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## Amir visits Doha book fair



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani visited yesterday the 33rd Doha International Book Fair, held at Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre under the theme "Knowledge Builds Civilisations." During his tour, the Amir listened to an explanation about the most prominent publishing houses participating in the fair from Qatar and friendly countries, and their new releases. He also visited several participating pavilions, notably the pavilion of Oman, the guest of honour of this edition. His Highness the Amir was briefed on the fair's contributions to stimulating cultural activity locally and regionally. He engaged in conversations with officials and participants about the developments in publishing and culture, as well as the efforts made to promote a culture of reading among various age groups. His Highness the Amir was also briefed on the activities of the 'Doha Children' which offers workshops and activities for children, and booths from children's book publishers. The Amir was accompanied during the tour by a number of ministers and senior officials. **(QNA)**



## PM meets Indonesian president-elect

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani met at the Amiri Diwan yesterday with the visiting President-elect and Minister of Defence of Indonesia Gen Prabowo Subianto. The meeting discussed aspects of co-operation between the two countries and ways to support and develop them in various fields, as well as the developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories. **(QNA)**



## Amir sends cables of congratulations to Singapore PM

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani and HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani sent yesterday cables of congratulations to Lawrence Wong on the occasion of taking the constitutional oath as Prime Minister of Singapore, wishing him well, and for bilateral relations further development and growth.

## PM holds phone call with Kuwaiti counterpart

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani held yesterday a phone call with Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah congratulating him on his appointment as Kuwait's Prime Minister, wishing him success and for the relations between the two brotherly countries to witness further development and growth. **(QNA)**

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## Lolwah AlKhater receives Champion of Humanitarian Diplomacy award



HE the Minister of State for International Co-operation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lolwah bint Rashid AlKhater received, in the Portuguese city of Braga yesterday, the 'Champion of Humanitarian Diplomacy' award for the year 2024 from the General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM). The award was presented by President of PAM Enam Mayara in the presence of Mayor of Braga Ricardo Rio. The accolade is a testament of regional and international appreciation for Qatari diplomacy and its effective roles especially in humanitarian efforts. It is awarded to HE AlKhater in acknowledgment of Qatar's humanitarian efforts to achieve peace and its active diplomacy in delivering humanitarian and relief aid, supporting friendly countries in times of crises, natural disasters, and armed conflicts, such as the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, as well as Afghanistan and Sudan. Qatar's mediation to stop the aggression on the Gaza Strip tops the humanitarian roles, along with the significant role played by Qatar in laying the foundations for peace and stability in Afghanistan, in addition to its recent success in mediating between Russia and Ukraine to reunite children from both sides with their families after being separated by war. The Champion of Humanitarian Diplomacy award is annually granted within this category to individuals and organisations that make exceptional efforts to promote political, social, economic, humanitarian, and other development efforts aimed at enhancing global peace and prosperity. (QNA)



## Significant economic growth predicted for Indonesia

By Joey Aguilar  
Staff Reporter

Indonesia is set to experience significant economic growth by focusing on digitalisation and reducing non-essential spending, according to President-elect and Defence Minister General Prabowo Subianto. Speaking at the Qatar Economic Forum (QEF) 2024 yesterday, Subianto outlined his administration's strategy for achieving this growth, saying: "That means refocusing and cutting down the wastes... It is a matter of efficient, good governance, good administration, good management, and we are in the midst of introducing e-governance."

He highlighted the government's plans to computerise the

procurement processes of all Indonesian government institutions, aiming to enhance revenue services and reduce waste. "We calculate that we can save a lot of money by cutting down waste, and this will be the growth driver, so we are very confident," he added as he expressed optimism that achieving 8% growth within 2-3 years is feasible, while maintaining a budget deficit of 3%.

"We studied all the figures and we are confident we can do that... the 3% (budget deficit) is something arbitrary. Not many countries adhere to it, but we have a tradition of prudent fiscal management. I think we have one of the lowest debt-to-GDP ratios in the world. So now it is time to be a bit more daring within good governance."

About other growth drivers,

Subianto identified agriculture, food production, food distribution, and energy as primary focuses.

"The growth driver in the first years will be our concentration on agriculture, food production, food distribution, and energy. We want to go green quickly and produce our diesel from palm oil, which will be a very strong growth driver. We import \$20bn every year for diesel oil, so imagine the savings when we switch to biofuel," he pointed out.

Addressing concerns about protectionist policies, Subianto clarified: "No, no, I think it is a misconception. We are not protectionist. What we are doing is very logical. Every country in the world will protect the national core interests of their people. We want to industrialise and utilise

our natural resources fully. We cannot keep importing industrial goods all the time; it is not fair to our people. We will not be an advanced industrial society if we are just producers of raw materials."

Regarding the planned capital relocation from Jakarta, Subianto explained the \$35bn project, saying: "First, the idea was to place the capital in a more central location. Secondly, Jakarta and its surroundings in Java are very highly populated, creating a tremendous ecological burden."

"We are facing a sea-level rise of about 5-10cm a year, so we have to build a giant sea wall. Moving the capital will help spread growth beyond Jakarta and Java and protect the capital from inundation until the sea wall is completed, which will take 10-15 years."

Subianto noted that the con-



Indonesia's President-elect and Defence Minister General Prabowo Subianto at QEF 2024 yesterday. **PICTURE:** Thajudheen

struction would take 25-30 years, and would rely on national resources initially. "The Indonesian economy can bear the costs of

that," he said, expressing confidence in the country's financial capability to support this monumental project.



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## Al-Subaie meets chairman of Mitsubishi Research Institute

HE the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Dr Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Subaie met yesterday with Chairman of Mitsubishi Research Institute Takashi Morisaki, and his accompanying delegation, on the sidelines of his participation in the 4th Qatar Economic Forum. The meeting discussed the most important scientific research in preserving the environment and achieving sustainable development. They also discussed the role of scientific research in confronting the impact of climate change. **(QNA)**



## Amir receives message from El Salvador president



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani received a written message from President of El Salvador Nayib Bukele pertaining to bilateral relations. The message was received by HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi, during his meeting with ambassador of El Salvador to the country Milton Alcides Magana Herrera. **(QNA)**

### Official

#### Amir congratulates president of Paraguay

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani sent cables of congratulations to Paraguay President Santiago Pena on the anniversary of his country's Independence Day. **(QNA)**

#### Israeli entity's brutal aggression in Gaza jeopardises global peace

The Shura Council warned of the consequences of the international community's inability to oblige the Israeli occupation forces to comply with international legitimacy resolutions, considering it a threat to international peace and security.

This came in a speech delivered by Shura Council Member, Abdullah bin Nasser bin Turki al-Subaie, who is also Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Member of the PAM's Bureau, during the opening of the 18th Plenary Session, which began yesterday in the city of Braga, the Portuguese Republic, and continues for two days.

Al-Subaie referred to the dangerous Israeli escalation in all the occupied Palestinian territories up to the city of Rafah, expressing his regret for the Israeli entity's persistence in its war on the Gaza Strip. He said that whenever the opportunity arises to stop this brutal war on Gaza, the Israeli side persists in its stubbornness, highlighting Israel's declining of a Qatar-Egypt proposal which was approved by the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas).

Al-Subaie also stressed that Qatar, under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, supported all peace endeavours and efforts made to find solutions to the Palestinian issue within



the framework of international legitimacy and relevant UN resolutions. He added that peace is still possible as long as it is just and sustainable, restores rights to the Palestinian people and guarantees the establishment of their independent state within its borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

He stressed Qatar's belief in dialogue as a way to resolve problems and disputes between countries and between parties and conflict-ing movements within one country. He added that Qatar has succeeded in resolving many disputes and disputes between parties and between countries, and is still making strenuous efforts to reach a solution to many regional and international conflicts, and in particular to stop the aggression against Gaza.

#### Two-state solution can resolve Palestine conflict: Gen Petraeus

General David H Petraeus, a prominent and retired US army official suggested yesterday that a two-state solution is the way forward to end the Palestine conflict. General Petraeus was interacting with the editor-in-chief of Bloomberg, John Micklethwait at the ongoing Qatar Economic Forum 2024 being held at Raffles and Fairmont Doha. Answering the question 'Is the end of the conflict a two-state solution?' from Micklethwait, General Petraeus replied "I think it has to be. No one has ever been able to describe any other possible solution. But obviously that has been extremely challenging." In his conversation, he also highlighted several strategies that can make the lives better in Gaza and Palestine and how they can be achieved. General Petraeus was discussing 'Geopolitics: Navigating the Global Risk Landscape' during the forum where he described various challenges



including Ukraine and several other challenges in the region. As for the Ukraine War he noted that the battle is going on in Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine. "From the north of Kharkiv, the Russians have been pushing. If the Russians get into the artillery range of Kharikv, they will just obliterate the city. I think the Ukrainians can certainly keep them out of Kharkiv as they have done before in the first year of war. But they have to get them out of artillery range," he explained.

# Cabinet ratifies Qatar-Saudi digital co-operation accord

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani chaired the Cabinet's weekly meeting held at its seat at the Amiri Diwan yesterday.

After the meeting, HE the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim bin Ali al-Mohannadi issued the following statement: The Cabinet considered the topics on its agenda as follows: First, approval of a draft Cabinet decision establishing the National Committee on Memory of the World.

The draft decision stipulates the formation of the aforementioned committee in the Ministry of Culture, to implement the Memory of the World Programme launched by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) with the aim of protecting and preserving the worlds documentary heritage, in co-ordination with the relevant authorities.

Second, the Cabinet approved the hosting of the conference organised by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) on air transport facilitation (Doha — during the second quarter of 2025).

Third, the Cabinet took the necessary measures to ratify the following:

1- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for co-operation in the field of digital government between the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Qatar and the Digital Government Authority of Saudi Arabia.

2- Revised agreement on the recognition of higher education studies, certificates and degrees in Arab countries.

3- MoU for co-operation in education between the governments of Qatar and the Nigeria.

4- Agreement between the governments of Qatar and Nigeria regulating the employment of Nigerian workers in Qatar.

5- MoU for co-operation in the fields of tourism and business events between the governments of Qatar and Nigeria.

6- MoU for co-operation in the field of public prosecution between the Public Prosecution of Qatar and the General Prosecutor's Office of Uzbekistan.

7- MoU between the Financial Information Unit of Qatar and the Financial

Monitoring Department of the National Bank of Tajikistan to co-operate in the field of exchanging financial investigations related to crimes of money laundering and terrorist financing, and related crimes.

Fourth, the Cabinet approved the following: 1- Draft basic contribution agreement between Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) in Qatar and the UN — the UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) — to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to support the core resources of the Fund for the year 2024.

2- Draft co-operation protocol in the fields of journalism and media between the governments of Qatar and Nepal.

Fifth, the Cabinet considered the following topics and took appropriate decisions thereon: 1- Report of the ministerial committee in charge of following up on the implementation of the national framework for promoting good values and morals in the Qatari society.

2- Annual report of the standing committee for rescue, relief and humanitarian aid in afflicted areas in brotherly and friendly countries. **(QNA)**

# Ministry holds training courses on probe in AI-related crimes

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The Ministry of Justice's Legal and Judicial Studies Center (LJSC) organised two training courses on administrative investigations and AI-related crimes designated for legal professionals from various ministries and government agencies.

The first training discussed administrative investigations and disciplinary proceedings under the Civil Human Resources Law, while the second tackled the criminal liability resulting from Artificial Intelligence technologies.

In a statement, the Ministry of Justice said the first course aimed to educate trainees about disciplinary sanctions and their consequences by offering information on the concept and sources of administrative investigation and its competent authorities, along with the concept and methods of evidence in disciplinary violations and organising administrative investigation documents.

The second course aimed to educate participants about the history and areas of use of the AI and the nature of AI-related crimes. It discussed the definition of AI, the legal nature of its technologies, the legal basis for criminal liability resulting from artificial intelligence technologies and practical applications of models of crimes resulting from the AI, and models of complaints and investigation mechanisms.



Director of the LJSC, Dr Saleh Ali al-Fadala, stressed the importance of these specialised training courses to develop the legal skills of researchers

and specialists and maximising their benefit for the benefit of the ministries and government institutions for which these courses were designed to meet their training needs.

He noted that the LJSC is developing an integrated training plan to meet the country's training needs in accordance with the third national development strategies, and in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030's human development pillar.

## Qatar launches Doha Dialogue on labour mobility between Gulf, African countries

Qatar launches the "Doha Dialogue" on labour mobility between Gulf countries and African nations on May 21-22, with participation from 33 countries representing the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states, Jordan, Lebanon, and 25 African countries. The event will be held in the presence of the Ministers of Labour from the participating countries, representatives from the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), as well as experts, academics, and representatives of civil society. This dialogue is part of an agreement between Qatar and the African Union to develop consultative mechanisms between African countries and the Gulf states, Jordan, and Lebanon. It aims to enhance regional co-operation and partnerships and implement best practices to ensure fair labour mobility between the two regions. **(QNA)**

## Polish president ends Doha visit



Polish President Andrzej Duda left Doha yesterday after a work visit to the country. He and the accompanying delegation were seen off at Hamad International Airport by HE Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Ahmed bin Hassan al-Hammadi. **(QNA)**

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# DIBF hosts discussion on Qatar’s key role in promoting cultural diplomacy

As part of the cultural activities accompanying the 33rd Doha International Book Fair (DIBF), the Ministry of Culture organised a symposium entitled “Qatar and Cultural Diplomacy” on Tuesday evening.

The symposium was attended by HE the Minister of Culture Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad al-Thani, dignitaries, intellectuals and the book fair audience.

HE the Permanent Representative of Qatar to Unesco Dr Nasser bin Hamad al-Hanzab, and former Representative of Qatar to Unesco Ali Zainal participated in the symposium, moderated by Dr Nawzad Abdulrahman al-Haiti, a professor at the Diplomatic Institute and an economic consultant.

Zainal initially reviewed the ongoing efforts of Qatar to enhance its cultural diplomacy, which included many initiatives, the most recent of which was holding a celebration organised by the Ministry of Culture at the Unesco headquarters in the French capital, Paris, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding and Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. He also pointed out a number of other initiatives, the most important of which is the “Years of Culture”, which began in 2012 with Japan, and which has included a large number of countries, continuing this year with Morocco, in addition to the establishment of the Arab Cultural House Al Diwan in the German capital, Berlin, which was launched during the Qatar-Germany Year of Culture 2017, and the Arc de Triomphe horse racing award, which is held in the French capital and is accompanied by



many cultural events.

He also touched on the efforts of private institutions and individuals to enhance Qatari cultural diplomacy, citing in this context the “The Majlis – Cultures in Dialogue” initiative, which is a cultural exhibition that includes unique collections from the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al-Thani Museum. Zainal called for Qatar to adopt the establishment of cultural centres in important international capitals within the framework of its interest in promoting Arab culture and spreading diplomatic culture.

HE Dr Nasser al-Hanzab discussed the early interest of Qatar in cultural diplomacy since the era of the Founder, Sheikh Jassim bin Mohamed bin Thani, who printed books at his own expense in India, and sent them to various countries to spread knowledge, which indicates the existence of an approach by Qatar in this regard and which continues to this day. He also referred to the establishment of the Sheikh Hamad Award for Translation and International Understanding and its role that confirms this approach, and what the award does in introducing cultures. It

was also interested in signing an agreement with Unesco to translate its publications on the Silk Road. He said that there is a political will in the country to introduce Qatari culture, praising at the same time the efforts of the Ministry of Culture at the local and international levels in this regard, including the culture exhibition that was held at the Unesco headquarters recently, which was attended by more than 300 diplomats around the world and constituted a turning point in introducing Qatari culture in a headquarters that includes representatives of various countries. He also stressed that Qatar played a fundamental role in establishing international peace, security at the regional and international levels by establishing a culture of dialogue between people.

He also noted that the goals of Unesco intersect with the Qatar National Vision 2030, which is concerned with culture and heritage, pointing out the Ministry of Culture’s keenness to register a number of elements of intangible cultural heritage on the Unesco list, most notably the “bisht” and the Qatari “ardha”. (QNA)

## Old Doha Port partners with Katara to launch fishing competition



Old Doha Port has urged all Qatari fishing enthusiasts to participate in its first fishing competition, organised in collaboration with Katara – Cultural Village’s Beach Management. Scheduled on May 31 at Containers Yard, the event offers prizes totalling up to QR100,000 for the first 10 place winners. Each team can have one GCC national and Qatar resident.

# Cultural Salon holds seminar on literary genres, arts at DIBF

The Cultural Salon at the 33rd edition of the Doha International Book Fair (DIBF), which runs until May 18, organised a seminar titled, “The Dialogue of Literary Genres and Arts.”

It featured the Tunisian writer and academic, Dr Nizar Shaqroun, and it was moderated by Dr Abdulhak Belabed.

The seminar focused on the specificity of literary genres and their interaction with the arts, particularly the visual arts, and their engagement with the narrative genre. Postmodern novels were highlighted for their dialogue with the arts and their

intersection with other literary genres. At the beginning of the seminar, Dr Nizar Shaqroun highlighted the uniqueness of Arab creativity, affirming that visual arts have not been integrated into our culture. This has resulted in our inability to engage in visual documentation, except for what has emerged through the creativity of orientalist.

Dr Shaqroun stated that this was the reason why visual documents of history are not in possession except through architecture and geometric decorations. He pointed out that the lack of interest in imagery is still prevalent in the Arab societies, as evi-

dent in the low attendance rates at art exhibitions, which seem almost devoid of audiences.

He explained that many literary forms have expressed their need for imagery, whether real, such as expressive drawings by some novelists, or imagined. He added that the writer requires a visual memory to imagine and describe the scene, which is then translated by the reader. He stated that the novelist cannot construct a scene without visual knowledge of the place, adding that the novelist builds a world and interrogates the material, rendering it visual with words. (QNA)

# Minister inaugurates expo on family cohesion



HE the Minister of Social Development and Family Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser al-Misnad, has inaugurated the first artistic awareness exhibition to promote family cohesion titled, ‘Al Malath,’ launched as part of an initiative by the Family Counseling Center (Wifaq), one of the centres of the Qatar Foundation for Social Work.

The exhibition, held in collaboration with Fire Station artists in residence programme and the Public Art Department at Katara,

aims to employ art and creativity in an innovative way for community awareness on the importance of family cohesion and raising awareness about the consequences of divorce on families, especially children.

Additionally, it seeks to draw attention to the value of positive interaction within families to ensure the successful upbringing and care of children, thereby achieving one of the outcomes of Qatar’s Third National Development Strategy (2024-2030)

towards a cohesive society and the preservation of strong family ties. The exhibition features more than 80 artistic works created by a group of Qatari and resident artists who contributed to translating and embodying the concept, objectives of ‘Al Malath’ through paintings, sculptures and installations that emphasise the importance of family as a sanctuary for individuals and a key to tranquility, peace in the present and future for individuals, families and communities. (QNA)

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## Hilton Salwa Resort offers summer discount



Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas has launched a limited time summer offer, featuring a 20% discount on both rooms and villas, which also includes complimentary breakfast, dinner and access to the water park. The booking period is from today to June 14 and the stay period from tomorrow to September 8, a statement said.





## Media City Qatar-QRDI Council MoU to promote innovation-driven media sector

Media City Qatar (MCQ) and the Qatar Research, Development and Innovation (QRDI) Council have announced a strategic partnership by signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the ongoing Qatar Economic Forum.

This collaboration aims to foster an innovation-driven media sector in Qatar, enhancing technological capabilities and global competitiveness in alignment with the National Development Strategy 3 and MCQ's directive as regional leader in the media industry, contributing to Qatar's economic diversification, and The QRDI 2030 Strategy.

The MoU sets the framework for integrating media as a dedicated stream within QRDI Council's broader innovation initiatives. Under this MoU, MCQ and the QRDI Council will spearhead joint initiatives aimed at fostering innovation capabilities within the media ecosystem.



This collaboration aims to foster an innovation-driven media sector in Qatar.

A roadmap will guide the translation of QRDI Council's funding and supportive initiatives into tangible projects. Additionally, MCQ will participate in the QRDI Council's Corporate Innovation Leaders programme in 2024, encouraging media companies under its umbrella to engage in QRDI Council's Technology Development Grant and Qatar Open

Innovation programme. This partnership extends to enhancing the attractiveness of Qatar as a destination for RDI-intensive media organisations by collaborating with key stakeholders, including leading academic institutions. It further aims to structure foreign direct investment for the media cluster, generating positive spillovers within

Qatar's RDI ecosystem. Additionally, the initiative will include a series of interdisciplinary training workshops aimed at boosting the innovation skills of MCQ tenants, supporting the creation of high-skilled job opportunities in the media sector, and fostering the continuous development of local talent. HE Sheikh Dr Abdulla bin Ali al-Thani, chairman of Media City Qatar, commented on the partnership, stating: "This MoU marks a significant milestone in our commitment to transforming Qatar into a global hub for media innovation. By integrating media into the Council's innovation programmes and aligning our incentives and grants, we are setting the stage for a dynamic, technologically advanced media sector." Omar al-Ansari, QRDI Council's secretary-general, emphasised: "Our partnership

with Media City Qatar epitomises strategic diversification, enriching our portfolio by integrating the vibrant media stream. Recognising Digital Technology as one of the five National RDI priority areas outlined in our QRDI 2030 Strategy, this collaboration not only expands our innovation landscape but also marks a significant step towards fulfilling our mission of nurturing a culture of technological advancement and creative excellence. This also marks a new chapter in Qatar's global media prominence, contributing to the fulfilment of the Qatar National Vision 2030." MCQ and QRDI Council will also work closely with key stakeholders to shape a policy and regulatory environment conducive for innovative media companies, facilitating a thriving media landscape in Qatar.

# Media City Qatar, QU join hands to foster media education

Media City Qatar (MCQ) and Qatar University (QU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) yesterday at the Qatar Economic Forum 2024 to offer comprehensive media education programmes to current students and recent graduates of QU.

This collaboration aims to nurture future media professionals in Qatar, in alignment with the goals of the Qatar National Vision 2030, focusing on building an education-based media society.

The collaboration offers a variety of hands-on learning experiences, including shadowing and internship programmes with MCQ's licensees and partners.

These programmes, available both in Doha and internationally, are designed to provide QU students and recent graduates with real-world exposure in multiple media disciplines.

The initiative encompasses a broad spectrum of media fields such as journalism, editorial work, broadcasting, media production, and other related areas, aiming to equip students with the essential skills needed in today's dynamic media environment.

HE Sheikh Dr Abdulla bin Ali al-Thani, chairman of Media City Qatar, stated: "Through this MoU with Qatar University, we are setting a robust platform for aspiring media professionals. Our goal is to integrate practical learning opportunities with academic education to cultivate a skilled workforce that will drive the future of Qatar's media industry. This initiative not only supports our national vision but also strengthens our position as a leading media hub in the region."

Dr Omar al-Ansari, president of Qatar University, said: "We sign this agreement with Media City marking our commitment towards the Qatar National Vision 2030, moving forward towards a path



The collaboration aims to nurture future media professionals in Qatar.

where knowledge empowers and innovation thrives. Through our collaborative programme, we will nurture the next generation of leaders in journalism, broadcasting, and media production, equipping them with not only theoretical knowledge but also invaluable practical experience. This partnership exemplifies our shared dedication to a future where education and media converge to further opportunity and progress for our future media leaders."

The MoU sets a comprehensive framework for both entities to contribute effectively to the educational and professional development of the country's youth, further enhancing the attractiveness of Qatar as a thriving hub for media innovation and education.

# Generation Amazing Foundation, SFA sign pact

By Joey Aguilar  
Staff Reporter

Generation Amazing Foundation (GA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Riyadh-based Saudi Sports for All Federation (SFA), aimed at enhancing educational and developmental capabilities and extending their positive impact on schools, sports clubs, and communities.

The ceremony on the sidelines of the Qatar Economic Forum 2024, Powered by Bloomberg, was presided over by SFA president Prince Khaled bin Alwaleed bin Talal al-Saud, Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy secretary-general and Council of GA chairman HE Hassan al-Thawadi, GA executive director Nasser al-Khori.

In a press statement, al-Thawadi said: "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to promoting inclusivity, health, equality, and public welfare through sports, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals."

The three-year agreement between GA and SFA covers a broad spectrum of initiatives, including the joint development of programmes for students and communities.

GA will actively collaborate with SFA in numerous upcoming events in Saudi Arabia to promote values and facilitate knowledge exchange among youths.

The MoU also formalises the ongoing collaboration between the two institutions, which began earlier this year with the 2024 Global Goals World Cup in Riyadh.

"We unite under a shared belief that sports can be used as a catalyst for positive change. Both organisations are committed to empowering youth, fostering inclusivity, and nurturing communities, resonating with our collective dedication to making an impact that transcends boundaries and inspires populations," al-Saud said.

Al-Khori highlighted the significance of the MoU, noting that: "With the signing of this MoU between GA and the SFA, we are truly advancing the legacy of



Prince Khaled bin Alwaleed bin Talal al-Saud (left) and Nasser al-Khori shake hands at the MoU-signing on the sidelines of QEF 2024 as HE Hassan al-Thawadi looks on. PICTURE: Thajudheen

the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. We envision this to be a transformative collaboration that will leverage the power of sport to create lasting positive change in our respective communities and globally."

As part of Vision 2030, the Ministry of Sport has tasked the SFA with increasing the number of people participating in physical activity by 2030.

The agreement with GA supports the SFA's mission to build partnerships, find best practices, and help achieve Vision 2030 goals. Since 2018, the SFA has launched several innovative sports programmes, boosting public participation and raising awareness of the benefits of sports for physical and mental health.

## Qatar expects to sign more long-term gas supply deals this year: Al-Kaabi

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"I don't think there is a problem of selling LNG. Everybody is buying LNG, it is just agreeing on terms and conditions and pricing... but I think there's a huge demand out there, whether it's from Asia or Europe," al-Kaabi told the Qatar Economic Forum.

"I think even Europe is realising now they have to do something different to secure long term. They have been lucky with two warm winters," he said. Al-Kaabi said: "We think there is a big demand in future, and we are going to expand to meet that demand. Technical capability of doing more in Qatar is going to be assessed in future. And if more needs to be done, probably we will do more."

"But also, we are also big explorers around the world, one of the largest holders of exploration blocks in the world, some with my colleagues here. We are very bullish about demand going forward. If we have a reasonable economic growth going forward, I think the demand and supply will catch up and you need another phase of development of gas in the 2030s."

# EAA holds high-level dialogue on education

The Qatar Economic Forum hosted a distinguished high-level dialogue under the theme 'Education: Funding the Future' organised by the Education Above All (EAA) Foundation in partnership with Bloomberg.

According to an official statement from EAA, the event gathered policymakers including ministers of four governments and global leaders from four development and private banks in the educational and financial fields to focus on developing innovative and sustainable financing mechanisms for education across the world.

"The high-level dialogue aimed at constructing effective frameworks to ensure the long-term sustainability of education financing by uniting efforts and

creating diverse partnerships to bridge the gaps through innovative financing mechanisms. Discussions emphasised the need for increased global investment and equity in education, understanding the impacts of public debt on social sectors, and exploring innovative financing and partnerships. These are critical for enhancing policy implementation and increasing awareness," the statement said.

Dr Mohamed Sulaiman al-Jasser, chairman of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), presented the keynote speech of the session, highlighting the size of the bank's investment in education by allocating large and targeted budgets to benefit member countries and others, as well as the partnership with the EAA Foundation.

Fahad al-Sulaiti, CEO of EAA



Dr Mohamed Sulaiman al-Jasser, chairman of the Islamic Development Bank.

Foundation, said sustainable financing models are essential for ensuring long-term success in development and education.

In the second part of the session, Minister of Education of Ni-

geria Tahir Mamman SAN OON, Vice-President of Lazard Léonardo Pupperto and Sierra Leone Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education Conrad Omalikeh Sackey presented innovative solutions for financing education through developing financial and educational policies to ensure continuity of education in the face of long-term challenge.

The session was moderated by Jennifer Zabasajja, Anchor, Bloomberg Television.

Panellists tackled pathways for global education investment as well as working with international partners to further the global education investment strategy. They also highlighted the impact of public debt on education and the need for expanding areas of knowledge on this subject.

The dialogue delved into ways to encourage creative and efficient financing solutions, especially in highly indebted nations. By opening the door for continuous dialogue at both the national and global levels between decision-makers and stakeholders when formulating policies, the successful implementation of national initiatives can be ensured.

According to the Education Finance Watch 2023 Report, although low-income countries have been increasing their year-on-year education spending, the financing mechanisms were not robust enough to fix the ill effects of the pandemic. Additionally, the need for innovative education models and structures underscores the criticality of sufficient education funding for generations to come.

# Initiative to equip next gen quantum workforce



Dr Saif al-Kuwari

Khalifa University (HBKU)'s College of Science and Engineering (CSE) to build the next generation quantum workforce in Qatar through world-class quantum education and software.

This announcement coincides with Q-CTRL's CEO, Professor Michael J Biercuk, speaking at the ongoing Qatar Economic Forum, Powered by Bloomberg, a statement said.

Under this international partnership, HBKU CSE's newly established Qatar Center for Quantum Computing

(QC2) will make Q-CTRL's software available to support and enhance QC2's educational and research programme.

This includes Black Opal, the company's world-leading quantum educational platform and Fire Opal, automated performance-management software to boost the utility of today's cloud quantum computers for real high-impact applications.

CSE houses QC2 to partner with prominent academic research groups and industry leaders and pioneer quantum research. With its three research groups focusing on quantum communication, quantum computation and quantum sensing, QC2 is envisioned to play a major role in advancing quantum computing research locally, regionally, and internationally.

Quantum technology promises to transform sectors from pharmaceuticals and finance to machine learning and resources, and represents an \$850bn opportunity according to the

Boston Consulting Group. Preparing for this future, and the growing demand for quantum talent, requires investment in the skills needed to drive development and adoption of quantum technology.

At QC2, Q-CTRL's Black Opal will supplement academic curriculum and executive education programming to help build a quantum-ready workforce in Qatar.

Fire Opal will be available to help quantum researchers and industry leaders achieve high-value solutions from algorithms run on today's faulty quantum computers, ensuring they are among the earliest beneficiaries of the emerging quantum sector. The partnership with Q-CTRL will also support internship opportunities and joint collaborative research between academic and industry leaders.

Rollout of these software tools to HBKU will be planned for the latter half of 2024. "This partnership marks

a significant milestone in our efforts to foster academia-industry collaborations that enhance educational programs and expand research capabilities in quantum computing," said Dr Saif al-Kuwari, director, QC2.

"We are committed to working with Q-CTRL to develop future generations of the quantum workforce and equip students with the skills necessary to thrive in this innovative landscape," he added.

"The team at Q-CTRL is totally committed to realising the full opportunity for pride and prosperity presented by the quantum technology revolution," said Prof Michael J Biercuk, founder and CEO of Q-CTRL. "We're very proud to be partnering with Dr al-Kuwari to share our expertise in Qatar and benefit from the talented base of students and academics at QC2. Qatar is a vibrant and innovative nation and it's exciting to help shape the future of quantum technology in the region with our partners at HBKU."

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# Cabinet reviews follow-up report on promoting values, morals in society

The Council of Ministers yesterday highlighted the efforts made to implement the 'National Framework for Promoting Values and Morals in Qatari Society', which is a joint initiative launched in co-operation between a number of relevant ministries, including the Ministry of Education and Higher Education; the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs; the Ministry of Culture; the Ministry of Social Development and Family; the Ministry of Interior; the Ministry of Public Health; and the Ministry of Sports and Youth.

This initiative eyes investing in education in a fashion that enhances the building of human and knowledge capital as well as sustainable development efforts, in all its economic, social, environmental and human dimensions, thus achieving the goals of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

The National Framework Initiative aims to promote good moral values; follow up on developments taking place in all Qatari society segments, especially children and youth; identify the key challenges and behavioural problems threatening the fabric of the society; and address and reduce them through the implementation of solid plans that suit the orientations of each target group.

The National Framework includes the "Tanshia Programme", a major contributor to consolidating the efforts of the relevant ministries in activating and implementing the national framework. Tanshia is a result of joint co-operation between the Ministry of Education and the Doha International Family Institute, and it has been applied to 25,000 students. It includes various educational and awareness-raising activities, carried in partnership with many institutions in the country.

The "National Framework for Promoting Values and Morals in Qatari Society" initiative is built on seven pillars: protection, education, care, prevention, rehabilitation, empowerment, and governance.

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education contributed to the implementation of the National Framework through the launch of the national "Tanshia" programme; the launch of the initiative to integrate values-based education into the school curricula; the application of the ethical charter for schools and kindergartens; in addition to implementing a set of student activities in government schools in co-operation with external parties. These included 137 activities on national identity, 100 activities on Islamic values, 42



scientific activities, 19 environmental activities, and 30 activities in the field of health.

In turn, the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs implemented 1,550 educational programmes and lectures for boys' and girls' schools, 90 programmes and lectures for parents and school and university employees, and about 420 religious programmes for young people in mosques.

One of the most significant achievements of the Ministry of Culture in this context included the implementation of approximately 37 projects and activities, notably: the development of the "Reading for All" programme dedicated to school students during the academic year, and the "Summer Companion" programme for children aimed at activating the role of the family. Additionally, launching enhanced digital content for values and noble morals in society, focusing on enhancing the positive participation of youth in community development through volunteer initiatives, and presenting the spring programme for volunteers "Colors of Spring", aimed at raising awareness among youth and children about volunteer work. In addition it also involved launching the project "Qatari Red Crescent Ambassadors" to develop the youth's capacity to represent the Qatari Red Crescent inside and outside the country.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family focused on developing a referral system for social care institutions and disseminating it, implementing about 34 awareness lectures and activities in schools, and preparing annual programmes to qualify adolescents in social, psychological services and vocational rehabilitation activities by a multidisciplinary team. The ministry also collaborated with the Sports for All Federation in organising the Family Run Race in Al Khor, which is the first race in the Family Races series in 2024. Regarding the Ministry of Interior, it worked on implementing the Student Awareness Project, which included about 176 schools, benefiting 13,651 male and female students, or-

ganising 355 lectures in various schools and centres for people with disabilities to enhance security awareness, and implementing programmes for psychologists to dry up crime sources and combat drugs.

The Ministry of Public Health, on the other hand, worked on preparing an electronic platform containing a health library including lectures, videos, and informative materials for the school community, teachers, students, nurses, and parents. Additionally, it launched the national hotline for mental health, implementing a mental health training programme for frontline employees at Hamad Medical Corporation, organising four workshops, preparing nutritional guidelines and healthy lifestyle patterns for mothers and children, and participating in preparing the guide for school canteens aiming to provide healthy options in government schools, and training supervisors of school canteens on the guide.

As for the Ministries of Culture and Sports, it worked on completing Qatar's National Youth Policy document and its approval by the Cabinet, developing the "Youth Support" application to promote values for the youth and educate them through distinctive interactive digital media content, launching the "We're All Responsible" initiative to enhance social responsibility among youth and highlight their voluntary role in society, the "Youth Support Initiative" programme to graduate Qatari youth leaders in humanitarian and charitable volunteer work, and enhancing the values of solidarity and compassion among youth.

The "National Framework for Enhancing Values and Noble Morals in the Qatari Society" was launched following the approval of the Cabinet on the proposal submitted in this regard, and based on that, a decision was issued by the Cabinet to form a ministerial committee chaired by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, with membership from the Ministry of Endowment and Islamic Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, and the Ministry of Social Development and Family. (QNA)

## QNL hosts seminar on Palestinian Nakba

By Tawfik Lamari  
Staff Reporter

The Qatar National Library (QNL) commemorated the Palestinian Nakba yesterday, by hosting a seminar titled "Commemorating the Palestinian Nakba: Ongoing Displacement from 1948 to the Systematic Genocide in Gaza," the seminar also aimed to re-examine the aftermath of the Nakba and its role in understanding the Palestinian experience, spotlighting the colonial lens through which it is often viewed.

The discussions brought together Dr Amal Ghazal, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Dr Abaher El-Sakka, associate professor at Birzeit University in Occupied Palestine, and Dr Ismail Nashif, associate professor at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.

Dr Ghazal touched on the global significance of the Nakba rather than the local and regional dimensions through which the Palestinian cause has been viewed historically.

"It is important to touch on the Nakba from a socio-historical perspective to understand the successive catastrophes that have befallen the Palestinian people,"



From left: Dr Ismail Nashif, Dr Amal Ghazal and Dr Abaher El-Sakka. PICTURE: Shaji Kayamkulam

Dr Ghazal said. "Reacting to today's events is a human and moral duty.

This seminar is not only part of today's global reaction to the attack on Gaza, but also serves as a platform to examine and understand all dimensions of the Palestinian cause and the people's ongoing quest for freedom."

Dr El-Sakka explained how the ongoing genocide in Gaza represents an extension of the Nakba and the colonial practices against the Palestinian people since 1948. "The difference today is that the displacement, expulsion and massacres being committed against Palestinians are being observed and documented by people worldwide," he said. Dr El-Sakka added

that the seminar aims to highlight the suffering of Palestinians since 1948 and counter the dominant colonial narrative that distorts historical facts and conceals the nature of the colonial state and its practices against Palestinians.

Dr Ismail Nashif, touched on the Palestinians' narration of their history, starting with the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and progressing through pivotal events to the ongoing Gaza genocide. Dr Nashif explained how these events established the historical Palestinian narrative and led to profound transformations in their daily lives. Since the launch of the assault on Gaza, QNL has organised numerous events to express solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

## Qatar Economic Forum promotes business diplomacy

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In addition, continuing to exploit the legacy of the World Cup to promote tourism, especially Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism, is considered a vital element in the development of the Qatari economy. The region's real opportunity to achieve economic prosperity depends largely on stopping wars, such as the conflict in Gaza, which threaten to spread to wider areas. The Gulf region is an attractive and vital source of energy globally, and the major countries must bear their responsibility for the stability of the region, and crises such as the interruption of supply chains during the Ukraine war and the events in the Red Sea have shown that no one emerges a winner from these wars, which affect global growth directly and indirectly.

Among the highlights of the QEF are the agreements signed by the Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar) and Media City Qatar (MCQ). Invest Qatar and Boeing signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a permanent legal entity, Boeing Aerospace Doha LLC, in Qatar. The new Boeing hub will focus on strengthening the local aerospace sector through research and technology advancements, fostering innovation and support for start-ups, as well as driving and developing sustainable aviation. Additionally, the hub will build a local skilled workforce that can contribute to the sector's long-term success. Boeing's new entity will complement the work carried out through its existing Qatar branch companies, Boeing Qatar Inc and Boeing International Corporation.

MCQ signed two MoUs at QEF. The partnership with the Qatar Research, Development and Innova-

tion (QRDI) Council aims to foster an innovation-driven media sector in Qatar, enhancing technological capabilities and global competitiveness in alignment with the Third National Development Strategy. The MoU with Qatar University (QU) envisages to offer comprehensive media education programmes to current students and recent graduates of QU. The aim is to nurture future media professionals, in alignment with the goals of the Qatar National Vision 2030, focusing on building an education-based media society.

The QEF highlighted the impressive and positive changes witnessed by Qatar and the region after hosting the 2022 World Cup. The tournament has led to several positive outcomes and significant changes in Qatar's infrastructure leaving a great legacy. It also has led to many societal changes and has lifted the image of the country which is reflected in the announcement of FIFA that Qatar will host three more editions of the Arab Cup," remarked HE Hassan al-Thawadi, secretary-general of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy for the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup. He also pointed out several other changes and the tourism opportunities that the tournament generated as the country hosted several major events creating great opportunities in many areas.

In the current global arena full of challenges, and where there is a growing need for constructive dialogues that shed light on the pressing issues sweeping the economic field in particular, and where decision-makers from all over the world aspire to shape a more sustainable and dynamic economic future, the importance of it is not only for Qatar and the countries of the region, but for the entire world.

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## Invest Qatar, Boeing sign MoU to drive aerospace industry growth

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The long-term collaboration between Invest Qatar and Boeing will further magnify and expedite Boeing's strategic efforts to contribute to Qatar's economic diversification and competitiveness. Since 2006, Boeing's partnership with Qatar has grown with involvement in all sectors of aerospace and an expanding workforce of over 360 employees. Qatar Airways operates more than

150 Boeing airplanes, including 123 Boeing passenger airplanes, 29 freighter airplanes, with another 112 on order. Qatar Airways is also one of the launch customers for the Boeing 777X, the world largest and most efficient twin engine jet. In addition to providing support to its customers, Boeing works closely with education, research, and non-profit organisations in Qatar, investing \$15mn in STEM education and workforce development since 2009.

# Finland Healthcare Seminar marks milestone in collaborative innovation for Qatar's healthcare sector

Biotech Medical Qatar, the official main sponsor, alongside other Qatari healthcare companies, in strategic collaboration with The Embassy of the Republic of Finland in Doha, successfully organized the highly anticipated Finland Healthcare Seminar. Held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at the prestigious Sheraton Grand Doha Resorts & Convention Hotel, the seminar marked a significant milestone in fostering healthcare alliances between Finland and Qatar.

Aligned with Qatar Vision 2030, the seminar provided a platform for global connectivity and knowledge exchange, reflecting Qatar's dedication to advancing healthcare standards. The event convened leading experts from diverse healthcare sectors for insightful discussions on recent advancements and pioneering solutions.

The seminar witnessed the esteemed presence of H. E. Mr. Pekka Voutilainen, Ambassador of Finland to the State of Qatar, whose welcome remarks underscored



the diplomatic synergy between Finland and Qatar in healthcare.

H. E. Mr. Ville Tavio, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development



of Finland, officiated the ceremonial opening, emphasizing the collaborative efforts between both nations in driving healthcare progress.

Prof. Hanan Khalil from Qatar University, delivered a thought-provoking keynote on the Evolution of Rehabilitation in Qatar, offering valuable insights into groundbreaking neurological rehabilitation research.

Prof. Arto Hautala from the University of Jyväskylä shared invaluable expertise in Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation, highlighting emergent trends poised to redefine the healthcare landscape.

The seminar also saw the presence of many other dignitaries, including H. E. Mr. Gautam Bhattacharyya, Ambassador of Sweden to the State of Qatar, Mr. Mohamed Nasser A Al Misnad, Chairman - Biotech Medical

Qatar, Mr. Ahmed Nasser A Al Misnad, Chairman - Sharq Medical, Mr. Mats Manderbacka, Chairman & Board of Director - HUR, Mr. Bilal Qudisat, Executive Vice President, MENA - HUR, Mr. Youssef, CFO - Al Jabor Trading, and Mr. Pekka, Founder - Stop Over

The seminar featured a dynamic showcase of Medical devices 'Made in Finland,' providing attendees with firsthand experience of cutting-edge healthcare technology.

The event attracted a distinguished array of delegates from government sectors, both Qatar and International, reaffirming the seminar's significance as a platform for diplomatic and professional engagement. Their collective presence underscored a shared commitment towards advancing healthcare excellence and fostering enduring global partnerships.

As Qatar continues its journey towards healthcare excellence, the Finland Healthcare Seminar exemplifies a collaborative endeavor dedicated to shaping a healthier, brighter future for all.





# Arab world celebrated global culture in Qatar with World Cup 2022



HE Hassan al-Thawadi in conversation with Jennifer Zbasajja.  
**PICTURE:** Thajudheen

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The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 was a global cultural celebration as the Arab world hosted the whole world in Qatar, noted a top official yesterday.

“It is the World Cup. The FIFA World Cup is the biggest sporting event in the world regardless of many other major tournaments. So it is the biggest opportunity. While it has the biggest risks, it creates biggest rewards too. If utilised correctly, the payback is quite satisfying and long term. That is what we did,” said HE Hassan al-Thawadi, secretary-

general of the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy for the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Al-Thawadi was interacting with the Jennifer Zbasajja, Bloomberg anchor at the ongoing Qatar Economic Forum, being held at Raffles and Fairmont Doha.

“We had the higher level of risk because of the focus of the entire world as the tournament being the most compact World Cup as well as the first ever World Cup in the region. And it all ended up paying back rich dividends to all the people we had seen from day one. I think what people experienced was a great tournament. The Arab World hosted the entire

world here in Qatar. It was a global cultural celebration with the global South at the centre stage,” explained al-Thawadi.

The official also highlighted the impressive and positive changes witnessed by Qatar and the region after hosting the 2022 World Cup.

“The World Cup was a meticulously planned and executed event and it turned out to be a great investment for the country. I think we did really well. The tournament has led to several positive outcomes and significant changes in Qatar’s infrastructure leaving a great legacy. It also has led to many societal changes and has lifted the image of the country which is reflected in the announcement of FIFA that Qatar will host three more editions of the Arab Cup,” remarked al-Thawadi. Al-Thawadi pointed out that the entire region has benefited from hosting the World Cup which also proved that the Arab World is extremely creative. As for hosting the Olympics, the official noted that Qatar can do it but it was for the authorities to take a call on it.

Al-Thawadi also highlighted several other changes and the tourism opportunities that the tournament generated as the country hosted several major events creating great opportunities in many areas.



QF and Ooredoo Qatar announce three-year partnership.

## QF partners with Ooredoo to advance ESG goals

Qatar Foundation (QF) and Ooredoo Qatar have announced a three-year partnership on the sidelines of Qatar Economic Forum 2024 which will see both organisations work towards shared responsibilities to advance Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) goals in Qatar and across the region.

Thani Ali al-Malki, chief business officer of Ooredoo Qatar, said: “Our partnership with Qatar Foundation is a pivotal step towards integrating sustainable practices into our core business strategies and contributing positively to Qatar’s National Vision 2030. By joining forces, we are enhancing our service offerings and championing ESG goals within Qatar and beyond.”

This collaboration strength-

ens the two organisations’ collective impact by uniting efforts in the area of education, health and community, and leveraging global platforms and networks to enhance exposure and effectiveness of their joint initiatives – such as QF’s WISH Summit that will allow collaborative work in the area of innovative healthcare, and the Doha International Family Institute Conference to support the protection and promotion of sustainable societies.

Qatar Foundation member Earthna Centre for a Sustainable Future (Earthna) will be supporting and guiding Ooredoo’s sustainable initiatives as Earthna brings specialised thought leadership, expertise and global networks in sustainability, and will help Ooredoo

achieve its environmental and social goals. Dr Gonzalo Castro de la Mata, executive director of Earthna, remarked: “At Earthna, our roots are anchored in supporting Qatar’s ambition to enhance sustainability, and we look forward to working closely with Ooredoo in this endeavour.”

“We believe in the influential role the private sector can play in setting a precedent through its actions – by driving direct, tangible, and positive change for the benefit of our societies – and we will always welcome opportunities to partner with private organisations, so that our respective ecosystems of knowledge and resources can be combined and magnified to collectively make an impact on people’s lives.”



## Winners honoured as 17th Schools Olympic Programme concludes

The 17th edition of the Schools Olympic Programme concluded on Tuesday, at Aspire Dome, with the participation of 4,000 male and female students in nine team and individual sports, in the presence of the President of the Qatar Olympic Committee HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani.

The male and female winners were crowned first in various sports competitions. In handball at the secondary school level, the Ali Ibn Abi Talib School achieved first place, while the Palestinian school achieved second place, and the Tunisian school came third.

In the high school basketball competitions, the Philippine International School achieved first place, Al-Furqan Primary and Secondary Private School achieved second place, and the Religious Preparatory Secondary Institute came in third place.

In the secondary school volleyball competitions, Ibn Taymiyyah Secondary School for Boys achieved first place, followed by

the MES Indian School in second, and Al-Shamal Secondary School for Boys in third place.

The closing day of the 17th Schools Olympic Programme was attended by Mohamed bin Youssef al-Mana, First Vice-President of the Qatar Olympic Committee, Dr Ibrahim bin Saleh al-Nuaimi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and Sheikh Khalifa bin Khalid al-Thani, president of the Qatar School Sports Federation and chairman of the organising committee of the Olympic Programme and Mohamed Khalifa al-Suwaidi, CEO of Aspire Zone Foundation.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Khalid al-Thani stressed that the success achieved this year is the result of the efforts made by everyone in order to achieve the desired goals of the Schools Olympic Programme.

He said that the continued support from HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani, president of the Qatar Olympic Committee, constituted a great incen-

tive for the schools’ Olympic programme to reach the highest levels of success, which contributes to achieving the ambitious goals of Qatari sports, and helps to select talent and develop them under the supervision of highly qualified technical staff.

He noted that the goals of the Schools Olympic Programme are subject to the vision and strategy of the Qatar Olympic Committee 2030, which aims to enhance the presence of individual and team sports at the continental and international levels, as well as the ability to compete in Olympic tournaments.

In the same context, Abdulrahman al-Muftah, executive director of the Schools Olympic Programme, confirmed that the 17th edition of the programme witnessed an increase in the number of male and female students participating, as well as an increase in the number of schools and an increase in the number of games, which greatly contributed to the success of the programme. (QNA)

## MoPH organises regional meeting on antibiotic capacity building

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean organised a regional meeting titled “Data for Action: Using antibiotic consumption data to improve prescription and stewardship activities.”

A total of 50 representatives from 11 countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region participated, along with experts from the WHO headquarters in Geneva, regional and country offices, as well as the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Gulf Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, and universities such as the University of Washington, and the University of Melbourne.

The meeting discussed the effective use of several data sources on antimicrobial consumption by the participating countries, as well as developing a roadmap for the next three to five years for the effective use of this data to enhance policy-making processes and to improve the prescription and use of antibiotics by healthcare providers and the public.

Antimicrobial resistance poses a significant threat to public health globally, particularly in the Eastern Mediterranean region, where data shows a growing resistance among several microorganisms to multiple medications. The ability for organisms to become resistant to medications is known as



multi-drug resistance (MDR). This resistance makes the treatment of common infectious diseases challenging, occasionally leading to increased mortality rates, especially among vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children and those with compromised immune systems. The most significant factor driving antimicrobial resistance is the improper use of antibiotics, a particularly acute issue in the 22 countries within the Eastern Mediterranean region, as some are currently facing conflicts that weaken their healthcare systems.

Dr Jameela al-Ajmi, the National focal point for Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Prevention & Control at the Ministry of Public Health, stated, “The Ministry of Public Health has taken several steps to improve the use of data generated through our national AMC surveillance systems, and we are honoured to take this opportunity to share our experience with the rest of the countries in our region.” She added, “We are very proud to co-host this event with EMRO/WHO, and to contribute to the improvement

of the national efforts to curb the increase of antibiotic resistance. Utilising national antibiotic consumption data will provide an opportunity to understand how we manage antibiotics and how we can optimise our utilisation.”

Dr Abdullatif Alkhal, Chair of the National AMR Committee in Qatar, commented, “Antimicrobial resistance is a global public health problem that requires collaborative efforts across all sectors and countries to be able to reduce the burden of the problem. The spread of MDROs multi-drug resistant organisms does not respect country borders. Hence, collaboration such as this regional meeting is an integral part of our journey to control the increase in AMR. We look forward to working together to move the agenda of AMR forward while leaving no one behind.”

Dr Rana Hajjeh, director of Programme Management at WHO EMRO, noted, “The Eastern Mediterranean region has the highest and the most rapidly rising levels of antibiotic consumption across all the WHO regions.” (QNA)

## Doha Institute set to celebrate eighth master’s cohort graduation

The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI) will celebrate the graduation of its eighth master’s cohort on Saturday.

The ceremony will honour 206 male and female graduates from the School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy.

In an interview with Qatar News Agency (QNA), Executive Director of the Administrative and Financial Division at DI and Chair of the Graduation Committee, Eman al-Sulaiti, noted that the graduation ceremony is an annual tradition that is meticulously prepared well in advance, stressing that the goal

is for the ceremony to be grand and to reflect the institute’s reputation and standing within the academic and scientific community. It should meet the administration’s aspirations and, most importantly, delight the graduates.

Al-Sulaiti pointed out that the graduates are distributed between the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (139 graduates) and the School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy (67 graduates), coming from Qatar and abroad.

She mentioned that with the graduation of the eighth cohort, the total number of DI alumni since its establishment will reach 1,246 graduates from more than



50 countries around the world. She indicated that a number of these graduates are continuing

their doctoral studies at prestigious international universities.

DI Executive Director of the Administrative and Financial Sector also expressed DI’s pride in graduating this distinguished group of students who are qualified with knowledge and expertise, pointing out that they are capable of contributing to and addressing the needs of their countries and communities, and fostering their development.

Al-Sulaiti considered the graduation celebration a recognition of the achievements made in recent years across various academic, research, institutional and organisational aspects. It highlights the institute’s efforts in developing

qualified personnel who can respond to the aspirations and needs of the Arab region.

She explained that the institute works on qualifying researchers who can contribute to the production of knowledge according to international standards. It educates skilled professionals with advanced skills in their specialisations. It also develops leaders who are capable of responding to the needs of the Arab world in sustainable development, intellectual and social advancement.

Al-Sulaiti emphasised that DI embraces the integration of teaching and learning with scientific research, while considering the importance of interdisciplinary

approaches and placing students at the centre of the educational process. Additionally, it provides academic freedom to its members, with a strong emphasis on the values of integrity and professionalism.

Al-Sulaiti stated that despite its short lifespan, the institute has established itself as a prestigious academic institution on both the Arab and international levels. This distinction has contributed to its qualification to obtain international accreditation from the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) in the United Kingdom, becoming the first academic institution in Qatar to receive institutional accreditation from this body. (QNA)



## UDST alumni meet with president at event

The Alumni Affairs Department at University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) recently hosted a 'Coffee with the President' event.

The gathering was organised exclusively for senior UDST alumni and served to further the department's mission to foster strong connections with its community.

In a semi-formal setting, alumni engaged in meaningful discussions, sharing their thoughts and insights on university-alumni relations and suggestions on how



to strengthen them. The alumni were inspired to strengthen their engagement with UDST, aiming to develop partnerships and provide support initiatives for the university and

its students, including offering job opportunities. Dr Salem Al-Naemi, president of UDST, commented on the alumni's pivotal role as university ambassadors, saying: "We are extremely proud of

how well our alumni continue to represent UDST as they excel in their organisations and make valuable contributions to their communities. I believe that the fine men and women I met today

are the best role models for our current and prospective students, demonstrating what graduates of this proud institution are able to achieve."

With a legacy of excellence spanning back to 2005, UDST alumni have distinguished themselves in diverse fields both locally and internationally. Recognising the importance of nurturing this expansive network, the Alumni Affairs department is committed to organising a series of future events and initiatives. Earlier this year, UDST

launched dedicated social media platforms in addition to a bi-monthly newsletter. The department aims to streamline communication and keep alumni abreast of the University and their colleagues' latest news and announcements. UDST remains committed to fostering enduring bonds with its alumni, echoing its student-centred approach even beyond graduation and reaffirming its dedication to developing a thriving and interconnected alumni community, a statement added.

## QC celebrates Arab Orphan Day

Qatar Charity (QC) organised the seventh edition of the Orphan Day Festival at Aspire Zone Park, celebrating Arab Orphan Day with various cultural and entertainment activities.

The event was attended by Faisal Rashid al-Fehaida, CEO's assistant for the Programmes and Community Development sector at QC.

Many children sponsored under the 'Future's Leaders' programme, along with their mothers, took part in the event.

The Orphan Day Festival aims to promote the concept of sponsorship, empower orphans to boost their self-confidence, achieve social integration, and draw attention to the importance of caring for orphans and meeting their needs.

The activities included small-scale projects involving productive families in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs.

In his address at the festival, Sheikh Khalid Bomozeah emphasised the importance of providing comprehensive care for orphans, ensuring a conducive environment for their proper and balanced growth and development.

He also highlighted the suffering of orphans in Gaza, who are experiencing the most severe forms of deprivation and the absence of familial care amid the ongoing aggression against them, indicating that the number of orphans there



is increasing day by day.

He underscored the need for greater attention to these afflicted children by offering assistance and necessary care to help them overcome the challenges and hardships they face.

At the festival, poet Radi al-Hajri recited a poem, urging for the sponsorship of orphans, and shedding light on the rewards received by sponsors and the impact of sponsorship on the enhancement of social and humanitarian bonds.

The children and their mothers expressed their immense happiness at participating in the Orphan Day Festival.

Ahmed, one of the children, de-

scribed the event as "wonderful and beautiful."

Ghada Youssef, mother of a sponsored child, said: "The event has created an atmosphere of joy, allowing children to enjoy the festival's activities and make new friends."

She thanked QC for its efforts in sponsoring children through the 'Future's Leaders' programme.

Abu Ali, an audience member, stated that it raises awareness among the public, especially among children about the importance of supporting and caring for orphans. He noted that such events contribute to strengthening social cohesion and instilling values of solidarity and generosity in the hearts of children.

## Qatar Red Crescent, Pakistani counterpart sign agreement

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Qatar Red Crescent and its Pakistani counterpart have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance co-operation in the humanitarian, relief, health and development fields and to confront humanitarian challenges.

The two sides also signed an agreement regarding the 2024 sacrifice (Qurbani) project.

The MoU was signed by the Secretary-General of the Qatar Red Crescent (QRC) Faisal Mohamed al-Emadi, and the Secretary-General of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Mohamed Ubaidullah Khan, in the presence of the President of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Shahid Ahmed.

Al-Emadi said, in a speech on the occasion, that the memorandum aims to strengthen relations between the two sides, in several areas, including training and project implementation, and also reflects (along with the agreement on the 2024 sacrifice project) Qatar Red Crescent's commitment to enhancing co-operation in the field of humanitarian work, and its keenness to expand the circle of beneficiaries of its services in various parts of the world, as an extension of the series of partnerships that QRC is working to strengthen in the Asian continent.

PRCS President Shahid Ahmed stressed that Qatar is a pioneering country in the field of humanitarian work.

The MoU also included provisions on climate, such as exchanging experiences and implementing initiatives to address the effects of climate change, including adaptation measures, building resilience, preserving the environment, and sustainable development, as well as the need to involve young people in humanitarian activities, and enable them to contribute positively to their communities through volunteer work, leadership development, training, and other related matters.



## Education ministry plans programmes for students with disabilities

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) is working on special programmes for university students.

Fatima al-Saadi, Director of the Special Education and Inclusive Education Department at the ministry, told local Arabic daily Arrayah that the programmes will be implemented in co-operation with the universities.

New programmes will be implemented to ensure the right to education policy for persons with disabilities.

She noted the ways of employing students with disabilities after completing secondary education and making them capable of overcoming physical challenges are discussed with the National Employment Platform (Kwader), which is an electronic recruitment platform targeting job seekers. She pointed out that various types of support are provided to students with disabilities starting with educational support through teachers and co-ordinators, as



Fatima al-Saadi

well as training and rehabilitation support towards acquiring various skills. Also, psychological support is given in case of behavioural challenges, especially for students with autism. This is in addition to financial support for students and the integration of special schools. Regarding expansion plans for schools for people with disabilities, al-Saadi said the department is constantly working towards expanding schools according to population density data, the geographical area and the numbers and needs of students enrolled in those schools.

## Mercedes-Benz, BMW models recalled

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), in co-operation with Nasser Bin Khaled and Sons Automobiles, has announced the recall of Mercedes-Benz SL Class, 2022-2023 models, as the software coding in the electronic ignition switch does not correspond to factory specification, which may cause battery discharge. The MoCI, in co-operation with Nasser Bin Khaled and Sons Automobiles, has announced the recall of Mercedes-Benz GLE and GLS, 2020-2023 models, as the (48V) ground connection under the passenger seat may be loose, causing an increase in the electric resistance of the connection, thus increasing the temperature in this area. The MoCI, in co-operation with Alfardan Automobiles, also announced the recall of BMW X1 sDrive 20i, X1 xDrive 20i, X5 M Competition, X5 M60i, X6 M Competition, X6 M60i, and X7 M60i, 2024 model, as signal interference in the electronics of the braking system may cause failure of the brake power assistance system. The MoCI said the recall campaign comes within the framework of its ongoing efforts to protect consumers and ensure that dealers follow up on vehicle defects and repairs. The MoCI urged all customers to report any violations to its Consumer Protection and Anti-Commercial Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 16001, e-mail: info@moci.gov.qa, X (formerly Twitter) - @MOCIQATAR, Instagram - MOCIQATAR. The MoCI mobile application, MOCI QATAR, is available on iPhone and Android devices.

## Sheraton Grand Doha announces Persian Night



Sheraton Grand Doha, renowned for its culinary diversity, has invited guests to experience the rich tapestry of Persian cuisine with the introduction of Persian Night at Al Hubara Restaurant every Friday from 7pm to 11.30pm. Led by Chef Mohsen Ariyaelsi, the menu features a selection of traditional Persian dishes such as Soup-e Morgh, Shirazi salad, Borani Esfenaj, vegetable Kashke Bademjan, mixed grills with Kabob Koobideh and Koobideh Morgh, Khoresh-e Ghormeh, Ghalieh Mahi and desserts.

## PHCC programmes receive international accreditations

The Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) has received international accreditation for family medicine and community medicine residency programmes.

PHCC obtained the international American accreditation in family medicine, a recognition that has been periodically received since 2013. In addition, in 2024, PHCC achieved accreditation in community medicine for the first time from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, a non-profit American organisation that assesses and accredits graduate medical education programmes in the US and beyond.

Dr Mariam Abdul Malik, managing director, PHCC, emphasised



the importance of these accreditations and the commitment of the corporation to actively carry out all assigned responsibilities as part of its continuous efforts to develop its performance and elevate the standard of work, achieving year after year numerous milestones and successes that further enrich

ing its long list of achievements in all scientific, academic and clinical domains.

She stressed that the action plans developed by every department within PHCC are built on the outlines identified by the National Health Strategy, the Primary Health Care Strategy as well as

their respective annual and phased plans, fulfilling the objectives and aspirations of Qatar's National Vision 2030.

PHCC has also been awarded the Leadership in Human Capital Development Award as part of the Qatar Government Excellence Award, reflecting PHCC commitment to

creating an employee-centric work culture and adopting accountable and sustainable work practices.

This includes talent development, placing human capital and sustainability as top priorities, with the aim of achieving excellence, attracting the finest talents, retaining, honing, and developing

them in all aspects, making committed workforce one of its most valuable assets.

The support provided by the Medical Education Department, led by Dr Abdul Latif al-Khal and his team, has had a significant impact in upgrading the academic education.

This was realised through his support to the directors of training programmes, where exceptional, proficient and capable teams carry out clinical and non-clinical education and training operations, as well as observation and evaluation in PHCC health centres.

The teams of both programmes have submitted detailed reports demonstrating how PHCC has implemented the required quality and learning standards.



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The dilemmas of the dollar

The dollar has strengthened sharply in recent months, against Asian currencies in particular. A rising crescendo of apocalyptic financial talk threatens to spook markets. The Japanese yen appears to be on the verge of collapse. China may feel compelled to devalue, with damaging consequences for itself and the global economy. So, can anything be done to head off the dollar's strength, and even if something can be done, should it?

First the facts. The Japanese yen has fallen dramatically, reaching ¥160 to the dollar at the end of April, down 13% since the start of the year and more than 50% since the start of 2021. The South Korean won is down by about 10% against the dollar since the beginning of the year. And the Indonesian rupiah recently fell to a four-year low against the greenback.

But these Asian currencies are not typical. In fact, the broad nominal dollar index, which measures the dollar's value against a basket of currencies, is up by less than 3% since the start of 2023.

Moreover, the dollar's strength is not a sign of market dysfunction. It reflects the fact that the United States has performed better economically than other parts of the world.

Rapid US growth creates expectations of slow US disinflation. Hence the Federal Reserve Board is apt to keep interest rates high, or at least to disappoint hopes for multiple rate cuts this year. Meanwhile, weaker-than-expected growth elsewhere means that other central banks have less reason to worry about inflation, making it correspondingly more likely that they will cut rates.

Recall that the Bank of Japan (BoJ)'s much ballyhooed abandonment of yield-curve control in March led it to increase its interest rate to just – wait for it – 0.1%. This accommodative policy will remain appropriate until it is clear that the BoJ has vanquished deflation. And with the Fed's benchmark federal funds target rate at 5.25-5.5%, it is equally appropriate that the dollar should be strong against the yen.

A rising crescendo of apocalyptic financial talk threatens to spook markets

So, why worry? It is not as if Japanese financial institutions are at risk from the dollar's rise. Japan's banks and companies have extensive investments outside the country, including in the US, where their value rises and falls with the dollar. While import prices have risen by more than 50% over the last four years, Japan is hardly on the verge of hyperinflation. Consumer prices rose by

about 2.5% year over year in April, which is just where the BoJ wants them.

The fear, evidently, is that at some point confidence will collapse, taking the yen with it, and inflation will spiral out of control. Anything is possible in theory. But against the backdrop of decades of Japanese deflation, this scenario hardly seems plausible.

Still, for those who think that the greenback's strength is a problem, what might be done to address it? Market intervention is one possibility. The BoJ evidently intervened in the foreign-exchange market in late April, or so currency traders suspect.

While the yen strengthened to 154 against the dollar in the wake of this operation, we know that market intervention has a sustained impact on the exchange rate only when it signals a future change in monetary policy. In fact, the BoJ intervened surreptitiously not because it is now prepared to change policy and raise interest rates, but precisely in order to avoid having to do so.

Equally, the Fed is unlikely to cut rates in response to the dollar's rise. Its models suggest that a 3% broad dollar appreciation, as we have seen this year, takes at the very most 0.3% off of inflation. And even that modest disinflationary effect is apt to be temporary. Hence the case for high US interest rates remains intact.

What about concerted intervention, whereby the Fed, the BoJ, and other central banks intervene in the foreign-exchange market together? This was tried in 1985 during an earlier period of dollar appreciation. The Plaza Accord, named after the New York City hotel at which it was agreed, is sometimes thought to have successfully moderated the greenback's strength.

But it is not in the Fed's interest today to engage in an internationally coordinated foreign-exchange operation, when fighting inflation remains its priority. And in 1985, the dollar already had peaked and begun falling prior to the intervention. Given recent weak US jobs numbers, one wonders whether the same might be true today. — Project Syndicate

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High pitch at 'Mahmoud's Hall'



A student shouts slogans into a megaphone as pro-Palestinian students held a sit-in yesterday at Melbourne University's Arts West building, which the students have temporarily renamed as "Mahmoud's Hall" after Mahmoud Al Haq, a prospective University of Melbourne student, who died in Gaza. (AFP)

Honourable Qatari stances on Arab solidarity, causes

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Doha

Qatar has always been concerned with supporting joint Arab action in all domains, be it political, economic, developmental, social, cultural, or humanitarian. Powered by its wise leaderships firm belief in Arab co-operation and joint action as the sole driver of sustainable economic development and prosperity for the people of the Arab world, as well as the means through which Arab states can defend their sovereignty, independence, interests, identity, and causes in all regional and international forums.

The participation of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani in both regular and emergency sessions of the Arab League meetings, conferences, and summits, reflect the eagerness of Qatar, its leadership, its government, and its people on joint Arab action to fulfil the Arab people's aspirations for stability, development, prosperity, security, and peace.

According to observer and Arab citizen alike, the participation of His Highness the Amir in Arab summits undoubtedly adds significant momentum through the meetings and discussions of His Highness with Arab leaders on all sort of Arab concerns and issues, protecting Arab achievements and national security, especially in light of the worlds sharp polarisation, blocs, wars, conflicts, rapid changes, and highly sensitive regional circumstances.

The Amir has consistently raised Arab causes and highlighted their bright nature characterised by peace, justice, and tolerance, in all Arab summits, UN sessions, Shura Council opening sessions, and during his Arab tours and meetings with his Arab counterparts. His Highness always calls on parties to crises to focus on common interests, resolving issues and disputes through dialogue and political means. He also always calls for protecting national sovereignty, stability, and territorial integrity.

The Palestinian people's just cause has always been and continues to be strongly present in all speeches made by His Highness, constantly emphasising their right to establish an independent state in their national homeland with East Jerusalem as their capital, ending all injustices that befell them. Moreover, His Highness always stresses that the Palestinian people cannot continue to be prisoners to the Israeli occupations arbitrariness and settlement schemes, with successive Israeli governments rejecting any political solution nor submitting to the principles of international legitimacy.

Thus, this central cause is at the forefront of Qatar's political concerns and its international mobilisation priorities and is deeply engraved in the hearts of the Qatari people. Furthermore, the country supports the Palestinian cause at all times and in all forums, utilising all means and resources for its sake.

Qatar's rejection of the Israeli aggression on Gaza and the resulting widespread destruction, devastation, and casualties, as well as Qatar's role as a trustworthy and impartial mediator, are clear indications that this just cause will always remain a priority, as Qatar sees the rights of the Palestinian people as inalienable rights backed by all international and humanitarian laws, principles, and values.

As the 33rd regular Arab League Summit is being held in Bahrain today, Qatar remains steadfast with regards to the Arab nations issues and causes and will spare no effort in supporting the summit's proceedings and recommendations, in service of the Arab nations interests and enhancing its solidarity and joint action, for the sake of its peoples free and dignified life.

Speaking to Qatar News Agency (QNA), HE Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue Dr Aisha bint Yousuf al-Mannai said that Qatar, guided by its wise leadership, stands by and supports Arab issues and causes, with the Palestinian cause being at the epicentre, adding that the country does so out of conviction, its sense of Arab and religious fraternity and humanitarianism, as enshrined by its policies and permanent constitution.

33rd Arab Summit in Bahrain		
Topics regarding the Palestinian cause will be discussed at the Summit:		
The Summit addresses issues concerning the situations in Arab countries:		
Continuous aggression on the Gaza Strip		
Solidarity with Lebanon		
Efforts to achieve ceasefire and provide aid to the sector		
Developments in Syria		
The political developments of the Palestinian issue		
Peace and development support in Sudan		
Ongoing Israeli violations in the occupied city of Jerusalem		
Developments in Libya and Yemen		
Activating the Arab Peace Initiative		
Support for Somalia		
The Summit		
will discuss opportunities to enhance Arab cooperation with international and regional groupings and a report on the progress of joint Arab work.		
The Summit		
will discuss various issues related to joint Arab action in political, economic, social, cultural, and security fields		
The Summit		
agenda also includes monitoring Arab interactions with climate change issues and the joint Arab strategy to combat terrorism		

Former Shura Council and Arab Parliament member Dr al-Mannai said that the regional and international tours, as well as the meetings with Arab counterparts held by the Amir, always revolve around the Arab nation's issues and causes, and promoting the Arab world in a positive light.

Moreover, she noted Qatar's significant and commendable role regarding the events in the Gaza Strip and the suffering of Palestinian families, adding in this context that the 15th Doha Conference on Interfaith Dialogue dedicated special sessions to highlight the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza as a result of the displacement, killing, and destruction cause by the Israeli war on Gaza.

She added that given its wise leadership, Qatar is a peace-loving country that strives for the well-being humanity altogether, promoting Arab solidarity and always seeking security, peace, and stability of its Arab sisterly countries and the world as a whole. Among Qatar's positive efforts towards Arab reconciliation are its brokering peace in Darfur, Sudan, in addition to acting as a mediator between the conflicting Lebanese and Palestinian factions respectively, as well as sponsoring a comprehensive reconciliation in Libya and other initiatives that aims to serve common interests and address challenges. These positions have been widely welcomed and praised at the level of the Arab world and beyond, and have become a matter of pride.

It confirms the continued keenness of Qatar, as the Amir, government and people, to strengthen joint Arab action and serve its desired goals, and that it will spare no effort in seeking to enhance Arab co-operation in all fields, in order to achieve the aspirations of the Arab peoples for prosperity and stability, and to activate joint Arab action, as an embodiment of what it is included in its permanent constitution and the established and stable principles of Qatari foreign policy, the main focus of which is to contribute strongly effectively to various efforts on the Arab scene to achieve the goals and aspirations on which joint Arab action is based, and to strengthen its foundations and pillars in an effective and fruitful manner.

The fact that Qatar hosted three Arab summits in 2009, including an ordinary and an emergency summit is proof of its support for joint Arab action. Qatari political analyst Dr Abdullah al-Khater emphasised Qatar's honourable stances towards the Arab nation and its causes in all regional and international forums, adding that the efforts of Qatar and its wise leadership towards their Arab brethren in the form of solidarity, support, and problem-solving, regardless of their nature and scale, is a source of pride for every Arab and Muslim.

Dr al-Khater said that Qatar's fraternal stances towards its Arab brethren are deeply rooted and emanate from its strong conviction in the justice of their causes, foremost among them the Palestinian cause, to which the Amir devotes a vast amount of time, thought, and energy, making the cause for Palestine part and parcel of His Highness' every speech, calling for justice for the Palestinian people, the establishment of their independent state based on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

He pointed out that Qatar's words and deeds speak volumes for its stances and strong global mobilisation efforts in support of Arab solidarity and unity, constantly offering a helping hand to uphold Arab states economies, stability, and independence.

The Qatari political analyst continued by saying that Qatar and its wise leadership feel entrusted with Arab and Islamic causes, sparing no effort to defend them and remain ever-present in addressing all Arab issues and taking part in joint regional and international efforts.

In turn, peace and goodwill ambassador, Arab-European centre of human rights in Qatar representative Shaikha Ghanim al-Kubaisi said that Qatar's supportive stances towards the Arab nation and efforts to enhance Arab solidarity and advocate for Arab interests are well-known to all, for which Qatar receives the Arab and Islamic worlds' praise.

Al-Kubaisi said that Qatar and its wise leadership never hesitate to respond to the calls of the Arab and Islamic worlds and strive for the excellence of their peoples, a national role that will forever be a constant.

It is secret to no one that Qatar is a bastion of joint Arab humanitarian action, as the state and all of its various humanitarian and developmental organisations and funds are always at the forefront during crises and disasters that befall the brotherly Arab peoples and their countries, for which Qatar offers relief, development assistance, and mediation efforts in search of solutions.

Stemming from Qatar's dedication to the Arab nation, its well-being, and its excellence, the country chose to hold the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 under the banner of the entire Arab world, resonated in the speech of the Amir at the World Cup opening where he said: "From Qatar, from an Arab country, I welcome everyone to the World Cup 2022."

Thus, at all stages and turning points in the Arab world, Qatar has played a remarkable and renowned role in strengthening Arab solidarity and bias towards peoples issues, and extending a helping hand whenever the need arises in any Arab country.



# Arab Summit seeks unified stance on Palestinian issue

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Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine and the Occupied Arab Territories at the Arab League, ambassador Dr Said Abu Ali, has stressed that the Arab Summit in Bahrain comes during an exceptionally dangerous and challenging time, particularly regarding the Palestinian issue, which faces a pivotal and decisive historic moment.

He noted that Arab efforts aim to adopt a unified and co-ordinated stance during the summit and to intensify international efforts to enable Palestine to obtain full membership in the United Nations.

In an interview with the Qatar News Agency (QNA), the Assistant Secretary-General explained that hopes are pinned on the Arab Summit regarding the Palestinian issue, which tops the agenda as it always has in previous Arab summits due to it being the central issue of the Arab nations.

He pointed out that the aspiration for a unified and co-ordinated Arab stance on this central issue comes in light of the need to address the root causes of the tragedy in Gaza, not just to halt Israeli aggression, as the essence lies in occupation and the repeated Israeli wars of aggression.

He affirmed that there are serious and existential challenges facing the Palestinian issue amid the genocidal war, starvation, and displacement inflicted upon the Palestinian people, especially in Gaza, as well as the aggression in the West Bank, including Jerusa-

lem, through the ‘official terrorism’ practiced by armed settler groups under the protection of the Israeli army.

In this regard, he added that the Palestinian issue faces a pivotal and decisive historic moment, where the Palestinian people hope for the support of their Arab nation to confront this serious challenge. Therefore, there is great hope that the creation of plans and programmes capable of confronting this challenge will continue at the Arab League’s summits.

Regarding Arab efforts to stop Israeli aggression and provide aid to the Gaza Strip, Dr Said Abu Ali pointed out that there is continuous Arab activity and movement at all levels to confront the aggressive war on Gaza. This includes the implementation of decisions and the formation of committees to continue and monitor the implementation of decisions from successive Arab summits, he added, noting that the Arab Summit in Bahrain represents a station for evaluating and building on what has been accomplished.

He also highlighted recent Arab diplomatic efforts and activities at the international level, which contributed to supporting the Palestinian people.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine and the Occupied Arab Territories at the Arab League commended joint Arab efforts in this matter, including the role played by Qatar since the beginning of the aggression on Gaza, particularly in advocating for the Palestinian cause. He noted that Qatar’s continuous support for the Palestinian struggle and resilience is highly appreciated



by the Palestinian people, adding that Qatari diplomacy exerts significant efforts persistently to halt this war while continuing to provide humanitarian aid, despite continuous attempts by the Israeli government to undermine Qatar’s crucial role.

He added that Qatar makes co-ordinated efforts with Arab states and within the context of joint Arab efforts, as well as with Gulf states, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan, to stop the destructive aggression and genocide targeting the people of Gaza and to intensify support and relief efforts.

Additionally, Qatar’s role seeks to provide a political horizon that addresses the root causes of the successive crises and puts an end to them by working to end the occupation and establish the Palestinian state.

Regarding international developments concerning the Palestinian issue, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League considered that addressing this issue lies not only in field develop-

ments and monitoring aggression and crimes but also in international efforts to confront this aggression, pass humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people in Gaza, and work at political, diplomatic, legal, and media levels.

He emphasised that ending the occupation and achieving a two-state solution now clearly expresses the will of the international community to meet the minimum Palestinian rights to freedom and independence and enable the Palestinian state to exercise its right to independence and sovereignty, with its capital in East Jerusalem.

Regarding efforts to recognise the Palestinian state, Abu Ali noted the importance of having a path starting with the recognition of the Palestinian state and passing through international sponsorship via an international conference with defined principles, objectives, and a timeline to end the occupation and enable the Palestinian state to exercise its natural right to sovereignty and independence. He clarified that this path is em-

bodied in the current Arab effort to address the causes and roots of the conflict and reach the desired peace for the region and the Arab nation.

He stated that despite the significant and extremely dangerous challenges, there is an opportunity and hope for such a political breakthrough thanks to Arab diplomacy, which is based on Arab summit decisions. The Bahrain Summit can play a role in this regard, especially given the more favourable international conditions for understanding the reasons for the conflict and the necessity of providing mechanisms capable of achieving a solution that reflects the belief of the international community, which is the two-state solution.

Regarding Palestine’s attainment of full membership in the United Nations, Abu Ali emphasised the importance of the resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly last Friday. This resolution affirmed Palestine’s right to full membership in the international organisation and recommended that the United Nations Security Council reconsider Palestine’s request.

The resolution received wide support from 143 countries, reflecting a genuine international will to grant the Palestinian people this legitimate right.

However, Abu Ali also pointed out that the United States’ veto against a resolution presented by Algeria to grant Palestine full membership in the United Nations earlier was disappointing.

He added that the US administration continues to take this unilateral stance in the Security

Council. This time, it voted against the natural right of the Palestinian state, amidst broad support from Security Council members, with twelve members voting in favour and two abstaining.

He pointed out that the US position is isolated in the face of international will and a broad international stance to approve the right of Palestine to become a full member of the United Nations.

Regarding the possibility of intensifying efforts to capitalise on the current international will to secure the rights of the Palestinian people, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League added that the available international will can be built upon.

This includes providing alternative legal mechanisms or assistance to reintroduce the matter to the Security Council in light of the resolution issued by the UN General Assembly, in addition to presenting the issue repeatedly to wrestle this right from the Security Council, a pursuit undertaken by many countries as part of their struggle to achieve and acquire full membership in the United Nations.

Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine and the Occupied Arab Territories at the Arab League, ambassador Dr Said Abu Ali, added that Palestine faces the same reality in repeating attempts or resorting to other legal mechanisms, which ultimately will achieve this Arab right through intensifying efforts in various political forums to obtain full membership in the United Nations.

He noted that this Arab-Palestinian goal will be among the outcomes of the Arab Summit.

## Decades of joint action

Over the course of eight decades, Arab leaders held 46 summits, including 32 regular and 16 emergency sessions, alongside 4 Arab economic development summits.

The 33rd Summit, hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain, comes at a critical juncture amidst significant political, security, and geopolitical challenges in the region, the most notable of which is the Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip, which resulted in the deaths and injuries of tens of thousands of Palestinians and necessitates unity and solidarity to support the historic and foremost cause of Arabs and Muslims.

The idea of establishing an institution advocating Arab unity and co-ordinating Arab collective action dates back to the early 20th century. Various individuals and entities circulated ideas and opinions calling for the consolidation of relations and unified efforts during colonial times, with the aim of aligning Arab positions and raising voices for independence and sovereignty.

These calls became more serious during WWII, specifically in 1942, when the Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa el-Nahas delivered a speech in the Senate declaring Egypt’s intention of convening a conference for Arab leaders to discuss the issue of Arab unity. This was echoed by the positions of King Abdullah I of Jordan, which aligned with el-Nahas’s calls. The first concrete step towards establishment was taken with el-Nahas inviting both the Syrian Prime Minister Jamil Mardam Bey and the Lebanese National Bloc leader Bechara El Khoury in 1944 to discuss the idea of establishing an Arab League in Cairo. A series of bilateral and preparatory consultations between Egypt and the Arab states of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Yemen began. The prevailing direction at the time was to ensure that the establishment of the Arab League did not affect the independence and sovereignty of the signatory states. The preparatory committee settled on adopting the name ‘League of Arab States’ and endorsed the ‘Alexandria Protocol,’ which became the first document related to the League, signed by the heads of the participating delegations on October 7, 1944.

After holding 16 meetings at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Alexandria, amendments were approved, and the Charter of the League of Arab States was announced. On March 22, 1945, the seven Arab countries called for the signing of the Charter, with Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan being the first signatories followed by Saudi Arabia and Yemen. March 22 of every year became the day of celebration for the League of Arab States, which now comprises 22 countries. In 1946, between May 28 and

29, the Inshas Summit was held. It was the first conference of Arab leaders convened at the invitation of King Farouk I. The seven founding countries of the Arab League (Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, and Syria) attended. The first conference issued a set of resolutions focusing on assisting colonised Arab peoples in achieving their independence, emphasising that the Palestinian issue is central to national causes, as it is inseparable from other Arab countries.

The League of Arab States became the first international organisation established after World War II, preceding the UN by months. Its aim was to activate co-operation among member states, as affirmed in its Charter, which stressed the consolidation of Arab relations and support for Arab bonds based on respecting the independence, sovereignty, law reforms, and institution organisation of these countries. The Charter of the League includes a preamble for approval, aiming to strengthen Arab relations and ties, along with twenty articles and three special annexes. The first annex concerns Palestine, with a Palestinian delegate attending as an observer in the League’s council meetings until its independence is achieved. The second annex focuses on co-operation with non-independent Arab states at that time and co-ordinating with their leaderships. The third annex approved the appointment of Abdul Rahman Hassan Azzam, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, as the first Secretary-General of the League for two years.

Article Twelve of the Charter outlines the establishment of the League’s Secretariat, to be formed by a Secretary-General, assistant secretaries, and a number of staff. The Council of the League appoints the Secretary-General with a two-thirds majority for a renewable five-year term. The Secretary-General, with the Council’s approval, appoints the assistant secretaries and principal staff of the League. Seven Secretaries-General have served, including Abdul Rahman Azzam, Mohamed Abdul Khalek Hassouna, Mahmoud Riad, Chedli Klibi, Esmat Abdel-Meguid, Amr Moussa, and Nabil Elaraby, with Ahmed Aboul Gheit currently serving since 2016. The League of Arab States consists of three main branches established according to the Charter’s provisions: the Council of the League, the Permanent Committees, and the General Secretariat, in addition to bodies established by the Joint Defence and Economic Co-operation Treaty signed in 1950 and bodies established by resolutions of the League’s Council, as well as ministerial councils concerned with health, tourism, and security matters. **(QNA)**

## Analysts: Stopping war on Gaza, Palestinian state top agenda

Achieving a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and building a unified Arab vision to mobilise efforts to establish the Palestinian state top the agenda of the 33rd regular session of the Arab League Summit in Bahrain, in light of the ongoing Israeli war on the Gaza Strip and the difficult humanitarian conditions it has caused.

In this context, political analysts discussed, in statements to Qatar News Agency (QNA), the Arab efforts to stop this aggression and provide support to the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. They also addressed the movements related to halting the escalation of Israeli aggression in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, as well as mechanisms to pressure the international community to reach a comprehensive solution and initiate a political process leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Deputy Director of Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Dr Amr Hashem Rabie, told QNA that Gaza is at the top of the Arab Summit’s agenda, emphasising the need to end the war on the Gaza Strip and rebuild it, in the face of the continuing brutal aggression by the Israeli occupation since October 7, which has led to the deaths of tens of thousands, in addition to the humanitarian catastrophe affecting 2.5mn Palestinian citizens due to this brutal war. Rabie pointed out that this ongoing aggression requires Arab leaders, during the Arab League Summit, to adopt a common Arab stance to urgently stop the war and address the roots of this aggression. He noted that the “Al-Aqsa Flood” operation carried out by the resistance has forcefully brought the Palestinian issue back to the forefront.

Rabie emphasised the necessity of utilising the many mechanisms and sources of power and pressure available to Arab countries to reach a just solution to the Palestinian issue, explaining that the Arab Summit is expected to address the two-state solution and matters related to investigating the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation in the Strip, in addition to adopting a common Arab vision on Palestinian reconciliation and ways to achieve it on the ground, while confronting the greater challenge facing the Arab nation, which is resisting normalisation with the Israeli occupation. In a related context, Professor of Political Science at Ummah University, Dr Hussam al-Dajani, told QNA that there are broad hopes pinned on the Arab Summit, which will be more keen to adopt an approach that takes into consideration the situation and humanitarian reality in the Gaza Strip. This includes exerting pressure on the international community to compel the Israeli occupation to accept a two-state solution and initiate a political process leading to the establishment of a Palestinian state. Al-Dajani stressed that reaching a comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue must precede any discussion of returning to normal and the reconstruction process in the Gaza Strip. Arab countries fear that investing their money in rebuilding Gaza would only see it destroyed again by the Israeli occupation, he said, adding that the scenario of repeated wars and Israeli aggression on Gaza or Palestinian territories remains a present and potent threat as long as there are no definitive solutions to the problem of occupation.

Al-Dajani questioned how the people of Gaza endure the bitter humanitarian situation amidst this war that has destroyed more than half of Gaza’s buildings, institutions, and infrastructure. He stressed that the answer should come from the Arab Summit



by considering all matters related to this situation, starting with the humanitarian reality, and then working to allocate more funds for Gaza’s reconstruction regardless of the reasons. He added that this is what the Palestinian people hope for in order to shelter civilians and build infrastructure related to hospitals, schools, and roads. Professor of Political Science at Suez Canal University, Dr Gamal Salama, stated to QNA that the Arab Summit in Bahrain will prioritise discussions on ways to achieve a ceasefire and halt Israeli aggression in the Gaza Strip. Afterward, the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, which has witnessed unprecedented destruction and devastation, will be addressed, which requires significant Arab and international efforts to restore life to its normalcy, with Arab diplomatic efforts currently leading on both fronts. Salama emphasised that the Palestinian people and Arab nations are heavily relying on the Arab Summit to address this crucial issue. This also necessitates co-ordination within the Arab stance to continue intensive efforts on the international level and to devise mechanisms to pressure the relevant parties, whether the US, Israel, or the European Union, all of which can contribute in one way or another to this issue, in order to reach comprehensive solutions and activate international will to halt the war on Gaza, deliver humanitarian aid, and establish a Palestinian state. He highlighted the importance of building upon the current momentum within the international community for the establishment of a Palestinian state, which has recently been positively reflected in the Security Council’s vote in favour of a resolution proposed by Algeria for Palestine to gain full membership in the UN. This resolution received support from twelve

members, while the US exercised its veto power against it. Dr Ayman Samir, an expert in international relations, noted in statements to QNA that the Palestinian issue and the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip will be the main focus of various activities during the Arab Summit in Bahrain. He explained that the final statement of the Arab Summit is likely to commend the significant efforts of Qatar and Egypt and express gratitude for their mediation role since the beginning of the aggression on Gaza to reach a ceasefire and halt the fighting in the sector. Samir added that the efforts of both countries have been enormous, surpassing the efforts of any other party or mediator. Samir also pointed out that the Arab Summit is expected, in its final statement, to call for a permanent and sustainable ceasefire in all occupied Palestinian territories, the entry of humanitarian, relief, medical, and food aid into the Gaza Strip, as well as emphasise support to the Palestinian people and their right to establish their independent state with its capital in East Jerusalem, based on the borders of June 4, 1967. He stressed that there is currently an Arab effort regarding the future of the Palestinian issue, the necessity of the establishment of the Palestinian state, and the world’s recognition of the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination, whether bilaterally or collectively, meaning that each state recognises Palestine or there is a decision by the Security Council in this regard. He added that Arab leaders will also condemn the Israeli massacres committed during the aggression on the Gaza Strip, including extrajudicial executions, mass graves, the killing of nearly 35,000 Palestinians, and the injury of over 70,000 others. They will stress the need to punish the perpetrators and reject attempts of forced displacement of Palestinians, considering it a war crime. **(QNA)**



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