahead of the proposed rules, often in partnership with established manufacturers.

In July, China's Geely Auto said it would produce electric SUVs at a Ford Motor factory in Spain. On Sunday, Geely Auto CEO Alex Nan highlighted the company's growing partnership with Renault and its commitment to Europe.

Separately, India's Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Stellantis said on Monday they had expanded their partnership to include technology and product development, with plans to build vehicles in India for more than 50 global markets.

Car sales in China, the world's largest auto market, fell 20% in the first half of 2026, increasing pressure on manufacturers to expand overseas.

As the US market is effectively closed to China's auto industry, Europe has become its top export priority. "If they drop exports in Europe they die because they can't make the money elsewhere," said Francois Roudier, secretary general of the International Organisation of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers.

EU to cap Chinese hybrid vehicles imports at 350,000 a year

AFF
Brussels

The European Union will cap imports of hybrid vehicles from China to 350,000 a year, a senior EU official said on Monday, after Brussels and Beijing agreed to the limit in a bid to avert a trade war.

"This will cut by more than half the current exports to the EU, which we estimate are likely to reach up to 800,000 units in 2026," the official said.

The cap will apply from 2027 for a period of four years, and will rise by six percent annually from the second year onward.

The EU will use its safeguard measure, which allows the bloc to limit imports to stop the flood of a certain product to Europe.

The subject of hybrid vehicles is sensitive because they are among the most popular EV models for European consumers, and Chinese makers have profited from their lower-price models to gain huge market shares at the expense of European producers.

The EU in 2024 set hefty additional tariffs on Chinese electric cars, alleging they benefit from unfair state subsidies.

Brussels and Beijing agreed to "moderate" China's exports of hybrids and plug-in hybrids to the EU last week, but details of the plan were not immediately made public.

French President Emmanuel Macron welcomed the deal, saying Monday that it would "better protect the European market against unfair competition".

"It's the result of years of work where we have sought to re-establish a fair and honest competi-

tion between Europeans and non-Europeans," he said while visiting the Paris Auto Show ahead of its opening on Tuesday.

Macron also announced an "imminent agreement" between France and Germany to protect the European auto sector, which has been rocked by job cuts amid the turbulent shift away from combustible engines.

He did not give details of the deal.

The Chinese commerce ministry said Monday the deal struck last week would be based on 2025 hybrid exports to the EU of 302,000 vehicles.

"The two sides reached a rising arrangement based on 2025, ensuring export space and stable growth for Chinese enterprises," the ministry said.

The agreement was struck after European trade commissioner Maros Sefcovic held two days of talks in Beijing over a trade deficit that runs at around 1bn euros (\$1.1bn) every day.

China has long been accused of unfair trade practices, including price dumping, currency manipulation and state subsidies. Officials and companies say the measures undermine EU firms and lead to job losses.

China rejects the claims, pointing to its industrial prowess.

The export deal will be on the agenda of a meeting of EU leaders on Thursday when they are expected to explore further measures.

A second EU official said Brussels was working on a so-called solidarity tool to support an industry or region if they are hit by unfair practices, and a "diversification" instrument to encourage firms to diversify their suppliers.

Malaysia's 1MDB in settlement talks with Deutsche Bank

Reuters
Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's state fund 1MDB is in talks to settle a legal dispute with Deutsche Bank, local media reported on Monday, as the country continues its efforts to recover billions of dollars in alleged losses from a corruption scandal.

US prosecutors have alleged that at least \$4.5bn was stolen from 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), co-founded by former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, in a complex, globe-spanning scheme by high-level officials and their associates from 2009 to 2014. Malaysia has said billions more remain unaccounted for. In 2021, 1MDB sued Deutsche and several other financial organisations to recover billions in assets that it said it were linked to misconduct related in the scandal. Deutsche said at the time that it was "not aware of any basis for a legitimate claim

against Deutsche Bank." Lim Chee Wee, a lawyer for 1MDB, told a court in a separate case on Monday that the fund was in talks with Deutsche on a proposed settlement. The Edge financial newspaper reported, without providing details of the dispute. Lim said he had already passed on details about the talks to the Kuala Lumpur High Court, according to the report. Malaysia's court website showed that the court was scheduled to hear 1MDB's lawsuit against Deutsche and others on October 26. Lim declined to comment when contacted by Reuters. In an e-mailed statement, Deutsche said: "We continue to feel strongly about our position in the case, which is supported by our particular fact pattern that is differentiated from other defendants, as well as recent developments in ongoing similar cases involving other parties." "Any potential settlement would need to take this into account," it said.

Asia stock markets mixed as oil prices slip

AFF
Hong Kong

Asian stock markets were mixed on Monday as oil prices fell after Donald Trump announced an "energy ceasefire" between Russia and Ukraine, which offset a fresh wave of Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index closed up 0.2% to 24,249.73 points; and Shanghai - Composite ended down 0.5% to 3,794.60 points yesterday.

Both main crude contracts sank more than 1% at one point following the US president's declaration, even as it sparked astonishment in Kyiv, which also said Moscow had struck multiple power plants in the country.

"Effective immediately, there is an ENERGY CEASE-FIRE in the War between Rus-



An external view of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Hang Seng Index closed up 0.2% to 24,249.73 points yesterday.

sia and Ukraine," Trump said early Sunday on Truth Social. "Both parties have agreed. Do not break it!"

His post came after he called on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to halt attacks on Russian refineries and said it was "time for Ukraine to get

a new president" who would finally settle the war. Zelensky appeared to express surprise at the announcement, saying he was seeking further details, but added that "Ukraine supports the ceasefire, and it is important that Russia support it as well".

Russia has yet to confirm its agreement. While the announcement was welcomed by Ukraine's allies, Trump had come under fire after declaring a temporary easing of US sanctions on Russian diesel, which European leaders and Kyiv said would only embolden Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The drop in oil prices reversed an initial spike that came in response to Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia at the weekend.

At least a dozen people were killed at Riyadh's international airport on Saturday -- the deadliest attack on Saudi soil for more than a decade -- and another person died following a second strike on Sunday.

The assaults marked a sharp escalation in the Yemen war, where Riyadh has long militarily supported the internationally recognised government against the Houthis.

Energy security can't be taken for granted, says Saudi minister



Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman al-Saud speaks at the 25th WPC Energy Congress in Riyadh on Monday.

QNA
Riyadh

The recent developments playing out in the region and Saudi Arabia had reaffirmed that energy security can't be taken for granted, amid mounting pressure on supply routes and the targeting of infrastructure, said Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman.

Speaking at the opening of the 25th WPC Energy Congress in Riyadh Monday, he added that the resilience of energy systems is measured not only by spare production capacity, pipelines, or power generation capacity, but also by their ability to maintain and repair infrastructure, reroute supplies,

find alternatives, recover, and continue delivering supplies under pressure.

Resilience is a state of preparedness built and maintained over time, with its effectiveness demonstrated through action, Prince Abdulaziz underlined, affirming that Saudi Arabia's demonstrated resilience and ability to recover substantially support the reliability of global energy supplies and reinforce the Kingdom's continued standing as a reliable partner in the global economy.

He stressed that there can be no future in which energy is available to all without energy security for all, emphasising that energy security and energy transition must go hand in hand.

President of WPC Energy, Pedro Miras, stressed that energy security is essential to achieving economic

growth and social stability, and that a successful energy transition requires steady and sustainable investment, highlighting the role of artificial intelligence, digitisation, new fuel sources, and carbon storage technologies in shaping the sector's future.

Miras underscored the importance of international cooperation in achieving shared goals in the energy sector, adding that collective action represents the best way to ensure a secure and sustainable future for all.

He noted that the world is moving full steam ahead towards developing cutting-edge technologies and innovating new solutions in the energy sector to safeguard global energy security, achieve economic stability, and help improve the lives of billions of people around the world.

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Qatar Chamber official calls for stronger connectivity and resilient logistics

Qatar Chamber board member Ali bin Abdullatif al-Misnad has said the logistics industry is facing a critical period as geopolitical shifts and route disruptions put pressure on global supply chains and global trade.

Al-Misnad, who is also chairman of the Middle East and Africa Region (RAME) at the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), and president of the Qatar Association for Freight Forwarding and Logistics (QAFL), made the remarks in his opening address at the FIATA RAME Meeting in Milan, Italy.

The event was held alongside the FIATA World Congress 2026 with the participation of key stakeholders from the regional freight forwarding and logistics sector.

Al-Misnad noted that this year's RAME Meeting gains special significance as it coincides with FIATA's centenary celebrations, stressing that a century of facilitating global trade has demonstrated that the resilience of the freight forwarding and logistics sector rests on four key pillars: cooperation, innovation, preparedness, and trust.

On the sidelines of the meeting, al-Mi-



Qatar Chamber board member Ali bin Abdullatif al-Misnad.

snad presented a traditional Qatari bisht to Thomas Sim, president of FIATA, as a gift marking the federation's 100th anniversary.

Addressing the challenges facing the sector, al-Misnad pointed out that recent regional tensions have caused significant disruptions to maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz and other key transport routes, affecting shipping opera-

tions, freight rates, trade flows, and the movement of essential goods. He emphasised the urgent need for agile logistics networks, highlighting how Qatar's strategic investments in world-class infrastructure, connectivity, and digital transformation have strengthened its logistics resilience and ensured trade continuity.

Al-Misnad also underscored that deepening regional connectivity, accelerating digital customs, developing human capital, and expanding industry-wide collaboration are vital to building an efficient and resilient logistics ecosystem across the Middle East and Africa.

He highlighted the upcoming FIATA RAME Meeting and Logistics Exhibition in Doha, which Qatar Chamber, through QAFL, will host. The event, originally scheduled for November 9 to 10, 2026, was rescheduled to the first quarter of 2027 due to current regional circumstances.

Al-Misnad invited FIATA representatives and regional stakeholders to attend the Doha meeting and build on the dialogue initiated in Milan, further strengthening regional co-operation and advancing the freight forwarding and logistics sector.

Qatar Chamber, Portugal discuss enhancing trade, investment ties

Qatar Chamber first vice-chairman Mohamed bin Towar al-Kuwari received yesterday Miguel Frasilho, vice president of the Arab Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to discuss trade relations between Qatar and Portugal.

Al-Kuwari and Frasilho, who is also chairman of the Advisory Board of the L'or Investment Group, discussed key areas of cooperation between companies from both countries, particularly in hospitality, fintech, retail, and other sectors of mutual interest. During the meeting, al-Kuwari lauded the strong relations between the two countries, noting that Qatari investors are interested in exploring investment opportunities in Portugal and strengthening cooperation with their Portuguese counterparts through joint ventures.

He also affirmed that the



Qatar Chamber first vice-chairman Mohamed bin Towar al-Kuwari and Miguel Frasilho, vice-president of the Arab Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, during yesterday's meeting in Doha.

Qatari market is open to foreign investment across various sectors, highlighting the importance of leveraging Portuguese expertise and technology through partnerships with Qatari companies to establish businesses in Qatar. Frasilho expressed the interest of Portuguese investors in exploring investment opportunities in Qatar, particularly in technology,

financial technology, retail, and other service sectors. The meeting also discussed the possibility of establishing a joint Qatar-Portugal Business Council, bringing together representatives of the business communities in both countries to strengthen trade and investment relations, expand private-sector co-operation, and explore opportunities for partnerships and joint ventures.

'Qatar-UK partnership strong, trusted, built for long term'

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Doha

Lady Mayor of the City of London, Dame Susan Langley, affirmed that the economic partnership between Qatar and the United Kingdom is "strong, trusted and built for the long term".

In an interview with Qatar News Agency (QNA), Langley explained that this is her first visit to Doha which aims to turn the strong and historic relationship into practical opportunities, connect Qatari investors with credible UK projects, and help British firms build partnerships in Qatar, particularly in finance, technology, infrastructure and sustainable growth.

While stressing that Qatari investment has supported important sectors across the UK and British expertise has contributed to Qatar's growth and development, she echoed her message to Qatari investors: "We value your commitment, we want to deepen it, and the UK will continue to offer a secure and transparent environment for sustainable investment". She emphasised that London offers the rule of law, respected regulation, deep markets and world-class professional advice.

In supporting Qatar's development priorities, Langley noted that London can connect Qatari institutions and businesses with capital, specialist advice and global partners. Its expertise in investment, insurance, technology and professional services can help finance new industries, protect major projects and support businesses as they expand internationally.

She suggested that this can also connect Qatar with innovative UK companies in FinTech, clean growth and life sciences, supporting the diversified, knowledge-based economy at the heart of Qatar National Vision 2030.

The Lady Mayor pointed to "real scope to do more together" in green growth, FinTech and Islamic fi-

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- Help British firms build partnerships in Qatar, particularly in finance, technology, and infrastructure
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- London can connect Qatari institutions and businesses with capital, specialist advice, and global partners
- London and Doha would be closer partners in finance, technology, and sustainable growth

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nance, adding that London can help raise private capital for green infrastructure and clean-energy projects, while its FinTech ecosystem can support Qatari firms looking to develop new services and grow internationally. She further explained that London is a leading center for Islamic finance outside the Muslim world, adding: "By combining Doha's ambition and investment strength with London's global market reach, we can widen the sukuk market and attract a broader range of investors".

Regarding the GCC-UK free trade agreement, she said the agreement

has been concluded and, once it enters into force, should make trade simpler and more predictable.

"It will reduce barriers, improve access for services and digital trade, and make it easier for companies to understand the rules in each market. This matters particularly for smaller businesses, which often have fewer resources to navigate complex requirements, giving SMEs in Qatar and the UK greater confidence to export, form partnerships and invest in each other's markets", she underlined.

Regarding the UK's new initia-

tives, Langley highlighted that InvestConnect will make credible UK opportunities easier to find, compare and understand, including major infrastructure, property and growth projects.

The Office for Investment: Financial Services offers investors a clear point of contact and tailored support across government and the financial sector, helping Qatari investors see a wider range of opportunities, carry out proper checks and move more quickly from initial interest to a real investment, she pointed out.

On competition from other global financial centers, Langley said competition between financial centers is healthy, but London's strength is its complete financial ecosystem. Investors can access deep capital markets, trusted law and regulation, global talent, specialist insurance and professional advice in one place. London is also highly international, with strong connections across Europe, the Gulf, Asia and North America.

"This combination of stability, expertise and global reach makes it an excellent long-term base for Qatari investors", she remarked.

Regarding the message "Team UK - Britain is confident and open for business",

Langley pointed out that it means the UK is open, outward-looking and ready to partner. For Qatari investors, it means access to opportunities across the whole country. For Qatari companies, it means a welcoming base from which to grow, innovate and reach customers in the UK and worldwide.

Langley expressed her hope that the visit would leave a stronger pipeline of investment and lasting links between institutions, businesses and people. She also hoped that, in ten years, London and Doha would be even closer partners in finance, technology and sustainable growth, with more joint investment, stronger business links and capital and expertise flowing confidently in both directions.

Microsoft bets on homegrown AI chip to challenge Nvidia

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San Francisco

Microsoft said on Monday it will roll out its in-house Maia artificial intelligence chips on a massive scale starting in 2027, making them the main hardware for running AI across its products -- a move that could reduce its reliance on Nvidia.

Chips like Maia are the technology inside the vast data centers powering the AI boom, and Microsoft plans to deploy enough of them to draw several gigawatts of electricity -- roughly the output of several large nuclear reactors.

Nvidia has held a near-lock on the chips used to train AI models, but tech giants and rival chipmakers are now racing to stake out positions in inference -- the work of running those models to answer questions and carry out tasks once they are up-and-running.

That market is expanding fast as companies roll out AI assistants and so-called agents that perform multi-step jobs on their own, with Nvidia, AMD, Amazon and Google all pushing out new products in the space.

"Today marks a new phase for Microsoft's AI infrastructure," Microsoft executive vice president Scott Guthrie wrote in a blog post announcing the plans.

The company said the Maia 200 chip is already operational, including for the Microsoft 365 Copilot assistant, while a more

powerful successor, the Maia 300, will launch in 2027.

Maia 200 runs models from OpenAI, Microsoft's own in-house MAI models and leading open-source models.

The chip is deployed in the United States, Europe and Australia, and delivers up to 1.7 times more output per watt than leading GPU-based systems for AI features built into Teams and Copilot, according to the company.

Microsoft said the Maia 300 will squeeze 40 percent more AI work out of the same amount of electricity than leading systems, and more than twice as much as its own previous chip.

Energy efficiency has become a central concern for tech companies racing to build data centers, as the electricity demands of AI strain power grids and drive up costs.

Each server rack, a cabinet-sized unit in a data center, will hold 96 of the chips, twice as many as before, and handle up to seven times the workload, the company said.

The new chip's computing components will be manufactured by Taiwan's TSMC.

In a separate post, Microsoft engineers said a big focus was cutting the power wasted moving data back and forth inside the machines, a growing problem as AI tools handle more complex tasks.

The systems are mostly cooled with liquid, but Microsoft said they can also run in older data centers cooled by air.

AI investment keeps global growth around 3%, says IMF

Reuters

Bangkok

Strong investment in AI infrastructure is keeping global growth at around 3% with major benefits for Asia, but also foreshadows a "slow-moving tsunami" that could massively disrupt labor markets, taxation and education, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Monday. The artificial intelligence investment boom was already delivering a "demand shock, an investment shock" that could boost growth in advanced Asian economies by a half to one full percentage point, and emerging Asian economies by 0.2 to 0.8 percentage point, she said. "AI, love it, hate it. It's already here," Georgieva said. "That shift into higher gear is what is keeping the world economy growing at around 3%, despite the fact we are being dragged down

by the energy supply shock," she told hundreds of participants on the first day of a weeklong set of meetings of the IMF and World Bank in the Thai capital. The IMF in July forecast global growth at 3% in 2026. It will release an updated outlook on Tuesday. Some 18,000 people are expected to attend the gathering this week, including finance officials from the IMF's 191 members. However, several finance ministers will skip the trip to focus on domestic priorities, including US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Spanish Finance Minister Arcadi España. Also absent will be the finance ministers from Canada, India and the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is struggling to contain an Ebola outbreak that has killed at least 4,000 people, said a source familiar with the plans. Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan, who heads the IMF's steering committee, still planned to attend despite an operations halt at the Riyadh airport following



International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva speaks as Singapore's President Tharman Shanmugaratnam and President of the World Bank Group Ajay Banga look on during the IMF/World Bank 2026 Annual Meetings at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday.

deadly weekend attacks by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis, two sources said. Asked about the negative impact of AI on jobs, Georgieva said that IMF research shows that some 40% of jobs will be either augmented, downgraded or eliminated by AI, and as high as 60% in advanced economies.

This will have profound consequences for jobs, growth, education and even how governments generate revenue through taxation, given the expected shift from labor to capital. An initial study showed that 10% of jobs in the US already required AI skills. While routine, repetitive

jobs were shrinking, low-paying jobs were increasing in two lower-paying sectors, construction and data centers. "It is a transformative technology. It so completely changes how we work, how we live," she said, noting that an AI assistant now gave her a 30-second message about her schedule each morning. The US, China and India are the most important producers in the AI supply chain, but many of the firms supplying hardware for the needed infrastructure are in Asia, Georgieva said, referencing Thailand, host of this year's annual meetings. Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, speaking at the same event, said governments should address how AI was reducing job opportunities for graduates. "There is a particular problem that we have to address very soon ... and that is that, the first rung in employment, your first job upon graduation, is now seeing less demand," he said.

He said the world should also guard against AI resulting in a "new divergence" in growth and job creation between developing and advanced economies. "AI is going to widen the divergence if we are too passive about it," he said. "So we've got to do everything we can to first use AI to create good jobs and to create jobs that can be done well by human beings, can allow them to ride up a career ladder despite AI." World Bank President Ajay Banga, who has made jobs a central focus of his presidency, told reporters that he was not convinced that entry-level jobs would be destroyed by AI, and that much of the disruption would take place in advanced economies that are building large AI models. "In the emerging markets, we are not into large language models," he said, adding that the World Bank was focused on leveraging "small AI" that does not require massive computing power to deliver productivity gains for farmers, health clinics and teachers.