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**Amir aspires to work with new German chancellor Merz to bolster relations**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani expressed his aspiration to continue working together with Friedrich Merz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, at all levels to strengthen the bilateral partnership and achieve greater mutual benefits between the two friendly countries and peoples. In a post on His Highness's official account on the X platform, His Highness the Amir said that he is pleased to congratulate Friedrich Merz on his election as Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, with whom Qatar shares strong friendship and distinguished cooperation. His Highness the Amir wished the German Chancellor success in his duties, and aspired to continue working together at all levels to strengthen the bilateral partnership, achieving further mutual gains for the two friendly countries and peoples. **(QNA)**

**Amir congratulates Chancellor Merz**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani sent a cable of congratulations to Friedrich Merz on his election as Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, wishing him success and further progress and prosperity for relations between the two countries. His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Thani and HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani also sent cables of congratulations to Friedrich Merz on his election as chancellor. **(QNA)**

**Amir, Indian PM review ties, global developments**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani discussed with Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, bilateral relations between the two countries and ways to support and enhance them. This came during a phone call His Highness the Amir held yesterday with the Indian prime minister. His Highness the Amir and the prime minister also exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual concern. **(QNA)**

**Amir to attend QU graduation today**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani will patronise the graduation ceremony of the 48th batch (Class of 2025) of Qatar University's students, which will be held at the University's Sports and Events Complex today morning. Meanwhile, Her Highness Consort of His Highness the Amir Sheikhha Jowaher bint Hamad bin Suhaim al-Thani will patronise the graduation ceremony for distinguished female students tomorrow (May 8). **(QNA)**

**US stops bombing Houthis after deal**

President Donald Trump announced yesterday the US will stop bombing the Houthis in Yemen, saying that the Iran-aligned group had agreed to stop interrupting shipping lanes in the Middle East. "They said please don't bomb us any more and we're not going to attack your ships," Trump said.

**1,049 students from eight QF universities honoured**



Her Highness Sheikhha Moza bint Nasser, HE Sheikhha Hind bint Hamad al-Thani and other dignitaries with the graduates at the 2025 Convocation ceremony. **PICTURE: AR Al-Baker Page 11**

Her Highness Sheikhha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation (QF) yesterday attended the 2025 Convocation ceremony, where 1,049 students from eight universities of QF's higher education ecosystem were celebrated for their achievements.

The milestone celebration in QF's 30th year had HE Sheikhha Hind bint Hamad al-Thani, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of QF, together with ministers and dignitaries, university deans and faculty members, and families of the members of QF's Class of 2025 present.

Speaking at the event at Qatar National Convention Centre, Her

**Sheikha Moza attends QF 2025 Convocation**

Highness said: "Congratulations to our graduates and your families. Let this day be, not the end of your studies, but the beginning of your journey of lifelong learning. While a degree is important in securing financial and job security, always remaining open to new ideas and knowledge is essential for spiritual and emotional wellbeing, enabling us to overcome prejudice and pre-conceptions."

Over the past three decades, more than 11,000 students have graduated from universities at QF, with its alumni going on to make their mark nationally and inter-

nationally as leaders, innovators, humanitarians, and drivers of positive change.

HE the Minister of Education and Higher Education Lollwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed AlKhatir said: "As we celebrate the graduates of Qatar Foundation, we also pause to reflect on a legacy that extends far beyond the classroom."

"For three decades, QF has redefined the role of education - not as a destination, but as a continuous journey toward inquiry, purpose, and innovation. It is a model rooted in our national values, yet

open to the world; one that equips learners to lead with insight and integrity.

"The Ministry of Education and Higher Education takes pride in supporting this vision - one that continues to shape Qatar's path toward a future that is inclusive, enlightened, and grounded in knowledge."

The graduates of the Class of 2025 - each of whom, during the ceremony, walked through the Door to the Future, a Convocation tradition symbolising the start of the next phase of their life's journey - span 74 nationalities, with

61% being female and 39% being Qatari nationals.

"At QF, we are very proud of the dedicated work done by graduating students," said Francisco Marmolejo, president of Higher Education and Education Adviser, QF.

"We are confident that they received top, world-class education, and that they nurtured a strong sense of professionalism, ethics, and community service at Qatar Foundation. This year's graduating class is especially important for us, because this is one of the most impactful ways to continue celebrating 30 years of remarkable achievements of Qatar Foundation. **To Page 11**

**22 killed in Israeli strike on Gaza shelter school**

AFP/Reuters  
Gaza City

Gaza's civil defence agency yesterday said Israeli bombardment on a school sheltering displaced people killed 22 people in a refugee camp in the territory, devastated by 19 months of war.

"The number of martyrs has risen to 22, with dozens wounded in the Israeli strike on a school sheltering displaced persons in Al-Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip," civil defence media officer Ahmad Radwan said.

The head of Yemen's Houthi Supreme Political Council, Mahdi al-Mashat, said the Iran-aligned group will continue their attacks to support Gaza.



Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on an UNRWA school sheltering displaced people, in the Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip, yesterday.

He asked Israelis to "remain in shelters because their government will not be able to protect them," indicating the ceasefire with the US did not include a halt of the group's attacks on Israel.

Any Israeli attempt to annex land in Gaza would be "unacceptable", the UK's Middle East minister said yesterday as Israel's army prepared to broaden its assault in the Palestinian territory.

"We strongly oppose the expansion of Israel's operations. Any attempt to annex land in Gaza would be unacceptable," minister Hamish Falconer said.

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said yesterday she told her Israeli counterpart in a call that the situation in Gaza is "untenable" and aid deliveries must restart now.

**'Qatari mediation efforts will not be deterred by Israeli remarks'**

QNA  
Doha

Adviser to the Prime Minister and Official Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs HE Dr Majed bin Mohammed al-Ansari reiterated Qatar's rejection of any political compromises by any party, noting that mediation efforts regarding the Gaza Strip are continuing despite the difficulty of the negotiations.

HE Dr al-Ansari said during a media briefing organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that Qatar deals with countries as institutions, and its role is well known to all. The attempts of



HE Dr Majed al-Ansari

some politicians to gain political advantage or confront internal crises through statements accusing Qatar and targeting it with completely false information that has no basis in truth will not drag it down this slip-

pery slope or engage in internal political matters that are not Qatar's concern.

He added that Qatar's position has been clear since the first day of the war. The mediation efforts led by Qatar, Egypt, and the United States are clear to all, and are primarily focused on ending this disastrous war in the Gaza Strip and charting a path to peace. Qatar's integrity is internationally recognised, and is not limited to one or two parties.

He noted that all statements and declarations issued by various parties fall within this context, including the Israeli president's statements in recent days. **To Page 2**

**India military strikes nine locations in disputed J&K**

The Indian Armed Forces announced the execution of a military strike targeting nine locations in the disputed Jammu and Kashmir region between India and Pakistan, while a Pakistani military spokesperson confirmed that Islamabad will respond to India's attacks. Commenting on the strikes, the Indian government stated that the army launched Operation Sindoor, targeting nine sites in Jammu and Kashmir, adding that no Pakistani military installations were targeted. In its statement, the Indian government said that actions were focused and measured and do not involve escalation. In contrast, Pakistani security officials reported that India launched missiles across the border at three locations. A Pakistani military spokesperson affirmed that Islamabad will respond to India's attacks. On Apr 22, armed assailants carried out an attack in a tourist area near the town of Pahalgam in the Indian-administered part of Kashmir, resulting in dozens of casualties. **(QNA)**

**Qatar welcomes Oman ceasefire efforts**

Qatar welcomed the efforts of the sisterly Sultanate of Oman, which led to a ceasefire agreement between the US and the designated authorities in Sanaa in Yemen. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Qatar looks forward to seeing this step contribute to the freedom of navigation and the free flow of international commercial shipping. The ministry renewed Qatar's full support for diplomacy and dialogue in resolving all regional issues, which stems from its deep-rooted belief in the importance of enhancing security, peace, stability, and development at the regional and international levels. It also expressed Qatar's appreciation for the constructive role played by Oman, which contributed to reaching this agreement. **(QNA)**

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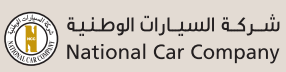


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## Top Qatari students at religious institute honoured

**H**E the Minister of Education and Higher Education Lolwah bint Rashid AlKhater and HE the Minister of Endowments (Awqaf) and Islamic Affairs Ghanem bin Shaheen al-Ghanem honoured 39 outstanding Qatari students at the institute of religious studies preparatory secondary school for boys.

The awarding ceremony was attended by the institute's educators and staff. It began with a Holy Qur'an recitation followed by religious rhymes performed by a group of students from the institute. Then, there was a welcoming speech by the master of ceremonies.

In her speech, HE AlKhater recounted a story that took place in the Prophet's (peace be upon him) Mosque, highlighting the true meaning of life. She urged students to cling to the Holy Qur'an rules, which constitute the path of truth in life.

For his part, HE al-Ghanem ex-



pressed his pride in the outstanding students as the loyal sons of Qatar who have elevated the name of the nation and set an example of diligence, hard work, and good conduct.

He added that the honorees' academic excellence is the fruit of their determination and sincerity, and that they will play a major role in building the homeland, preserving religion, and serving society with solid knowledge, profound understanding, and righteous deeds.

Calling on the students to make

this stage of their educational journey a springboard for further excellence, HE al-Ghanem urged them to continue seeking knowledge with sincere intentions, adhere to virtuous morals, and embody the values of Islam in all fields.

He thanked teachers and parents for their support and education.

At the end of the ceremony, certificates were distributed to the outstanding students in an atmosphere that expressed pride and appreciation for their efforts and achievements. (QNA)

## 'Qatari mediation efforts will not be deterred by Israeli remarks'

**From Page 1**

HE Dr al-Ansari praised Qatar's efforts, which are universally appreciated, indicating that these efforts resulted in two ceasefires and the release of more than 130 hostages as part of these efforts.

He said that the question is how many hostages have been released through military efforts and this ongoing war in the Gaza Strip. In return, this mediation has resulted in the release of a large number of Palestinian brothers from Israeli prisons, the entry of large quantities of aid into the Gaza Strip, a ceasefire, and the release of the hostages.

He reiterated Qatar's commitment to continuing its mediation efforts in the Gaza Strip, in co-operation with its regional and international partners, saying in this regard that Qatar will not be deterred by Israeli statements, nor will Qatar be deterred by attempts to distort the image of the mediators, whether in Qatar or in Egypt. Quite the contrary, the efforts are continuing despite the difficulty of the situation and despite the ongoing catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip.

He pointed out that contacts are ongoing between HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani, and his counterparts in the region and abroad, as part of ongoing efforts to stop the war in the Gaza Strip. He explained that the focus now is on the need to halt the armament of aid being pursued by Israel during this period.

He emphasised Qatar's rejection, from the first day of this war, of aid being used as a weapon in this war, or as a bargaining chip in any war, anywhere in the world. He noted that it is unacceptable for aid to be coupled with political blackmail for the benefit of any party.

He explained that Qatar is working with its partners in Egypt and the US to find solutions to ensure the entry of aid into the Gaza Strip, calling for full international pressure to find solutions to ensure the entry of all forms of aid into the Gaza Strip as soon as possible. HE Dr al-Ansari said that Qatar is aware that the political polarisation within Israel is the main motive behind the Israeli accusations against Qatar, and therefore the State knows that Israel's involvement in this mediation from day one, along with the other parties, has not stopped despite all these accusations, adding that Qatar knows for certain who stands in the way of reaching an agreement. There were many opportunities to end this war and reach an agreement that would lead to lasting peace in the Gaza Strip, but Qatar is still working to find new opportunities and will continue to communicate with all parties.

He highlighted that anyone who wants to level these accusations against the mediators should know that this will not serve the mediation efforts or reach a solution. They should also know that Qatar is immune to such accusations. Qatar's reputation is well-known internationally and has been proven through its handling of various issues, not just the mediation file. Qatar is not concerned with these statements.



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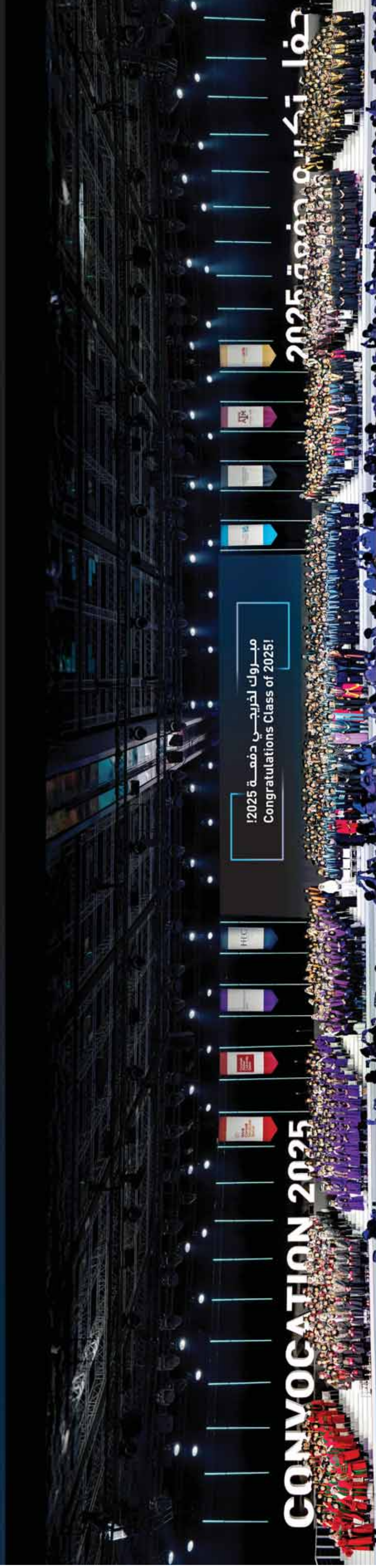
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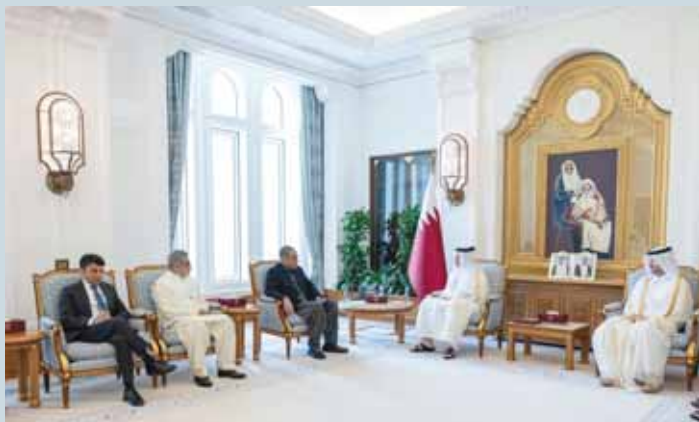
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## PM meets Pakistani, Iranian ministers

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani met yesterday with the visiting Pakistani Minister of Interior and Narcotics Control, Mohsin Raza Naqvi. The meeting discussed bilateral relations and ways to support and develop them, along with several issues of joint interest. **(QNA)**



HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani met yesterday with the visiting Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadegh. The meeting discussed bilateral co-operation and ways to enhance and expand it, as well as several issues of mutual interest. **(QNA)**



## Preparatory meeting for Qatar-Tunisia Supreme Committee concludes



The preparatory meeting for the 8th Qatar-Tunisia Supreme Committee, at the level of senior officials, concluded in Doha yesterday. The two-day talks were co-chaired by the Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Arab Affairs Department, HE Nayef bin Abdullah al-Emadi, and Director General of Maghreb, Arab, and Islamic Organisations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Migration, and Tunisians Abroad, Al-Hashemi Ajeeli. **(QNA)**

## Official

### Al-Misnad meets German official

HE the Minister of State for International Co-operation Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser al-Misnad met in Doha yesterday with Dr Norbert Lammert, Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and former president of the Bundestag. The meeting discussed developments in the region and co-operation in providing humanitarian and development aid. **(QNA)**

## Qatar, Iran discuss ways to widen transport ties



HE the Minister of Transport Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Thani met in Doha yesterday with Iran's Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Farzaneh Sadegh Malvajerd. The meeting discussed bilateral co-operation in transport activities and services, and ways to enhance them. **(QNA)**

## MoJ bolsters brokers' expertise in real estate valuation

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) is conducting an advanced course on real estate appraisal and valuation for functionaries operating at the Real Estate Registration and Authentication Department, alongside a host of real estate brokers. The two-week, first-of-its-kind course is delivered by a professional real estate expert and showcases theoretical presentations and practical training on professional curricula and tools.

The course is primarily intended to equip real estate registration functionaries with the essential skills and knowledge to discharge valuation duties based on the best applied international standards, such as the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and International Valuation Standards (IVS). The course offers an overall approach to fathoming the basics of real estate valuation, along with the pursued evaluation techniques such as comparison, income and cost, Discounted Cash Flow (DCF), the factors influencing real estate valuation, the significance of market analysis, and the domestic and international standards and regulations related to property appraisal.

In addition, the course has been augmented with practical applications to the valuation of residential, commercial, industrial, and



agricultural property, as well as presentations on preparing valuation reports professionally in accordance with the pursued standards.

Moreover, the program has been designed to be inclusive, enabling the participants to build a solid foundation in valuation, whether they are neophytes or skilled professionals who wish to hone their skills and obtain professional accreditation.

The course tackles the role of real estate in the economy and classifies it as one of the most consequential drivers of the economy, thanks to its merits in creating job opportunities, encouraging investment, and driving funding through real estate mortgages.

Real estate is one of the assets

that maintains its value, making it the preferred option for investors, as its impact extends to other sectors such as construction, banks, and tourism, thereby helping support the state budget through taxes and fees.

With technological advancements, real estate has had a greater role in the digital economy through leveraging smart platforms that bolster transparency and encourage enduring investment. Consequently, inaccurate valuation poses a latent threat to real estate market stability.

Assistant Undersecretary for MoJ's Real Estate Registration and Documentation Affairs, Amer Saeed al-Ghafri, underscored the importance of this course, which will imbue the functionaries with

essential knowledge in this field. Notwithstanding the cutting-edge technologies leveraged by the ministry in this area, including the 'Al Muthammin' application, which is one of the best applications being executed in this field, personal knowledge still plays a paramount role in dealing with the market.

The application bolsters the employees' role in helping the real estate sector's stakeholders make proper decisions, in addition to providing them with counselling in this area, al-Ghafri highlighted. He pointed out that, as part of its interest in the real estate market, the ministry had concluded a similar course last week for real estate brokers, as they are the ones primarily concerned with valuation based on scientific and objective underpinnings.

Al-Ghafri heaped praise on the outcomes of this course that brought together over 25 MoJ-licensed real estate brokers. He added that a similar event will be organised in the future as part of the MoJ's plan to empower stakeholders in the real estate market with evaluation and appraisal tools in accordance with the best globally recognised practices.

For their part, real estate brokers lauded the organisation of these kinds of advanced courses, underscoring their consequentiality in advancing real estate stakeholders. **(QNA)**

## Qatar partakes in Global Ireland Summit

Qatar participated in the Global Ireland Summit 2025 in Dublin yesterday. It was organised by Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Representing Qatar at the summit was ambassador (non-resident) to Ireland HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Saud al-Thani.

The ambassador emphasised that Qatar's participation in this summit reflects its commitment to active engagement in international initiatives and forums, which contribute to knowledge exchange, enhancement of development partnerships, and the realisation of Qatar's vision for a diverse and sustainable economy.

During meetings held on the sidelines of the summit with senior officials from Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including Political Director at the Department Gerard Keown, and Head of the Middle East Unit Sean O'Regan, the ambassador stressed the importance of strengthening co-operation between Qatar and Ireland, particularly in technology, artificial intelligence, medicine, and sustainable development, highlighting the solid foundations of relations between the two countries and the need to expand their scope to serve mutual interests.

The ambassador reaffirmed Qatar's commitment to supporting international efforts to enhance security and stability and strengthening co-operation with global partners, reflecting the state's dedication to multilateral diplomacy. **(QNA)**



## QNL explores women's voices in travel literature

Qatar National Library (QNL) organised a symposium under the title 'Women's Travel Literature: Journeys Through Female Eyes – Between the Real and the Imagined', with the participation of an elite group of researchers, academics and members of the public with an interest in literature, gender studies, history and cross-cultural exploration. The event was conducted in both Arabic and English. Senior Archives Specialist at QNL, Dr Moez Dridi, opened the symposium with a general introduction that set the stage for exploring how travel allowed women to question identity, engage with themes of social justice and construct new relationships between gender, space and cultural boundaries. "The writings of these women offer an overlooked but profoundly enriching perspective on both travel and the shaping of Orientalism," said Dr Dridi, noting: "They invite us to revisit history through a female lens, one that challenges dominant narratives and uncovers new dimensions of intercultural understanding." The symposium explored how female travellers from the 19th and early 20th centuries used travel – and the literature it inspired, as a means of personal empowerment, self-discovery and the reimagining of prevailing social norms, highlighting the distinctive voices of female travellers who documented their encounters with the East during an era when women were often excluded from the traditional literary canon. **(QNA)**



## QFFD announces the following Public Tender:

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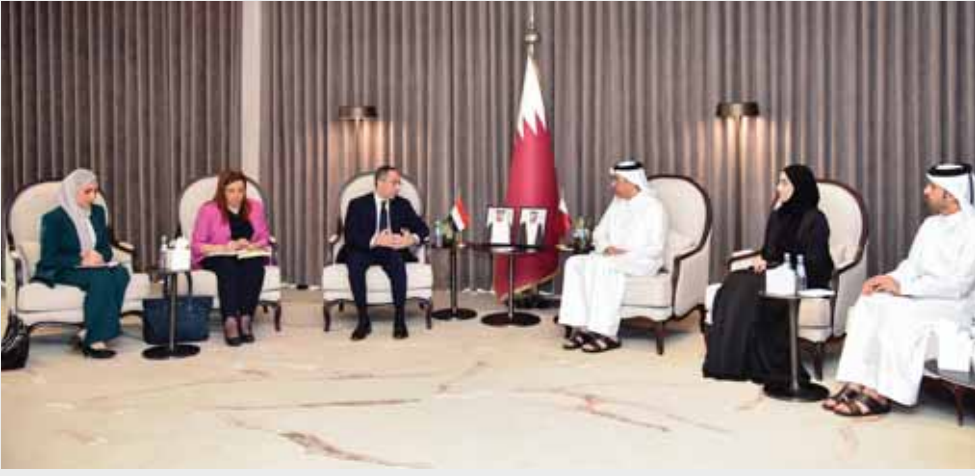
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## Labour minister meets Egyptian ambassador



HE the Minister of Labour, Dr Ali bin Smaikh al-Marri met in Doha yesterday with Egyptian ambassador Amr El Sherbini. The meeting discussed bilateral relations. (QNA)

## PM is GU-Q 2025 Commencement Speaker

Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q) announced that HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani, will deliver the keynote address at the 2025 Commencement Ceremony tomorrow (Thursday, May 8).

The ceremony will celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2025 and mark a major milestone in GU-Q's two decades of excellence and service in Qatar, a statement said.

"We are profoundly honoured that His Excellency joins us in this special year, our 20th in Qatar. His presence will inspire our graduates as they embark



on their journeys of leadership and service," said dean Safwan Masri.

The GU-Q statement has described HE Sheikh Mohamed as 'a distinguished statesman whose leadership has shaped Qatar's strategic direction

across governance, diplomacy, and international development.'

"As Prime Minister, he heads the Council of Ministers and plays a central role in formulating national policy. As Minister of Foreign Affairs, he has advanced Qatar's global engagement through proactive diplomacy and a steadfast commitment to peace, regional stability, and multilateral co-operation.

"A leading advocate for sustainable development, His Excellency also chairs the Qatar Fund for Development, which supports transformative initiatives in education, healthcare, and economic resilience across more than 70 countries."

# Astronomy Olympiad draws participation from 110 schools

QNA  
Doha

Qatar Calendar House (QCH) yesterday wrapped up the 9th Qatar School Astronomy Olympiad 2025. Held in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), the event honoured a group of schools and students who participated in the contest.

Executive Director of QCH, Eng Faisal al-Ansari, highlighted to Qatar News Agency (QNA) that the event was intended to advance the culture of astronomy on school campuses through holding a range of theoretical and practical training programmes.

He added that the competition preliminarily drew broader participation from 110 schools, with approximately 86 schools participating at the end of the event, which was literally incredible participation.

Throughout the months of the contest, QCH organised a series of events, chief amongst which was the sunspot drawing activity held at the Museum of Islamic Art, in addition to an astronomy exhibition, and a variety of workshops at the QCH premises, and in schools nationwide, al-Ansari said.

Al-Ansari added that MoEHE was entrusted with the complete oversight of this contest, emphasising that, interestingly, the Arab Union for Space and Astronomy Sciences was officially attending this event. He underlined that the astronomical culture resembles the rest of the sciences, in terms of advancing the



core notions, as well as theoretical and practical training, which is virtually essential.

Therefore, there was a powerful desire to leverage the outcomes of this event, and at the end of the day, students would have had the bulk of astronomical notions and information to be ready for accomplishing the post-competition remaining skills, he noted.

In addition, al-Ansari indicated that a team representing Qa-

tar in international forums was formed, along with the rehabilitation of 20 students from Qatari schools to officially participate in the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2025), which is set to be held in August 2025.

He pointed out that the record turnout of participants and attendees at the closing ceremony of the event underscores the students' proclivities to learn astronomical sciences.

## Qatar participates in Governance of Emerging Technologies Summit

Qatar, represented by the Public Prosecution, participated in the Governance of Emerging Technologies Summit (GETS 2025), which is hosted in Abu Dhabi. HE the Attorney General of Qatar, Dr Issa Saad al-Jafali al-Nuaimi, chaired Qatar's delegation at the summit.

HE al-Nuaimi underlined the importance of international co-operation to advance effective legislative frameworks that keep up with technological advancements and ensure a balance between innovation and legal protection.

The summit is a high-level international platform that intends to bolster dialogue and co-ordinate international efforts on future governance frameworks and legislations, given the rapid digital evolution. This comes through engaging in in-depth discussions among representatives of the participating countries on avenues for the responsible and optimal use of modern and emerging technologies, foremost of which are artificial in-



telligence, quantum computing, and Web 3.0, within a legal framework that enhances the rule of law, protects rights, and keeps pace with technological advancements.

On the sidelines of this event, HE al-Nuaimi held separate meetings with Attorney General of the United Arab Emirates, Dr Hamad Saif al-Shamsi, and Attorney General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dr Mohamed Shawky Ayad. Throughout the meetings, they shared perspectives on a range of topics of mutual interest.



## BK Mohammed Kunhi Elocution Competition 2025: A celebration of young voices



The MES Alumni Association (MESAA), in collaboration with MESAA Toastmasters Club, successfully hosted the third edition of the Libano-Suisse BK Mohammed Kunhi Elocution Competition. The event honours the late Sri B.K. Mohammed Kunhi, the visionary principal of MES Indian School from 1979 to 2001.

The competition, open to students aged 10-17 from across Qatar, featured two formats—Inspirational Speech and Impromptu Speech—across junior and senior categories. Over 350 students from more than 20 schools applied, with two rounds of screening leading to 40 finalists. The finale was held at MES Indian School - Abu Hamour Branch (MESIS).

In the Inspirational Speech - Senior Category, Sheza Kabeer (DPS Modern Indian School) won first place for From Blast to Boost. Mohammad Aiman Jamil (MES Indian School) came second with You're Running Out of Somedays, followed by Aaisha Fathima Basheer (MES) with Born to Excel.

In the Junior Category, Ishel Mohamed (Doha English Speaking School) took first place with Stand Up, Speak Up. Amaya Shibu (Noble International School) placed second, and Gunika Koul (Doha Modern Indian School) secured third.

In the Impromptu Speech - Junior Category, based on "If you are a character from any story, who would you be and why?", the winners were Christa Rose Anish (Olive International School), Afrah Fathima Nijas (MES Indian School), and Swara Thakare (DPS Modern Indian School).

For Seniors, who spoke on "It's important to change because...", Harsh Thobani (DPS) earned first place,

followed by Nandini Devang Pathak and Sheza Kabeer (both DPS).

The event began with a welcome by MESAA General Secretary Samra Mahboob, who also introduced a heartfelt tribute video to Sri Kunhi. MESAA President Fazil Hameed reflected on Kunhi's enduring legacy and how the event has become a platform for showcasing student excellence across Qatar.

Samiha Sooppi, President of MESAA Toastmasters Club, expressed her sincere appreciation to all participants, parents, judges, volunteers, and alumni who contributed to the success of the event.

Hameeda Kader, Principal of MES Indian School, shared touching memories of working under the leadership of Sri B.K. Mohammed Kunhi. She recalled his dedication to discipline and academic excellence, and expressed pride in seeing his legacy honoured through a platform that empowers student voices.

A special moment came from guest speaker Nathania Lela Vipin, an 8th-grade student from Olive International School living with cerebral palsy, whose inspiring speech moved the audience.

A memento of gratitude was presented to MES Management for their unwavering support. The contests were chaired by Fawad Kasu, Thauseef Thayyib, and Mohammed Akbar Ali, with DTM Rajesh VC as Chief Judge. Event Chief Muhammed Safwan C.P. delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging support from sponsors including Gulf Times, Libano-Suisse, Lulu Group, Action Coach, Radio Olive Suno Network, Spirit Events and Panache Advertising.

## DI celebrates graduation of Arabic and Social Sciences Programme

QNA  
Doha

The Language Center at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI) has celebrated the graduation of its 13th cohort (Spring 2025) from the Fellowship for the Study of Arabic and Social Sciences programme.

According to the institute's statement, over 14 weeks, students from the US, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Bosnia, and Turkiye, non-native Arabic speakers eager to enhance their proficiency, immersed themselves in intensive language courses and participated in cultural activities, including visits to Qatar's museums and Qatar National Library, kayaking through mangrove forests to Bin Ghannam Island, and a calligraphy workshop, among other enriching experiences.

The Fellowship Program is built on multiple components designed to enhance participants'



linguistic, academic, and cultural skills in Arabic. One of its most vital elements is the Language Partnership Initiative, which provides students with linguistic and cultural pairing opportunities, helping them engage with Arabic dialects, understand Arab youth interests, and expand academic and professional networking prospects.

The institute highlighted the immersive environment of the programme, as students benefit from the research and academic atmosphere at Doha Institute and the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies. Participants can attend postgraduate lectures in

various fields, engage in discussions with guest speakers, and take advantage of the events, activities, and conferences hosted by the institute.

According to the statement, the Fellowship Program plays a crucial role in realising the institute's vision of fostering intellectual connections and promoting dialogue among students, faculty, and international academic platforms, while ensuring continuity and expansion of these ties.

The programme lasts one academic semester, catering to advanced Arabic learners and heritage learners seeking to refine their linguistic and cultural skills.

## Qatar participates in GCC ministerial council meeting



Qatar participated yesterday in the 47th extraordinary meeting of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) Ministerial Council, held via video-conferencing. The Qatari delegation to the meeting was led by HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi. (QNA)

## Namibian minister receives credentials of Qatar's envoy

Namibian Minister of International Relations and Trade Selma Ashipala-Musavyi received in Windhoek yesterday a copy of the credentials of Mubarak bin Nasser al-Khalifa as Qatar's (non-resident) ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Namibia. (QNA)



## Shafallah Center, QSC in pact to conduct joint programmes

Shafallah Center for Persons with Disabilities, a centre under the umbrella of the Qatar Social Work Foundation, has announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Qatar Scientific Club (QSC) to implement joint programmes at the centre's premises.

Executive Director of Al Shafallah Center for Persons with Disabilities, Maryam Saif al-Suwaidi, said the MoU aims to empower and include the centre's functionaries in a variety of QSC-organised scientific activities.

Enhancing an inclusive culture to spread awareness of the significant scientific inclusion of persons with disabilities is essential. It creates an informed and appreciative community of human diversity, offering a scientific environment that engages all, regardless of physical and sensory capabilities, al-Suwaidi underlined. She highlighted that the MoU primarily aims to capitalise on QSC's services and expertise offered to the centre's disabled functionaries, positioning QSC as an official partner in the centre's scientific programmes and projects.

Al-Suwaidi asserted that the two parties strive to provide opportunities for societal care and establish a strategic partnership that serves these functionaries.

The two parties are set to launch a Lego robotics competition for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, alongside QSC's support for the centre through showcasing the functionaries' products at the club's premises, al-Suwaidi high-



lighted. She stated that QSC's employees will be trained in the skills of dealing with persons with disabilities and providing them with essential needs.

QSC will provide the centre's affiliates with membership cards and organise a training workshop for them on a quarterly basis throughout the year at its premises, in proportion to their abilities and needs, al-Suwaidi highlighted.

She affirmed that this will be done in co-ordination between the two sides, as the club is set to reinforce their capabilities and future projects with its available potential.

Deputy Executive Director of QSC, Engineer Abdulrahman Saleh Khamis, underlined that the club plays a critical role in supporting persons with disabilities through a range of initiatives aimed at bolstering their inclusion in the community and providing proportional opportunities for them.

The club seeks to educate them through training programmes in pursuit of advancing their skills in technology and science, thereby

enabling their effective engagement in society, Khamis explained.

He indicated that QSC's initiatives are laser-focused on developing ancillary technologies, such as smart devices and applications, that streamline the lives of persons with disabilities and help them achieve greater independence.

The engagement of persons with disabilities in scientific activities will definitely foster self-confidence, alongside their peers, making them ultimately accepted in the community, as long as these activities open occupational and scientific avenues for them and unearth their capabilities that qualify them for future careers and studies, Khamis noted.

Khamis pointed out that their engagement in these activities profoundly contributes to stimulating their intellectual and physical aspects, as well as communication with others, thereby achieving a positive impact on improving behaviour, mitigating tensions and social isolation. (QNA)

## MCIT spotlights 'The Future of Quantum Computing in the Middle East'



As part of its ongoing efforts to promote the adoption of emerging technologies and explore the potential in supporting Qatar's digital transformation journey, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), through the Tasmu Innovation Lab initiative, organised an event titled "The Future of Quantum Computing in the Middle East".

The event aimed to highlight the transformative potential of quantum computing in advancing the national digital transformation journey.

The event witnessed the attendance of a distinguished group of sector leaders, academic experts, and innovators, who discussed ways to integrate quantum technologies across vital sectors and reviewed key opportunities and challenges associated with their adoption. The event also highlighted the Tasmu Innovation Lab's most notable achievements, including the launch of AI and XR Sandboxes, a quantum technologies event in collaboration with Quantinuum, and the rollout of national training programmes designed to enhance digital readiness and build future capabilities.

The event also marked the announcement of the first-ever

international quantum computing hackathon to be held in Qatar - a pioneering step at the national level. Supported by MCIT, the hackathon will be hosted by Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in partnership with QuantX, a leading provider of quantum solutions, and the Boston Consulting Group, one of the world's foremost strategy consulting companies.

Director of Digital Innovation at the MCIT, Eman al-Kuwari, reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to advancing digital innovation and accelerating the adoption of advanced technological solutions.

She stated: "Through the Tasmu Innovation Lab, we are working to create an enabling environment that empowers government entities, private sector organisations, and innovators to collaborate in developing practical quantum computing solutions aligned with Qatar's national strategies."

"Quantum computing is considered one of the most pioneering emerging technologies due to its diverse applications across key sectors such as healthcare, energy, and logistics," she added.

It is worth noting that the hackathon, the details of which will be announced soon by the MCIT, aims to accelerate the

development and discovery of practical quantum computing applications across key sectors, including healthcare, energy, and government services, by fostering innovation and encouraging the creation of transformative technological solutions.

It also seeks to attract young talents, enhance local capabilities, and create an advanced competitive environment that adheres to international standards and offers real opportunities for research, development, and collaboration with leading global experts.

Co-Founder and CEO of QuantX, Dr Elvira Shishenina, emphasised that quantum computing holds unparalleled potential. She stated: "Through organising this hackathon in Qatar, we're uniting the full value chain - from industry to academia - to tackle real-world challenges using the most advanced quantum hardware and solutions."

These efforts fall under the Tasmu Smart Qatar Programme, which serves as a key pillar in supporting the objectives of the Digital Agenda 2030 and is actively contributing to the realisation of Qatar National Vision 2030 by enhancing the digital economy, promoting sustainable growth, and empowering individuals and organisations with future-ready digital solutions. (QNA)

## Qatar attends criminal investigation directors general meeting in Riyadh



Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Interior (MoI), took part in the 41st meeting of the Directors General of Criminal Investigations and Investigative Services, held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) in Riyadh, on May 5-6. Director General of Criminal Investigations Maj Gen Mohammed Ibrahim al-Jufairi chaired the MoI's delegation at the meeting. The meeting discussed topics on the agenda and made appropriate recommendations accordingly. (QNA)

## HMC offers innovative treatment to over 20,000 asthma patients annually

Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) marked World Asthma Day by shining the spotlight on innovative treatment options that are revolutionising asthma care for residents in Qatar.

With advanced biologic therapies, smart inhalers, a health app, plus a comprehensive support plan that includes educational and self-management programmes, HMC is transforming how asthma is managed for over 20,000 patients annually.

Head of Pulmonology Department at HMC Dr Hisham Abdul Aleem Abdul Sattar said: "Asthma can significantly impact a person's daily activities and quality of life if not properly managed, but thanks to cutting-edge technology and personalised care plans, what was once a condition that significantly limited patients' lives, can now be effectively controlled and managed."

HMC's patient-centred approach begins with comprehensive diagnostic assessments, utilising



advanced testing techniques to determine the precise type and severity of each patient's asthma. This targeted diagnosis enables the clinical team to develop individualised treatment plans.

Accessing HMC's asthma services is straightforward. Patients may obtain referrals from primary care physicians to make their appointment at the specialised respiratory clinics. Emergency services are available 24/7 for those experiencing severe symptoms. Patients can also opt for telemedicine options for remote consultations with healthcare professionals. (QNA)

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## CRA releases position paper on IoT, M2M

The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) has released a Position Paper on the Internet of Things (IoT) and machine-to-machine (M2M) technologies, aiming to foster innovation, enhance security, and drive Qatar's economic growth.

Through this Position Paper, CRA intends to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework that ensures seamless connectivity, interoperability, and a secure digital landscape. This will enable Service Providers and businesses to operate under clear standards that support both investment and innovation. Furthermore, the Paper addresses existing regulatory gaps and meets evolving market needs by implementing mechanisms that balance regulatory oversight with necessary flexibility. This approach allows emerging technologies to scale efficiently while maintaining the highest levels of security and compliance.

The pillars of this Position Paper positively impact various stakeholders. On one hand, consumers will ex-



perience improved reliability and security in IoT services, leading to safer and more efficient utilisation of smart devices in their daily lives. On the other hand, Service Providers will benefit from clear regulatory guidelines, reducing uncertainty and facilitating smoother development and deployment of IoT and M2M technologies.

Additionally, this Paper opens new

horizons for businesses and investors by providing a regulatory environment that supports investment and expansion in digital markets, further strengthening Qatar's position as a leading hub for advanced technologies.

In this context, Technical Affairs Department Director at CRA, Ali al-Suwaidi, emphasised the document's importance, saying: "IoT and M2M technologies are rapidly evolving and have become key enablers of smart cities, industrial automation, healthcare advancements, and environmental sustainability. Therefore, it has become essential to have a regulatory framework that keeps pace with digital transformations and ensures a secure and transparent environment that supports innovation." "The release of this Position Paper marks a significant milestone in Qatar's digital transformation journey, establishing advanced regulatory foundations that will stimulate an integrated digital economic environment, accelerate the transition towards a knowledge-based economy,

and enhance the nation's global competitiveness in the technology sector," he noted.

He further stated: "By providing an integrated regulatory environment for the IoT that aligns with the highest international standards and best practices, CRA reaffirms its commitment to developing an advanced digital market that supports innovation and sustainable growth. This strengthens Qatar's position as a leading regional hub in the digital technology sector, aligning with the Qatar National Vision 2030, the Third National Development Strategy 2024-2030, and the Digital Agenda 2030."

CRA's IoT Position Paper serves as a foundation for future regulatory policies that will drive the deployment and adoption of IoT technologies in Qatar. As the country continues to embrace advanced digital solutions, the regulatory framework will work to balance between technological growth, consumer rights protection, and economic sustainability. (QNA)

# MIA film screenings spotlight social scenes in Argentina, Chile

The Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) is hosting a series of film screenings titled 'Social Scenes' from May 5-10, as part of Qatar Museums' Years of Culture Initiative.

Organised by the Doha Film Institute (DFI), the screenings shine a spotlight on contemporary films from Argentina and Chile, particularly the past five years' masterpieces that offer new insights into the advanced social and political scenes in those two nations.

The event, held as part of the Qatar-Argentina-Chile Cultural Year Activities, revolves around films on family, identity, memory, and national history through the selected collection, thereby laying a solid groundwork for these

scenes. The film series includes two DFI-supported films from Chile: *Chile '76* (1976), screened at the 2022 Cannes Film Festival, directed by Chilean filmmaker Manuela Martelli, and *The Eternal Memory* (La Memoria Infinita), di-

rected by Maite Alberdi. This film tells a poignant story, reflecting on dignity, memory, and the choices we make about what to remember and what to forget, as well as the role of personal and national history in shaping iden-

ties. In addition, the series includes three films from Argentina: *Puan*, directed by Maria Alche and Benjamin Naishtat, *Joel*, directed by Carlos Sorin, and *The Dog That Didn't Sleep* (El Perro Que No Calla), directed by Ana Katz. (QNA)



# UDST certified 'Great Place to Work' for third year

The University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) has been certified as a "Great Place to Work" for the third consecutive year, following an independent and rigorous evaluation by Great Place to Work Middle East, the Global Authority on Workplace Culture.

The certification process includes an anonymous survey completed by employees and a comprehensive evaluation of organisational practices. This ensures that the recognition is based on genuine employee experience, providing both jobseekers and stakeholders with a credible indicator of an exceptional work environment.

President of UDST, Dr Salem Al-Naemi celebrated the achievement, stating: "Earning this prestigious recognition for the third consecutive year is a testament to the passion and dedication of our faculty, staff, and interns. At UDST, we firmly believe that our people are our greatest asset, and their commitment drives our mission of excellence in applied education and research. Together, we will continue to build a workplace that promotes innovation, inclusivity, and growth."

UDST has established itself as a hub for professional and personal development. Employees have access to a wealth of opportunities, including Professional Development Days held twice annually, featuring workshops, training, and expert-led sessions. It also ensures that employees participate in international conferences and benefit from the latest technologies and resources.

The University also prioritises health and well-being through comprehensive initiatives that promote work-life balance. As an FISU Healthy Campus Platinum Label recipient in the Mena region, it demonstrates the advanced quality of its sport and wellness facilities and its ongoing commitment to providing a healthy and sustainable work environment.

The Great Place to Work survey evaluates key elements of the workplace environment, including trust among colleagues, leadership quality, communication effectiveness, and other aspects. (QNA)

# Winners in FameLab finals revealed at national innovation exhibition

The Qatar Research, Development, and Innovation (QRDI) Council, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, successfully concluded the FameLab Academy 2024/25 season.



Three winners were announced, recognised for their outstanding presentations at the FameLab finals, which took place during the National Scientific Research and Innovation Exhibition. FameLab, launched at the Cheltenham Science Festival in the UK, has become the world's leading science communication competition. In Qatar, FameLab Academy reflects the nation's commitment to promoting science through creative and accessible communication. Organised in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the QRDI Council, the programme is now in its eighth year and second cy-

cle under a new format. It has trained 4,000 students, with six representing Qatar internationally, earning two silver medals, and 24 winning top three positions locally.

The event brought together scientists, researchers, and innovators to showcase groundbreaking research across a variety of disciplines. The three winners were announced as Almaha Abdulla al-Kuwari of Aishah Bent Abi Bakr Secondary School for Girls, who claimed first place; Unica Raija A

De Vera from the Philippine School Doha, awarded second place; and Ali Hamad al-Hamadi of Qatar Science and Technology Secondary School for Boys, who took third place.

By increasing participation in science and research and fostering a culture that values the positive impact science has on both economic and social growth, the competition opens doors to new opportunities, helping to build a generation of confident researchers. (QNA)



# Qatar Charity attends humanitarian aid conference, expo in Dubai

As part of its mission to strengthen international humanitarian co-operation, Qatar Charity (QC) participated in the Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Conference & Exhibition (DIHAD 2025), held from April 29 to May 1.



QC was represented by external affairs director Mana Mohammed al-Ansari and field offices and partners director Saeed Ali al-Shuaibi, a statement said.

The participation allowed QC to engage with key international organisations in the humanitarian sector, exchange expertise, explore new avenues for collaboration, and take part in panel discussions focused on humanitarian and development work. On the sidelines

of the event, QC held a series of meetings with several humanitarian partners and organisations to discuss shared goals and to enhance co-ordination in responding to global challenges.

During these discussions, QC reaffirmed its strong commitment to expanding its global humanitarian impact through innovative solutions, effective partnerships, and a

shared vision for a more just and resilient world. The DIHAD Conference and Exhibition is a premier global platform for humanitarian aid and development. Held under the theme 'Humanitarian Aid and Development in a Polarised World', DIHAD 2025 featured over 130 renowned humanitarian experts as speakers and hosted 170 key sessions and workshops.

# Tunisian School launches Arab culture programme

The Tunisian School in Doha inaugurated the "Arab Culture in Schools in Qatar" programme, organised by the Al Jasra Cultural and Social Club, affiliated with the Ministry of Culture, held every Friday for a number of Arab community schools in Doha.



The event featured a traditional heritage evening under the theme "Our Heritage in the Eyes of Our Children". It featured performances ranging from live music and chanting, to folkloric tableaux reflecting traditional heritage, including songs, costumes, and Hadra. Mohammed Saeed Ibrahim, the club's treasurer and event supervisor, emphasised that the event falls within the club's commitment to being a

destination for intellectuals and a beacon of creativity. It also reflects the flourishing cultural scene in Qatar, ensuring that Doha remains the capital of culture and heritage in the Arab world.

The meeting culminated in a tribute to the Tunisian School, where Mohammed Saeed presented a certificate of thanks and appreciation to Souad Sebai, director of Al-Maamoura Kindergarten and representative of the Tunisian School.

# M7 Announces Chaumet Tiara Project

Designers and artists from across the MENA region were invited to create unique tiara designs, with Alattiya's "The Houbara Haven Tiara" winning piece to be unveiled in 2025 at M7.



Qatar Museums and M7, in partnership with Maison Chaumet, are thrilled to announce Aisha Alattiya as the winner of the exclusive tiara project commissioned by Alfordan Jewellery and Qatar Museums. Building on the legacy of the 'Chaumet & Nature' exhibition held in Qatar at M7, this groundbreaking initiative invited artists and designers from the MENA region to craft one-of-a-kind tiaras that merged their cultural heritage with Chaumet's fascination with the natural world. Alattiya's winning design will be crafted by Chaumet's skilled craftsmen in their workshop, before being presented at M7, marking a significant milestone in the creative's journey.

Aisha AlAttiya with Beniot Verhulle, Head of Workshop, and Olga Corsini, Director of Creative Studio at Chaumet, 12 Place Vendôme.

Eleven designers were shortlisted to participate in an exclusive masterclass led by Chaumet's Creative Studio Director, Olga Corsini, at M7, Qatar's epicenter for innovation and entrepreneurship in design, fashion and tech. After the masterclass, three finalists including Aisha Alattiya, an artist and jewellery designer; Zahia Albakri, an architect and fashion designer; and Alanoud Al-Ghamdi, an artist and calligrapher, were shortlisted for a unique opportunity to visit Chaumet's workshop at Place Vendôme in Paris. During their two-day trip, the finalists explored the High Jewellery Design Studio, the Art of Gouaches, and the workshop, to meet with artisans and the chef d'Atelier leading the tiara's creation.



Aisha AlAttiya at Chaumet, 12 Place Vendôme.

Speaking about the initiative, Mr. Ali AlFardan, President Al Fardan Jewellery and Vice Chairman Al Fardan Group, said "At Alfordan Jewellery, we take great pride in supporting this initiative led by Maison Chaumet & M7, which nurtures emerging talent and bridges cultural heritage with contemporary creativity. The Tiara Design Project stands as a testament to Maison Chaumet's rich heritage and commitment to excellence, and we are delighted to stand alongside them in this project, celebrating craftsmanship, innovation, and the enduring artistry of high jewellery."



The 3 finalists: Aisha AlAttiya, Zahia Albakri and Alanoud Al-Ghamdi with Olga Corsini, Director of Creative Studio.

# AJMI launches A Guide to Journalistic Writing

The Al Jazeera Media Institute (AJMI) has announced a new professional media publication, *A Guide to Journalistic Writing*, authored by journalist Amjad al-Shaltouni.

This publication aims at supporting media competencies and enhancing professional performance in the field of journalism. At the announcement ceremony, AJMI director Iman al-Amri, said the publication addresses established professional standards in journalistic writing, while adding modern aspects that are in line with contemporary developments, such as digital media and the impact of AI on journalistic writing. Al-Shaltouni spoke about the motivations that led him to prepare the guide, saying, "Over many years, I have observed signs of a decline in the quality of journalistic articles in newsrooms, whether due to a deterioration in language integrity or a lack of professional and ethical commitment. These observations prompted me to prepare a guide aimed at preserving the brilliance of the journalism profession and its established principles."

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# Playgrounds and classrooms powered by AI to reshape autism care in Qatar

By Joey Aguilar  
Staff Reporter

**T**ech-driven autism care – from building smart playgrounds and classrooms – is at the core of Qatar Foundation (QF)'s 10-year autism strategy aimed at transforming diagnosis, care, and family support, according to QF's Dr Hilal Lashuel.

"We are bringing all the technologies that allow us to capture these different features of the disease (autism) at a level that we can capture the unique features of everyone," Dr Lashuel, the Research, Development and Innovation advisor to the chairperson of QF, told *Gulf Times*.

He said this includes integrating a range of technologies, from eye-tracking and voice analysis to advanced sensors that monitor interactions with robots and the surrounding environment.

Dr Lashuel, also QF's Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) executive director, pointed out that this approach represents a significant departure from traditional clinical settings as QF envisions a future where diagnostic data is gathered in more natural environments, such as "smart playgrounds" equipped with sensing technologies.

"Instead of taking a person to a clinic, our vision is to bring a child to a playground but one that is connected with all the sensing



Dr Hilal Lashuel

technologies around them, and then we capture that data," he said.

Dr Lashuel added that the huge amount of data collected in these environments will be analysed using artificial intelligence (AI), enabling earlier and more accurate diagnoses.

Beyond diagnosis, he said a key focus of the strategy is on empowering parents, who often find it challenging to monitor their child's progress and make informed decisions about their care.

Dr Lashuel noted that many parents feel lost between infrequent doctor visits, unsure if their child is improving or not.

To address this, he said QF is developing technologies that can be used at home, allowing parents to track their child's responses to

interventions and monitor their overall progress.

"If you have a technology that allows you to understand the state of your child, how is he responding, how is he improving, is he getting worse, that is one of the unique things we are doing," he said.

According to Dr Lashuel, the Autism Strategy 2025-2035 also aims to improve access to information and support for parents by creating a "community hub".

This, he said, serves as an integrated pipeline, guiding parents through the entire process of diagnosis, care, and support. Parents will have access to relevant data, resources, and contact information, all facilitated through AI-powered technology.

Recognising the challenges of providing personalised care at scale, he said QF is also exploring how technology can support educators in the classroom. He cited Autism Sensing Centre of Excellence's pilot projects that include the development of a connected classroom, equipped with technologies to assist with learning.

Dr Lashuel said the goal is to provide teachers with AI-driven insights that can help them tailor their approach to each student's individual needs. "What we want eventually is to be able for the teacher to sit and do their job. Technology captures the information, and AI translates this information to individual insight."

## QIIB campaign for Amir Cup

As the official sponsor of the 2025 Amir Cup, QIIB has announced a special promotional campaign, offering the bank's Visa credit cardholders the chance to enter a draw to win cash prizes totalling QR500,000, with five winners each receiving QR100,000.

All QIIB Visa credit cardholders will be automatically entered into the draw once they meet the campaign's requirements, with the promotion running until May 24. To qualify for the draw, customers must spend a minimum total of QR10,000 using any QIIB Visa credit card during the campaign period. For every QR100 spent locally, customers will earn one entry, while international and e-commerce spending will earn two entries for every QR100 spent.

Commenting on the launch of the campaign, Talal al-Jaidah, head of Banking Products at QIIB, said: "We are proud that QIIB is serving as the official sponsor of the Amir Cup for the second consecutive year, as part of our three-year agreement with the Qatar Football Association under which the bank is the official

sponsor of the national teams and the Amir Cup." Al-Jaidah invited all QIIB customers to take full advantage of this campaign and actively participate, noting that the bank has recently intensified its efforts to launch campaigns offering valuable and exceptional rewards to its customers. He also encouraged customers to follow the Amir Cup tournament through all its stages, support their favourite teams, attend matches, and engage with the accompanying events and activities.



Talal al-Jaidah



## WCM-Q Student Research Forum showcases innovation

**W**eill Cornell Medicine - Qatar (WCM-Q) recently hosted its second annual Student Research Forum (SRF), showcasing 66 scientific posters that demonstrate student innovation and scientific discovery.

The forum serves as a platform for WCM-Q students to showcase their research efforts, exchange insights, and engage in discussions with their peers and faculty members.

Attended by students, faculty, staff, and visitors, the one-day event was organised by the SRF Committee, which includes representatives from the divisions of Research and Medical Education at WCM-Q.

Faculty members Dr Ziyad Mahfoud (professor of research in population health sciences), and Dr Nayef Mazloum (associate professor of microbiology & immunology/associate dean for student research) gave welcome remarks.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof Hanadi Sleiman, Canada Research Chair in DNA nanoscience at McGill University's Department of Chemistry. A fellow of the Royal Society and the Royal Society of Chemistry, Prof Sleiman is a pioneer in DNA nanotechnology. Her groundbreaking work involves designing DNA-based structures for applications in medicine, materials science, and nanotechnology.

In her presentation, she explored how DNA nanostructures can be utilised as precision therapies.

Subsequently, WCM-Q alumnus Dr Tariq Chukir, currently assistant professor of medicine at WCM-Q, discussed the disparities between obesity management medications in clinical trials and their real-world applications. Dr Chukir also serves



A group of award-winning students with their mentors.

as a consultant at the National Obesity Treatment Centre at Hamad Medical Corporation.

Six oral research presentations were delivered by students Latifa AlMahmoud, Pradipta Paul, Kevin Zhai, Hasan Alsetri, Nour Jaouni, and Fatima Almusleh.

Their topics covered the impact of cyberbullying on adolescents, the effectiveness of mRNA vaccines against pre-Omicron era Sars-CoV-2 infection, and corneal transplant risk factors, among others.

The event concluded with the announcement of the winning students in the research contest.

Dr Mahfoud said: "Research is one of the key pillars for advancing science and improving patient care. We were delighted to once again provide our students with a platform to showcase their research, exchange ideas, and take their research capabilities to the next level."

Dr Mazloum said: "This year, we were extremely proud to witness another impressive display of student innovation fuelled by inspiring levels of determination and enthusiasm."

The winners of the oral presentation awards in the Area of Concentration (AOC) category were Kevin Zhai in first place (mentored by Dr Evan Noch, UT Southwestern Medical Center),

Latifa AlMahmoud in second (mentored by Dr Ziyad Mahfoud, WCM-Q), and Pradipta Paul in third (mentored by Dr Laith Abu Raddad, WCM-Q).

The winners of the oral presentation awards in the Medical Students Research Award (MSRA) category were Fatima Almusleh in first place (mentored by Dr Vidya Mohammed Ali, University College London), Hasan Alsetri in second (mentored by Dr Zeba Syed, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia), and Nour Jaouni in third (mentored by Dr Teresa Milner, WCM).

The winners of the poster presentations awards in the AOC category were Aisha Serpedin in first place (mentored by Dr Anna Halama, WCM-Q), Shadi Mahmoud in second (mentored by Dr Charbel Abi Khalil, WCM-Q), and Sara Mohamed in third (mentored by Dr Ahmed Serag, WCM-Q).

The poster presentation winners in the MSRA/Advanced Biomedical Sciences Research elective category were Fatima al-Mohammed in first place (mentored by Dr David Kelsell, Queen Mary University of London), Zoya Salahuddin in second (mentored by Dr Xiaojing Ma, WCM), and Maryam al-Musleh in third (mentored by Dr Nayef Mazloum, WCM-Q).

## The Mina Pre-Owned Boat Show concludes today



The Mina Pre-Owned Boat Show, which concludes today at the Old Doha Port, is bringing together marine enthusiasts, visitors, and buyers, marking a successful launch for Qatar's first marine resale event. It has showcased a wide range of jet skis, fishing boats, speed boats, and traditional dhows, with up to 70 marine vessels at the Mina Corniche. The show is open from 5pm-9pm today.



# Injaz Qatar celebrates young innovators

**U**nder the patronage of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Qatar, Injaz Qatar hosted the 18th edition of national awards ceremony for the Annual Young Enterprise of the Year Competition (Mubadara).

The event brought together students, mentors, government authorities, and partners to celebrate the most promising youth startups in Qatar.

The ceremony marked the culmination of a six-month programme where students conceptualise and bring to life their business ideas with guidance from industry professionals. This year, 12 university teams and 11 high school teams participated in the competition.

Sheikha Hanadi Nasser al-Thani, chair of Injaz Qatar and Injaz Al-Arab, said: "This year's Mubadara programme is a testament to the passion, creativity, and resilience of our youth. The ideas we've seen go beyond business - they reflect a vision for a



more innovative, inclusive, and sustainable future for Qatar and the region."

ExxonMobil Qatar has been the platinum sponsor of this event since it started back in 2008 and presented the award of the Best Company of the year to the winning team.

"By investing in students today, we are shaping a stronger tomorrow that supports Qatar's national goals," said Rashid al-Hajri, vice-president and manager of Public

and Government Affairs for ExxonMobil Qatar.

Boeing, the programme's strategic partner since 2013, endowed the winner of the Best Company Award among universities with a financial prize to develop their startup. Wael Zaoud, Boeing managing director in Qatar, presented this award to the Tamayaz team from Qatar University, promoting an online platform offering affordable, high-quality recorded lessons.

Kuljit Ghata-Aura, president of Boeing Middle East, Turkiye, Africa, and Central Asia, commented: "Through our partnership with Injaz Qatar, we have helped thousands of young individuals turn their innovative ideas into reality, strengthening not only the aviation sector but also Qatar's broader business ecosystem."

Award Winners:  
• Best Company of the Year - Tamayaz from Qatar University (QU), and 'My eye' from

Ibn Taymeiya Secondary School for Boys.

• Highest Social Impact Award - 'Be my sense' from University of Doha for Science and Technology, and 'Enjoy Education' from Al Shamal Preparatory Secondary School for Girls.

• Most Innovative Product/Service Award - 'Ask Sanad' from QU and 'Student Connect' from American School of Doha (ASD).

• Best Marketing Plan

Award - 'Musamima' from Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, 'Droplet from ASD and 'FLYT' from King's College Doha.

• People's Choice Award - 'carboxy' from Belgravia High School.

The winning teams will go on to represent Qatar at the Injaz Al-Arab Regional Young Enterprise of the Year Competition, in November 2025, competing against their peers from 13 Mena countries.



## UDC, Qatar Airways Privilege Club sign partnership agreement

United Development Company (UDC), the master developer of The Pearl Island and Gewan Island, has announced a partnership with Qatar Airways Privilege Club to introduce the latter's members to the Card-Linked Offers programme. Through the partnership, Privilege Club members will collect one Avios for every four Qatari riyals spent using eligible payment cards linked to their accounts when shopping or dining at the curated premium shops and restaurants along the climatized waterfront promenade, Crystal Walk, on Gewan Island. Faisal Nasser al-Emadi, executive director Commercial at UDC, said: "This expansion aligns with our ongoing strategy to enrich the customer journey and rein-

force Gewan Island's position as a premier, diverse luxury destination attracting visitors from both within Qatar and abroad." Qatar Airways senior vice-president Business-to-Consumer, Christophe Guittard, said: "As an award-winning loyalty programme, our ambition is to seamlessly integrate Privilege Club rewards into our members' everyday moments for greater value. We are delighted to offer them even more opportunities to collect and spend Avios at Gewan Island - Doha's newest luxury destination, boasting a diverse range of upscale retail outlets and fine dining options, providing visitors with unparal-

leled shopping and culinary experiences. In addition to collecting Avios, Privilege Club members enjoy the flexibility to spend their Avios for purchases at Gewan Island's shops and restaurants or for other rewards such as flight bookings, seat upgrades, hotel stays, car rentals, and shopping or dining at over 900 locations worldwide. With its strategic location and stunning views, Gewan Island offers a unique blend of luxury and diversity, making it a preferred choice for families and individuals seeking distinctive experiences. The island is home to a selection of world-class restaurants and retail outlets that cater to the tastes of those seeking quality and exclusivity.



UDC's Faisal Nasser al-Emadi and Qatar Airways' Xavier Tausky shake hands after signing the agreement yesterday. **PICTURE:** *Thajudheen*

## Moscow kicks off summer tourism season for visitors from Qatar



The Moscow City Tourism Committee hosted an exclusive business session in Doha, on May 4, as part of Moscow's ongoing efforts to strengthen ties with the Middle East and expand co-operation with Qatari partners in the tourism sector, a statement said. The Moscow City Tourism Committee's presentation emphasised Moscow's growing appeal as both a leisure and business tourism destination. Key initiatives for 2025, such as expanding halal tourism infrastructure, enhancing connectivity with the Middle East, and promoting the city's cultural offerings, were discussed in detail. As part of the event, a dedicated business mission was held, bringing together more than 100 representatives of the local Qatari tour operators and their Moscow counterparts. This session provided an excellent opportunity for networking, discussions on expanding tourism exchanges, and fostering partnerships that will benefit both regions. The business session focused on deepening collaboration, promoting new travel initiatives, and exploring opportunities for growth in the tourism sector. This event was a continuation of the series of the Moscow City Tourism Committee's business meeting on the Middle East, which took place in February 2025. "We understand the importance of providing a comfortable and culturally sensitive environment, and we are constantly working to enhance our infrastructure to cater to the needs of our Arab visitors," said Magomed Mezhiev, head of the International Co-operation Directorate. "During recent discussions, we reinforced our com-



mitment to offering Halal-friendly dining options and Arabic-speaking support services, and we're particularly looking forward to the exciting summer months with its fantastic festivals, events and cultural offerings," he added. During the business session, the city's tourism potential was discussed, with a particular emphasis on the summer season. Representatives of the Moscow City Tourism Committee highlighted the numerous festivals, events, and cultural celebrations planned. A growing number of restaurants and cafes in Moscow are certified Halal. Dedicated tourist information centres staffed with Arabic-speaking professionals are available to assist with any needs, making navigation and planning effortless, the statement added.

## QIB partners with Qatar Airways Privilege Club, Visa

Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) has announced an exclusive new offer of up to 60,000 bonus Avios with QIB Qatar Airways co-branded Visa Signature and Platinum cards, in collaboration with Qatar Airways Privilege Club and Visa. The limited-time offer will be valid until June 30, 2025, and benefit new customers of QIB as well as existing customers without credit cards. New QIB customers who transfer their salary to QIB and get a new QIB Qatar Airways co-branded Visa Signature or Platinum card will collect 60,000 bonus Avios or 30,000 bonus Avios, respectively, on the first transaction with their card.

Existing QIB customers who get a new QIB Qatar Airways co-branded Visa Signature or Platinum card will collect 30,000 bonus Avios or 15,000 bonus Avios, respectively, on the first transaction with their card. The minimum salary requirement to qualify for this campaign is QR10,000. Further details of the offer are available on [www.qib.com.qa/en-SalaryTransfer](http://www.qib.com.qa/en-SalaryTransfer). D Anand, QIB general manager - Personal Banking Group, said: "This campaign is another step in our commitment to presenting a seamless and rewarding banking experience, ensur-



ing our customers achieve more value through their financial transactions." Christophe Guittard, senior vice-president Business-to-Customer at Qatar Airways, said: "This limited-time offer provides our members in Qatar with the opportunity to collect substantial bonus Avios with new QIB Qatar Airways co-branded cards, which they can enjoy spending on travel and lifestyle rewards of their choice by conveniently accessing the Qatar Airways app." Shashank Singh, Visa VP and general manager for Qatar and Kuwait, said: "At Visa, we strive to provide our cardholders with unique, seamless and rewarding payment experiences, all backed by our best-in-class security technology and global acceptance at our 150mn mer-

chant partners worldwide. With over 300 features and a refined user experience, the QIB Mobile App has become the preferred banking channel for most customers, offering a comprehensive and user-friendly platform for all their banking needs. The app offers customers the ability to have full control of their accounts, cards, and transactions and to fulfil all their banking requirements remotely. In addition, QIB customers can open a new account, apply for personal financing, a credit card, or open additional accounts instantly via the QIB Mobile App. Available on the App Store, Google Play, and Huawei AppGallery, customers can download the QIB Mobile App and easily self-register using their active debit card information.

## QLM sponsors 2nd Qatar HR Forum

QLM Life & Medical Insurance Company participated in the 2nd Qatar HR Forum 2025, which brought together top HR professionals, innovators, and thought leaders to explore trends in the world of human resources. "We are thrilled to be a part of the HR Forum, a pivotal platform where ideas and strategies are exchanged to shape the future of human resources," said Turki Abdulaziz al-Subaie, chief administrative officer of QLM. "We recognise the critical role HR plays in driving organisational success, and our participation in this forum reaffirms



Turki Abdulaziz al-Subaie

our commitment to empowering organisations with the tools and solutions they need to sup-

port their workforce and create healthier, more resilient workplaces." Turki further emphasised that this sponsorship is a key part of QLM's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy. "Our involvement in the forum is a testament to QLM's CSR commitment to the betterment of society. We believe that by participating in the forum and raising awareness on employee well-being, we are contributing to the development of a healthier, more productive workforce, which ultimately benefits both businesses and the community at large."

## GMC model recalled

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in co-operation with Mannai Trading Company, has announced the recall of GMC Canyon, 2024 model, as the left and/or right headlights may flicker under various conditions which momentarily decreases their effectiveness. The ministry said the recall campaign comes within the framework of its ongoing efforts to protect consumers and ensure that car dealers follow up on vehicle defects and repairs. The ministry said it will co-ordinate with the dealer to follow up on the maintenance and repair

works and will communicate with customers to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out. The ministry urges all consumers to report any violations or breaches by contacting the Consumer Protection and Combating Commercial Fraud Department, which receives complaints, suggestions, and inquiries through the following communication channels: call centre: 16001, e-mail: [info@moci.gov.qa](mailto:info@moci.gov.qa), ministry's accounts on social media: @mociqatar, ministry's Mobile App: MOCIQATAR (available on iOS and Android devices)

## Follow-up meeting on National Biodiversity Strategy



The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has held a meeting to follow up on the progress of the project to review and update the National Biodiversity Strategy 2025-2035 as part of Qatar's international commitments and ongoing efforts to preserve biodiversity and ensure the sustainability of ecosystems. During the meeting, the updated version of the strategy was reviewed following the completion of a comprehensive technical review. The participants also discussed the revision of national biodiversity goals and aligning them with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

## Qatar Museums to participate in DIBF 2025

Qatar Museums (QM) announced its participation in the 34th Doha International Book Fair (DIBF), one of the oldest and largest annual international book fairs in the region, taking place from May 8-17 at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC). The QM booth will showcase an eclectic collection of newly released titles, acclaimed publications, and exquisite art catalogues. Spanning a wide array of topics, from history, architecture, and archaeology to orientalism, modern and Islamic art, design and sports, the selection also includes children's stories. Among the latest additions to the QM collections are: *Olafur Eliason: The Curious Desert, Seeing Is Believing: The Art and Influence of Jean-Leon G r me, Arab Design Now, Ellsworth Kelly, Splendours of the Atlas: A Voyage through Morocco's Heritage, Manzar: Art and Architecture from Pakistan - 1940s to Today, Pierre de Coubertin Selected Writings: Volume 1: Revelation, Desert, Sea and Sky: A Day in Qatar* (Children's book, selected for the Bologna Ragazzi Award Amazing Bookshelf 2025), *The History of Qatari Architecture 1800-1950* (Reprinted). QM is also set to present a book discussion at DECC on May 13 at 4.30pm titled, *The History of Qatari Architecture 1800-1950*, delivered by award-winning architect Ibrahim Jaidah on the occasion of reprinting his title.



The book, written by Jaidah and Malika Bourenane contains beautiful illustrations and analytical diagrams of different Qatari architecture typologies. *The History of Qatari Architecture* is the first book to examine the geographical, historical, and functional aspects of architecture in Qatar, from old cities, villages, to public buildings and domestic spaces. DIBF, organised under the supervision of the Ministry of Culture, welcomes visitors from 9am to 10pm, Saturday to Thursday, and from 3pm to 10pm on Friday, offering a vibrant literary experience throughout the week.

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## China ramps up yuan push, seizing on retreating dollar

As Chinese President Xi Jinping toured Southeast Asia this month to forge closer ties against higher US tariffs, the People's Bank of China (PBoC) was seizing a moment of confusion and disruption in global trade to promote greater usage of the yuan.

It won't de-throne the dollar, but as cross-border yuan payments surged to a record in March, analysts say there is renewed appetite for a global yuan as aggressive tariffs shake faith in the US currency and other US assets.

In April, PBoC-controlled financial services firm China UnionPay strengthened its payment network in Vietnam and Cambodia, while the central bank announced steps to promote cross-border yuan settlement and other financial services.

More specifically, the QR-code payments UnionPay was promoting in the southeastern countries should facilitate transactions for tourists and small businesses, reducing reliance on the dollar.

The UnionPay deals build out a network that now extends to more than 30 countries outside China, and represent one end of a push to expand the yuan's reach as an international trading, spending and investment currency.

At the other end of the push are PBoC's offshore yuan standby currency swaps with other central banks that hit a record 4.3tn yuan (\$591.2bn) by value in February, cross-border commodity trades settling in digital yuan and efforts to price everything from oil to gold in the Chinese currency.

The moves also highlight China's desire for a financial architecture independent of the West - and US banks - at an inflection point for markets as US President Donald Trump spurns his own trading partners and drives a scramble to reroute trade.

"The United States weaponising tariffs has cast doubt over US asset safety, undercut trust in the dollar, and shaken the greenback's global status," E Yongjian, vice general manager of Bank of Communications' research department told a seminar on yuan internationalisation.

"That, in turn, has made yuan assets more attractive, and will help broaden cross-border use of the Chinese currency."

China's central bank announced steps this month to beef up cross-border financial services in Shanghai and encouraged companies to prioritise yuan usage in payment and settlement.

The PBoC also pledged to strengthen its homegrown cross-border yuan payment system CIPS, and push forward with the application of blockchain - the technology on which digital yuan is based.

Chinese companies which are stepping up overseas investment are demanding better financial systems as "unilateralism, protectionism... and higher tariffs impact the global supply chain," PBoC vice-governor Lu Lei told a press conference this month.

China has long harboured ambitions for the yuan to be a global currency, similar to the euro or dollar and reflective of the importance of the world's second-biggest economy.

But progress has always been hampered by unwillingness to open the capital account, which limits the usefulness of owning the yuan if it can't be freely moved out of China and around the world.

There's no sign of that changing. But progress on other fronts, where it has gained in places such as Russia and other trading partners, stands to accelerate. In his first 100 days in office Trump has put the highest tariff walls around the US economy in more than a century and upended parts of the world order that Washington helped build, raising the prospect of recession.

Meanwhile, China has sought to shore up trade with other countries.

"If the US enters recession, and China gains the upper hand in this round of Sino-US rivalry - a scenario dubbed 'east rising and west declining' - that's indeed good for the yuan over the long term," Qu Fengjie, researcher at the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the top planning agency, told a recent seminar.

"China can break the old order of the international monetary system."

To be sure, no currency can yet come close to challenging the dollar, which comprises nearly half of global payments, according to SWIFT, and more than 80% of trade financing. The yuan has risen to fourth in global payments, but it is a distant ranking, comprising 4%, and some say distrust in the dollar is likely to drive up usage of other currencies, in particular the euro, well before the yuan.

"The yuan has been weak for many years, so there's no clear upside" to hold the Chinese currency for investors or central banks, said Alicia Garcia Herrero, chief Asia Pacific economist at Natixis.

Still, she sees China's deepening ties with other emerging markets and "Global South" countries as likely to drive yuan use and there are signs of demand. - Reuters

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# Pentagon AI metals plan goes private

By Ernest Scheyder  
Washington

A US government-created artificial intelligence (AI) programme that aims to predict the supply and price of critical minerals has been transferred to the control of a non-profit organisation that is helping miners and manufacturers strike supply deals. Launched in late 2023 by the US Department of Defense, the Open Price Exploration for National Security AI metals programme is an attempt to counter China's sweeping control of the critical minerals sector, as Reuters reported last year.

Now, more than 30 mining companies, manufacturers and investors - including auto giant Volkswagen - have joined the Critical Minerals Forum non-profit and will be its first users, according to Rob Strayer, a former US diplomat and the organisation's president.

"Everyone in the critical minerals sector is looking for more price transparency," said Seth Goldstein, a lithium industry analyst with Morningstar. "Any tool like the CMF that could help would be welcome."

Other members include copper miner South32, rare earths producer MP Materials and defence contractor RTX. The CMF held its first meeting with members in November. The privatisation and CMF's membership have not previously been reported.

Armed with the AI model, the CMF aims to help manufacturers curb their reliance on China by signing more metal supply deals with Western mines, according to more than two dozen industry consultants, purchasing agents, analysts, regulators and investors who told Reuters the program reflects one of the boldest efforts to date to transform the ways certain metals are bought and sold. The goal is for the AI model to calculate what a metal should cost when labour, processing and other costs are factored in - and Chinese market manipulation is factored out - and thus give buyer and seller confidence in a deal's economics.

Some deals with the CMF are beginning to take shape. Nevada officials this week said they would work with the CMF and its AI model to help attract copper smelting to the state. The US has only two copper smelters and as such imports nearly half of its demand for the red metal.

The program has already faced scepticism over whether it can achieve the goal of transforming the long-established ways metals are bought and sold.

Yet it is aimed less at heavily traded metals - such as aluminium - and toward lightly traded metals or metals that see heavy overproduction from some in an attempt to sway market pricing. For example, the CMF model could help manufacturers forecast available nickel supplies in 2028 if the US were to impose a 100% tariff on that metal



Josh Kluck, a geologist at Jervois Global, holds a flashlight as he looks for a mineral inside a cobalt mining site operated by Jervois Global, west of Salmon, Idaho, last year. (Reuters)

from Indonesia, the top global producer.

That data that could help a manufacturer determine whether to invest in a US nickel mine or agree to buy its future production, a step that would help obtain financing for a mine's construction. In such a scenario, the nickel buyer would use the AI model's data to negotiate a long-term deal for guaranteed supply, regardless of whether Chinese miners boost production and drive down market prices, as they have done in recent years.

The CMF's aim with the AI model does assume that a buyer would be comfortable paying more than the market price for a metal if supply were guaranteed.

The CMF's entrance into the complex metals markets comes as Beijing restricts critical minerals exports, the very kind of market interference that the CMF officials said underscores the need to build more US mines and processing facilities to power the energy transition. Prices on the London Metal Exchange and other futures exchanges for nickel, cobalt and some other battery metals have been dominated in recent years by overproduction from Chinese miners operating at a loss in Indonesia and Congo to boost market share. Many niche-but-essential battery minerals on which Beijing has imposed export controls are not traded or lightly traded, including rare earths - a group of 17 metals used to make magnets that turn power into motion - as well as germanium and gallium.

In response to a request for comment about the CMF, the Chinese embassy in Washington, DC, said that China manages its exports of rare earths in accordance with rules from the World Trade Organisation.

"China will continue to work with other countries to jointly undertake the responsibility of global rare earths supply," said embassy spokesperson Liu Pengyu. Volkswagen and some other CMF members said they see the CMF as helping boost visibility into what

can be an opaque critical minerals supply chain. MP Materials and RTX did not respond to requests for comment. US President Donald Trump has already ordered his administration to work with private developers to boost US crucial minerals production, a step that could be aided by the data CMF officials said. The president has also launched a study into potential tariffs on all US minerals imports.

Drawing on its government connections, the CMF aims to connect mining projects with potential investors and manufacturers needing more-secure metals supply, said Strayer. Massachusetts-based rare earths processing startup Phoenix Tailings hopes the CMF can help create US-based prices for minerals tied to actual production costs, said CEO Nick Myers.

Phoenix aims to use data from the CMF as negotiating leverage with potential customers, including manufacturers that are themselves CMF members, Myers said. "In a sector that is opaque, it is one of the tools to get more information," Myers said. Not all market observers are convinced that the CMF's AI model is revolutionary.

"I've tried to politely say I think this is worthless," said Ian Lange, who teaches mining economics at the Colorado School of Mines. Lange contrasted the goals of the Pentagon's AI model with the much-larger and more-complex global oil market.

"Can we predict the price of oil better now than five years ago? The answer is no. Machine learning doesn't help," Lange said.

The Pentagon's AI model is being trained using more than 70 mining-related data sets and aims to guide investment decisions out for at least 15 years based on how unexpected market shocks - export restrictions, for example - could affect the production or price of a metal.

FactSet, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence and other pricing providers are supplying data, as is the US Commerce Department,

officials said. It is access to analysis of that data - some of which is not public - that the CMF says it believes sets the Pentagon's AI program apart from ChatGPT or other AI programs.

And that data is the CMF's biggest cost, part of the reason why the Pentagon's Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) will fund it for the next few years while the CMF determines whether to charge all members or create a tiered structure with basic members getting free access and others paying for more granular data, officials said.

S&P Global, AI developer Charles River Analytics, and software firm Exiger with price reporting agency partner Metal Miner have developed the model, according to the Pentagon.

S&P Global declined to comment. Charles River Analytics did not respond to a request for comment. Exiger said it believes its data can help forecast a material's cost and availability and boost supply chain visibility.

The CMF has been organised as a nonprofit trade association with a board of directors comprised of its members. Its staffing is small - fewer than 10 employees - and its annual budget is not disclosed.

DARPA does not have a representative on the CMF board, but is funding the program through at least 2029 and plans to transfer the AI model's intellectual property to the CMF by the beginning of 2027, officials said.

There are no plans to make the CMF a for-profit entity, although there may be charges in the future for access to more detailed data sets, officials said.

The CMF is launching a campaign to attract more members - especially from the semiconductor, aviation and defence industries - and offering free membership for the next 14 months while the Pentagon funds data collection, Strayer said.

Foreign governments are also studying whether to join the CMF and use its data, including copper-rich Zambia and cobalt-rich Democratic Republic of Congo, CMF officials said, adding they aim to make the programme international in scope to boost metals market transparency.

The Zambian and DRC embassies in Washington, DC, did not respond to requests for comment. As Western miners begin to demand green premiums for their metals, those new agreements increasingly require the very market intelligence the CMF model aims to provide.

"Any mechanism that can give you better modelling of markets is obviously enormously valuable," said Brian Menell, CEO of TechMet, a mining investor and CMF member. The AI model introduces another variable for the LME to contend with, especially as the exchange is struggling as rivals in Chicago and Shanghai try to take market share for some niche battery metals.

The LME declined to comment. - Reuters

# 1,049 students from 8 QF universities honoured

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“Our Convocation is much more than just a ceremony – not even the end of a journey for our graduating class, but rather an opportunity to recognize the hard work of students, to appreciate the support of their families, and to celebrate new beginnings.”

The keynote speaker at the 2025 Convocation ceremony was entrepreneur Will Ahmed, founder and CEO of health wearable company WHOOP, who said: “Education City is a special place that brings together students from all over the world. It’s an honour to celebrate the graduates.”

Reflecting on the opportunity to speak to the graduating class, he said: “It’s very meaningful. The diversity in this class isn’t just about geography or culture – it’s about mindset, ambition, and the unique paths these students are on. They represent the next generation of leaders in fields ranging from science and medicine to policy, design, and beyond.”

“When I graduated from college, I was deeply committed to building a company, but I also faced a lot of skepticism even from people close to me. Graduation can be daunting. It’s the beginning of a new chapter, and it’s easy to feel pressure to meet expectations set by others. My goal is to help these graduates feel empowered to pursue their dreams and trust their own convictions.”

“I hope they leave feeling confident in their ability to build – whether it’s a company, a community, or a life that reflects their values. You don’t need to have every step mapped out. What you do need is conviction, curiosity, and the courage to begin.”

During the ceremony, 16 members of the Class of 2025 received the QF Excellence Award, which celebrates students who have gone above and beyond throughout their educational journey at QF. This year, over 100 applications were submitted, with a review committee representing every university within QF overseeing the selection process.

Dr Samah Gamar, director, Academic Affairs, QF, said: “We designed the QF Excellence Award to capture the full arc of the student experience at Education City – from intellectual rigor and interdisciplinary thinking to social responsibility and career readiness. “And this year’s awardees represent the very best of what QF’s multiversity ecosystem offers – students who transcend disciplinary boundaries and channel their knowledge into real-world impact.”



Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser and HE Sheikha Hind bint Hamad al-Thani with 16 members of the Class of 2025 who received the QF Excellence Award. **PICTURES:** AR Al-Baker.



Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser and other dignitaries at the Convocation ceremony.



Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser at the Convocation ceremony.



Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser honouring a graduate.



HE Sheikha Hind bint Hamad al-Thani honouring the graduates.

resent the very best of what QF’s multiversity ecosystem offers – students who transcend disciplinary boundaries and channel their knowledge into real-world impact.”

“What makes these students exceptional is not just what they know, but what they have done

with that knowledge,” said Dr. Gamar.

“Each recipient of the QF Excellence Award has made tangible contributions to their communities, their disciplines, and to the broader society. And each of our awardees is a reflection of Qatar Foundation’s mission – to unlock human potential and develop well-rounded leaders prepared to address the challenges of our time,” said Dr. Gamar.

QF’s higher education ecosystem includes its own Hamad Bin Khalifa University, and seven international partner universities: Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar; Georgetown University in Qatar; HEC Paris, Doha; Northwestern University in Qatar; Texas A&M University at Qatar; Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar; and Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar.

The alumni who have graduated from these universities – and the thousands continuing their academic journey within them – benefit from learning within the unique, interconnected environment of knowledge that QF has built and evolved over the past 30 years. They gain a world-class education in fields ranging from medicine, engineering, art and design, communications, and international affairs to computer science, Islamic studies, law and public policy, humanities and social sciences, and business.

The integrated nature of QF’s ecosystem allows its students to take courses at different universities that stand just yards from each other; have real-world experience of scientific research and tech entrepreneurship, including trans-

forming their university startups into commercial enterprises; and cultivate a sense of citizenship and a desire for personal growth through leading and supporting

community programs, becoming involved in volunteering, and benefiting from opportunities for cross-cultural understanding and exploring new interests.

## QF’s Class of 2025: In their own words

**Samah Sulyman (Palestinian-Lebanese)** - Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUarts Qatar) graduate in Fashion Design: “My experience at a university at Education City has been amazing. One of the qualities I gained from attending VCUarts Qatar is leadership. It helped me speak for myself and become a better person – a better speaker, a better leader, and a more creative individual.”



Samah Sulyman



Al Dana al-Disi



Ahamed Akmal Lebbe



Ghanim R al-Kubaisi

“After I graduate, I hope to gain more experience and eventually start my own business. At QF, I found the freedom to create and the space to turn my passion for design into purpose – one stitch, one layer at a time.”

**Al Dana al-Disi (Jordan)** - Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) graduate in Biological Sciences: “I always felt supported and part of a community. And because the classes are small, we formed strong bonds with each other and our faculty. The biggest thing is the wealth of opportunities available.”

“I was able to engage in research as an undergraduate in ways I wouldn’t have been able to elsewhere. As a biologist, I’ve ventured beyond the lab space into unimaginable experiences. Through the opportunities at QF, I didn’t just gain molecular insight but also interdisciplinary curiosity.”



Khalid Alyafei



Sashreek Garg



Salwa Almulla



Lolwa al-Kaabi

**Ahamed Akmal Lebbe (Sri Lanka)** - Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) graduate: “I always wanted to study medicine, and WCM-Q was the perfect combination. It was right at home, and it had a really great reputation. I’m really happy I made that decision.”

“The support that the faculty give to the students is incredible, and we get a lot of opportunities we wouldn’t get elsewhere. Among students, there’s a big focus on improving your communication skills. Leadership, analytical, and problem-solving skills are all really important, and we’re encouraged to grow in all those areas.”

“I want to be a gastroenterologist. I’m going to go into internal medicine. After graduating, I’ll be going to the US to do my residency, which takes three years.”

**Ghanim R al-Kubaisi (Qatar)** - Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q) graduate in International Politics, with a minor in History and a certificate in Media and Politics: “I chose GU-Q because I felt it was a melting pot of cultures. I believe that diversity is key to broadening our perspectives and becoming better learners.”

“GU-Q helped me sharpen my skills because it gave me the platform to exercise and refine them through various opportunities. GU-Q is very supportive of students who express themselves freely, which gave us more confidence. The nature of the environment itself allowed me to grow both personally and academically.”

“I’m going into a master’s programme in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, which should take one to two years. After that, I’m still figuring things out – possibly between academia and diplomacy. Maybe both.”

**Khalid Alyafei (Qatar)** - HEC Paris, Doha, Executive MBA graduate and physician at Sidra Medicine: “I chose HEC Paris because it’s a well-known business university, and people from all over the world apply to it. In the past, I took leadership courses, but I felt HEC Paris would help me go further. I wanted to strengthen my skills – financially, economically, and in leading teams.”

“We had excellent professors who discussed current market issues, why they’re happening, and what’s predicted. The networking was also valuable. There were doctors, administrators, and professionals from different disciplines and operations. It was great to meet people from various sectors, and I saw this as a strong opportunity for business development, networking, and enhancing my leadership skills. My biggest takeaway was learning how to be an authentic leader.”

**Sashreek Garg (India)** - Northwestern University in Qatar graduate in Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communications: “The power to talk about the Global South through the means that we have is so important, because most of the universities

that are highly ranked in media are in the Global North. So having a university in Qatar that focuses on the Global South is very unique.”

“I chose Northwestern because its journalism school is ranked as one of the best. I also chose Qatar as a location because I knew my experience would be much more unique than most people’s. “Having the opportunity to talk to so many different people from diverse backgrounds is very unique. This diversity makes me feel like I’ve learned so much more about the world – and about human experiences.”

**Salwa Almulla (Qatar)** - Hamad Bin Khalifa University PhD graduate in Islamic Finance and Economy: “From the first day I joined HBKU, I felt different. When I finish work, I come to study. But once I arrive at university, I feel relaxed. Professors teach us how to think outside the box, how to critically analyse, and how to read between the lines.”

“As a PhD student for five years, I’ve gained many skills. I’m currently working full-time at the same time. I would like to become a professor while

continuing my current job. I’m also working as a writer for a newspaper. My academic journey has significantly influenced my writing. My perspective has evolved, especially in areas like finance and sustainability.”

**Lolwa al-Kaabi (Qatar)** - Texas A&M University at Qatar (Tamuq) graduate in Electrical and Computer Engineering: “Tamuq offers a diverse environment. We had classmates representing different nationalities and backgrounds. It was a great experience engaging with people from all over the world.”

“A highlight during my time at Tamuq was going to College Station in Texas, where we presented our senior design project. Experiencing the main campus firsthand was incredible – it offered a completely different perspective and was a memorable part of my academic journey.”

“My sister, Moza, was also enrolled in the same university; we tried to take the same courses and stay together. After graduation, my next step is to pursue a master’s degree and, eventually, a PhD. QF has been a journey of growth, challenges, and lifelong connections that I will always cherish.”



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## The First Hospital in Qatar to Earn JCI 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation

### Joint Commission International Award for Meeting the Highest Global Standards in Patient Safety and the Quality of Healthcare

The View Hospital today announced that it has earned Joint Commission International's Gold Seal of Approval® - 8th Edition for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its internationally recognized standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

With this achievement, The View Hospital becomes the first private hospital in Qatar to meet the latest JCI standards - 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, a testament to its unwavering focus on clinical excellence, continuous improvement, and patient-centered care.

The View Hospital underwent a rigorous on-site survey on April 27. During the survey, a team of Joint Commission International expert surveyors evaluated compliance with hospital standards related to a variety of areas, including the International Patient Safety Goals, patient assessment and care, anesthesia and surgical care, medication management, patient and family education, quality improvement, infection prevention and control, governance and leadership, facility management, staff qualifications and education, and information management.



"This accreditation is more than a recognition, it's a reflection of how we operate every day," said Dr. Fatih Mehmet Gul, Chief Executive Officer of The View Hospital. "From the structure of our workflows to the way teams communicate and make decisions, patient safety and quality of care are embedded in every step. It's a culture we've built intentionally -excellence here isn't a special effort- it's simply how we work."

JCI's Gold Seal of Approval® is recognized worldwide as the hallmark of a high-performing healthcare institution. Accreditation under the 8th Edition reflects a hospital's ability to integrate the latest international safety goals and quality protocols into every layer of service delivery - from bedside care to executive leadership.

For The View Hospital, the recognition is both a destination and a beginning.



Commenting on the achievement, Joe Hazel, CEO of Apex Health, stated: "We aspire to create a healthcare model that not only meets the highest international standards but also evolves with the communities we serve. Our goal is to ensure that every hospital within Apex Health, in Qatar and beyond, delivers care that is globally benchmarked, digitally enabled, and locally trusted."

He added: "Achieving this accreditation under the Eighth Edition holds particular significance. These latest standards go

beyond clinical safety - they emphasize digital health integration, patient engagement, leadership accountability, and continuous improvement across the entire care journey.

It reflects our commitment to delivering healthcare that is modern, data-driven, and truly centered around the patient. We are proud to be at the forefront of this transformation in the region."



With JCI accreditation now in place, and after the recognition by Newsweek, The View Hospital reaffirms its commitment to delivering care that is not only safe and effective but also guided by compassion, precision, and trust.

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