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# Amir graces QU Class of 2025 male graduation



Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, Qatar University (QU) celebrated the graduation ceremony of the male students of the 48th batch (Class of 2025) at the QU Sports and Events Complex yesterday.

The female students graduation is today (Thursday). The Class of 2025 includes a total of 3,680 male and female graduates.

Yesterday's ceremony was attended by HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani, HE the Shura Council Speaker Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanem, a number of ministers, members of the QU's Board of Regents, vice-presidents, and students' families.

His Highness the Amir honoured 153 outstanding students from various academic disciplines, while QU president Dr Omar al-Ansari, presented certificates to the 670 other graduating students.

In his speech on this occasion, Dr al-Ansari said: "In line with the university's vital and central role in realising the country's ambitious vision and comprehensive development plans, and its steadfast commitment to delivering high-quality education and impactful research that contributes to national development, Qatar University has succeeded in providing the labour market with over 68,000 young and qualified professionals. These graduates have made, and continue to make, meaningful contributions to the growth and progress of our beloved nation. The University takes pride in its leading role in preparing a generation equipped to bring about sustainable, positive change in society."

The QU president thanked His Highness the Amir for his constant support and stated that the continued backing of the Board of Regents serve as a powerful incentive for the university to persist on its path toward academic and research excellence, and

## Amir expresses pride in graduation of 48th batch of QU students

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani expressed his pride in the graduation of the 48th batch of Qatar University (QU) students, wishing them a promising future academically and professionally. Posting on his official account on X, His Highness the Amir congratulated them on this well-deserved success and wished them a promising future academically and professionally. His Highness the Amir also extended his congratulations to their families and professors for their sincere efforts in supporting and qualifying this batch of national talents, contributing to the country's path toward progress, growth, and sustainable development. **(QNA)**

to reinforce its role in serving Qatari society.

"The strong connection between QU and the local community – being an integral part of it – has enabled the university's members over the years to understand the needs of development, anticipate future challenges, and align their efforts and resources toward sustainable progress across human, social, economic, and environmental sectors.

"Recently, the Board of Regents approved QU's new four-year academic plan, aimed at advancing programme quality and outcomes to better meet labour market needs and national aspirations. In terms of research and knowledge production, QU has redefined its research priorities to align more closely with national needs and the goals of the Third National Development Strategy, aiming to offer effective solutions to national challenges and contribute to achieving Qatar National Vision 2030. **To Page 11**

## Amir, Austrian president review relations

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani discussed yesterday with Federal President of the Republic of Austria Alexander Van der Bellen ways to foster co-operation avenues between the two nations. This came during a phone conversation His Highness the Amir received from the Austrian president. His Highness the Amir and the Austrian president also exchanged views on regional and international developments of shared concern. **(QNA)**

## QCB maintains current rates

The Qatar Central Bank (QCB) has decided to "maintain" the current interest rates for deposits, lending and repurchases (repo) based on an "assessment" of the country's current monetary policies. In a message posted on X last night, the central bank said it is maintaining the deposit rate (QCBDR) at 4.60%, lending rate (QCBLR) 5.10% and repo rate (QCBRR) 4.85%.

# Israel massacres 59 in Gaza

Rescuers in the Gaza Strip yesterday said Israeli bombardment killed 59 people – 48 of them in Gaza City.

"Civil defence crews, paramedics and volunteers transported at least 33 martyrs and more than 80 injured, about half of them children and some women, as a result of the Israeli air strike" in the Al-Rimal neighbourhood of Gaza City, spokesman Mahmud Bassal said.

The strike is one of the deadliest since the restart of Israel's offensive on Gaza after a two-month ceasefire in the Palestinian territory collapsed on March 18.

Bassal earlier reported 15 dead in strikes on the Tuffah district east of Gaza City and 11 killed elsewhere in the territory.

One strike hit a house in the southern city of Khan Younis, killing eight Al-Qidra family members and wounding 12, he said.

The dead were aged between two and 54, he added.

AFP footage from Khan



Palestinians carry a victim after an Israeli air strike, in Gaza City, yesterday.

Younis's Nasser Hospital showed wounded children crying on hospital beds while bodies covered in blankets arrived in ambulances. **(AFP)**

# Qatar, Egypt united in Gaza mediation efforts

**QNA**  
Doha

Qatar and the Arab Republic of Egypt have reaffirmed that their mediation efforts in the Gaza Strip remain ongoing, consistent, and grounded in a unified vision aimed at ending the unprecedented humanitarian crisis and alleviating the suffering of civilians by fostering the necessary conditions for achieving a comprehensive ceasefire.

In a joint statement, the two countries emphasised that attempts to sow discord among brotherly nations – whether through the casting of doubt, distortion, or media escalation – will

not succeed, nor will they deter the two nations from continuing their joint efforts to end the war and the resulting humanitarian catastrophe.

Qatar and Egypt reiterate that they will not be drawn into any internal dynamics or secondary agendas that do not serve the interests of the brotherly Palestinian people. Both countries reaffirm their unwavering commitment to a clear framework focused on alleviating suffering, promoting de-escalation, and working toward a lasting resolution.

Qatar and Egypt further affirm that they are closely co-ordinating with the US to reach an agreement that will bring an end to the humanitarian tragedy and ensure the protection of civilians. **(QNA)**

# UN experts warn of annihilation in Gaza

**AFP**  
Gaza City

UN experts demanded action yesterday to avert the "annihilation" of Palestinians in Gaza, as rescuers said Israeli strikes across the territory killed dozens of people.

A planned expanded offensive revealed by the Israeli military has drawn international condemnation, after UN agencies previously warned of humanitarian catastrophe in the Palestinian territory already devastated by 19 months of war.

More than 20 independent



Protesters wave Palestinian flags and hold a banner reading "Barclays stop financing Israel's crimes against Palestine" as they gather in central London, yesterday.

United Nations experts said the world faced a "stark decision" to "remain passive and witness the slaughter of innocents or take part in crafting a just resolution".

The experts implored the international community to avert the "moral abyss we are descending into".

Israel's broader offensive, approved by the government amid a two-month aid blockade on Gaza, would include displacing "most" of its residents, the military has said.

France's President Emmanuel Macron yesterday called the situation in Gaza "the most critical we have ever seen".

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro

Sanchez said Madrid would present a draft resolution at the UN General Assembly aimed at "proposing urgent measures to stop the killing of innocent civilians and ensure humanitarian aid" in Gaza.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer told parliament the situation in Gaza and the occupied West Bank was "increasingly intolerable".

Palestinian resistance group Hamas yesterday reiterated its call for a "comprehensive" agreement to end the war.

Israel demands the return of all hostages and the group's disarmament, which it has rejected as a "red line".

## Qatar urges India, Pakistan to solve crisis through talks

Qatar is following with great concern the ongoing escalation between the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

In a statement issued yesterday by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar once again called on both countries to exercise the utmost restraint, prioritise wisdom, uphold the principles of good neighbourliness, and resolve the crisis through diplomatic channels.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed the urgent need to maintain open lines of communication between India and Pakistan to defuse tensions and address outstanding issues through constructive dialogue that ultimately leads to comprehensive, consensual, and sustainable solutions.

The State of Qatar also reaffirmed its full support for all regional and international efforts aimed at promoting security, peace, and stability in the region. **(QNA)**





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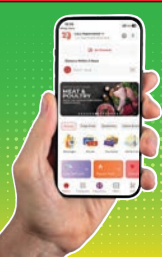
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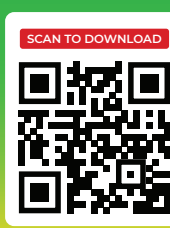


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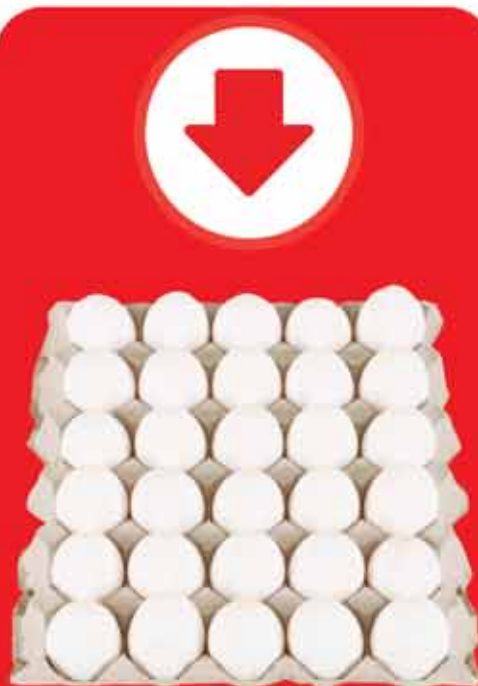
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# DI holds conference on demography impacts on Mena labour markets

**QNA**  
Doha

Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI) launched yesterday a conference on the impacts of demography on labour markets in the Middle East and North Africa (Mena). International researchers and experts on economics and human development will be engaged in extensive debates in the event held by the School of Economics, Administration, and Public Policy (SEAPP).

The opening session delved into the social and economic obstacles facing women in the regional labour market, leading to low female employment rates in the Mena region.

SEAPP Dean Dr Ayhab Saad emphasised the importance of exploring the deep links between demographic shifts and labour market developments in the region, emphasising the urgent need for innovative policies that respond to



contemporary economic and social challenges.

The papers submitted on the first day covered several topics, including the impact of the Green Dam Afforestation Program on the labour market in Algeria; inter-

generational labour market transformations in the region under the influence of climate shocks; the impact of the closure of displacement camps in Iraq on population welfare, migration and its impact on employment in developing

countries, particularly the case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

Other sessions also addressed the impact of unpaid work on labour markets in Jordan and Palestine, women's economic participation and the impact of the minimum wage rise on infant health in Türkiye.


Today, there will be debates on the impact of demographic shifts on stunting among children in Tunisia, unequal educational opportunities in Lebanon, and shifting reproductive decisions across generations in Egypt. A study of the impact of family law reforms in Morocco on women's labour market participation will also be examined.

The conference is witnessing a significant turnout of academics, researchers, and policymakers from various countries in the region and around the world, reflecting the momentum that demographics and the labour market enjoy as two pivotal issues in sustainable development.

## Namibian president receives credentials of Qatar's ambassador



Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah received the credentials of Mubarak bin Nasser al-Khalifa as Qatar's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary (non-resident) in Windhoek. The ambassador conveyed the greetings of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to the president, along with His Highness's wishes for her continued health and happiness, and for the government and people of Namibia further progress and prosperity. For her part, the Namibian president asked the envoy to convey her greetings to the Amir, wishing His Highness good health and happiness, and Qatar continued progress and development. **(QNA)**



### QatarEnergy LNG Tender Invitation

No.	TENDER NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	TENDER ISSUE PERIOD	TENDER FEE (QAR)	TENDER BOND (QAR)	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	LTC/C/OFS/7082/25 PROVISION OF LOCALIZED NOZZLES AND/OR WELDED PIPE TIE-IN HYDROTEST SERVICES ON CALL OFF BASIS	07/05/2025 to 12/05/2025	0	84,000	26/05/2025

**Scope of Work:**  
Contractor shall provide design engineering, supervision, technicians, tools, consumables, and other necessities to perform localized hydrotesting of nozzles and/or welded tie-in pipes, at Company's offshore facilities. The duration of the awarded Contract shall be five (05) years with a sole option for Company to extend it further up to two (02) years

**Bid Validity:** Bid Offer should be valid for **180** calendar days from the Tender Closing Date.

**Place for Tender Collection and Bid Submission:**  
ITT document for this tender will be available in QatarEnergy LNG website under Suppliers tab >Current Open Tenders. The bids shall be submitted through the QatarEnergy LNG online platform (SMART by GEP).

**Note:** Local Companies (established under the Laws of State of Qatar with local Commercial Registration) are advised to refer to the tender documentation and In-Country Value (ICV) Digital Portal: - <https://icv.qa/en-US/> for details of ICV compliance that may be applicable.

### Labour ministry launches smart multi-agent system to review submitted applications

**QNA**  
Doha

The Ministry of Labour announced launching an integrated system using multi-agent artificial intelligence, in co-operation with Microsoft, with the aim of providing smart, fast, and accurate mechanisms for reviewing applications submitted to the ministry and making recommendations regarding them in less than two minutes, instead of days or weeks – as was the case previously.

This new system, which is based on the advanced 'AutoGen' framework, comes as part of the ministry's efforts to instil a culture of innovation in government services and improve the quality of life for citizens and residents. For her part, HE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour Sheikha Najwa bint Abdulrahman al-Thani affirmed that the system represents a qualitative shift in the way the ministry works, not only in terms of speed and accuracy, but also in terms of enhancing transparency and empowering employees to make decisions based on clear outcomes supported by analytical arguments.

She pointed out that implementing this smart model contributes to achieving the Ministry of Labour's digital strategy, in line with the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030 toward a smart and efficient government.

The new system features five agents specialising in various fields, in addition to three other agents, each playing a pivotal role in managing the dialogue to ensure accurate and impartial decisions. This will enable all agents' efforts to combine and provide a comprehensive overview supported by the finest details, reducing the margin of error and boosting confidence in the results.

### Training course held on 'Internal Audit Standards' for aspiring accountants

The Ministry of Labour, through its Department of Qualifying and Skills Development, in collaboration with the Qatar Association of Certified Public Accountants (QCPA), has conducted a specialised training course titled "Internal Audit Standards". This programme was designed for Qatari nationals and children of Qatari women who have graduated in accounting and are seeking employment in the private sector. Held on May 4 and 7, the course aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and skills in internal auditing, thereby enhancing their readiness to enter the job market and meet the demands of the country's financial and accounting sectors.

This initiative supports the nationalisation plan by increasing the proportion of nationals within the private sector, aligning with the National Strategy for an Effective and Highly Productive Workforce (2024-2030). **(QNA)**



### NOTICE OF REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL PROMOMEDIA LLC (QFC No. 2960)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Article 30 of the QFC Companies Regulations, that PROMOMEDIA LLC, a limited liability company incorporated under QFC Law, having QFC registration number 2960 and its registered address at C/O Media City Qatar, Floor No. 16, Tornado Tower, No. 17, Doha, Qatar (the "Company"), intends to reduce its share capital.

The Company's current authorized and issued share capital is Qatari Riyal Ten Million (QAR 10,000,000) consisting of Ten Thousand (10,000) equity shares, having a par value of Qatari Riyal One Thousand (QAR 1,000) each.


The Company intends to reduce its share capital to Qatari Riyal One Hundred Thousand (QAR 100,000) consisting of One Hundred (100) equity shares, having a nominal value of Qatari Riyal One Thousand (QAR 1,000) each, by way of buyback and cancellation of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred (9,900) shares of Qatari Riyal One Thousand (QAR 1,000) each.

The reduction of share capital will take effect from 25 May 2025.

The Notice of Reduction of Shared Capital is authorized by Imad Zakaria Jomaa, the Company's Sole Shareholder.

  
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## QATAR FUEL ADDITIVES COMPANY LIMITED QAFAC

### TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT


The Tender Committee of QAFAC invites qualified local suppliers to participate in the following Tender in accordance with QAFAC tendering procedures:

No.	Tender No.	Description	Collection Fee Qrs.	Tender Bond Qrs.	Bid Closing Date
1	QTC/041/25	Design, Fabricate and Delivery of Spent Caustic Degassing & Utility Boiler Intermittent Blowdown Vessels (V-2004 & V-3202)	300/-	90,000/-	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Interested companies are invited to collect the above tender documents as follows:

- Collection Date** : From **Thursday, 08<sup>th</sup> May 2025** (QAFAC working days from Sunday to Thursday only)
- Collection Time** : 08:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Location** : The Gate, Bay Tower 2, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Bay, QAFAC
- Tender Fees** : As shown above, **(non-refundable)** can be paid at QAFAC Doha Office
- Validity** : Offers must be valid for 120 days from closing date.
- Bid Bond** : Offers must include a Bid bond issued from a local bank and valid for 120 Days from closing date.
- Authorization** : Tenders will be issued to authorized company personnel with the following:  
1. Official authorization on Company Letter Head  
2. Proper Identification  
3. Copy of valid Company's Commercial Registration.  
4. Copy of valid In Country Value (ICV) Certificate (Mandatory).

Note: "Effective from 1st July 2023, bids received from Local Companies (established under the Laws of state of Qatar with local Commercial Registration) who are not in possession of an ICV score in the ICV portal by Bid Closing Date (or commercial bid submission date if separately mentioned/notified) will not be accepted. Local Company that have been established for less than 2 years and insurance companies are exempted from this requirement. For further details please visit ICV digital Portal :- <https://icv.qa/US>



### INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender Reference	Description	Tender Fee (QAR)	Tender Bond (QAR)	Bid Closing Date
HBKU-RFQ-1141	EMC-AI Ethics The Convergence of Technology Society and Diverse Moral Traditions	1000	10,000	15th June-2025, 2:00pm
HBKU-RFQ-1136	Purchasing of Inductively coupled Plazms Mass Spectrophotometer - ICP-MS. Equipment	500	7,000	15th June-2025, 2:00pm

HBKU-University Procurement Service (UPS) is inviting companies to participate in the above list public tender. To receive the tender documents, please follow the following steps:

- Supplier Registration:** It is mandatory to be registered as a supplier with QF in order to participate in the above tender(s). Only QF registered suppliers will be allowed to pay the tender fees online. Therefore, please visit QF website: <https://www.qf.org.qa/supplier-registration> to complete the Supplier Registration process.  
  
**Tender Fee:** Interested bidders can Sign in by visiting this link <https://Suppliers.qf.org.qa/abstract> and pay the respective non-refundable and non-transferrable tender fee online. All Tender Fees are to be paid using credit cards only.  
**Tender Fee Payment Dates:** Payment of Tender Fee online will be from **08-May-25** Until **19-May-25**
- All bidders, who are registered and have paid the required tender fees online to QF, will then be granted access to download the Tender Document.
- Technical and Commercial bids need to be submitted and attached online in QF Supplier portal as per the instructions provided in the "Supplier Portal" work instruction.
  - The Commercial bid must be valid for **180 Days** from the Bid Closing Date.
  - The Commercial bid must be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee (Tender Bond) issued by a local bank in Qatar and should be valid for **180 days** from the bid closing date (where applicable as per the Tender documents)
  - The successful tenderer will be required to submit a Performance Bond as prescribed in each of the above tender documents.
  - Qatar Foundation special qualifications, terms and conditions shall apply as stipulated in the tender document.

Note: All work instructions for Supplier registration and Supplier portal can be found in the link below  
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## Grand Mufti of Jerusalem in Doha meetings



HE the Minister of State for International Co-operation Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser al-Misnad met yesterday with His Eminence the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Territories Sheikh Mohammad Ahmad Hussein, who is currently visiting the country. During the meeting, they discussed developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories, in addition to discussing a number of issues of mutual interest. HE al-Misnad affirmed Qatar's firm and unwavering position in supporting the Palestinian cause and the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, based on international legitimacy and the two-state solution, which guarantees the establishment of an independent Palestinian state along the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital. The meeting was attended by HE Director of the Arab Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nayef bin Abdullah al-Emadi.



HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi met yesterday with the visiting Grand Mufti of Al Quds and the Palestinian Territories His Eminence Sheikh Mohammad Ahmad Hussein. During the meeting, a number of topics of common interest were discussed. **(QNA)**

## PM holds phone calls with Pakistan counterpart, India FM

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani held yesterday a phone call with Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. During the call, they discussed co-operation relations between the two countries and ways to support and strengthen them. They also discussed the latest developments in the crisis between Pakistan and India, and ways to resolve it through diplomacy. In this context, HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed the State of Qatar's deep concern over the continued escalation between Pakistan and India, affirming its full support for all regional and international efforts aimed at resolving outstanding issues between the two countries through dialogue and peaceful means.

● HE the Prime Minister also held a phone call yesterday with Minister of External Affairs of India Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The two sides discussed bilateral co-operation and ways to strengthen and expand it. They also addressed the latest developments in the ongoing crisis between India and Pakistan, and ways to resolve it through diplomatic means. During the call, HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed Qatar's deep concern over the continued escalation between India and Pakistan, affirming its full support for all regional and international efforts aimed at resolving outstanding issues between the two countries through dialogue and peaceful means. **(QNA)**

## Qatar-Somalia committee convenes



The Qatar-Somalia Joint Committee on Labour convened yesterday under the chairmanship of HE the Minister of Labour, Dr Ali bin Smaikh al-Marri, together with Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Somalia, Yusuf Mohamed Adan. The committee examined recent developments in bilateral co-operation within the labour sector and matters relevant to it, placing particular emphasis on strengthening the regulatory framework for workforce recruitment and on fostering greater utilisation of highly skilled and rigorously trained personnel whose expertise not only fulfils the demands of Qatar's labour market but also advances the objectives of the Qatar National Vision 2030. **(QNA)**

## Labour minister meets Somalia's counterpart



HE the Minister of Labour, Dr Ali bin Smaikh al-Marri, met yesterday with Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Somalia, Yusuf Mohamed Adan. The meeting discussed measures to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of labour and explored avenues to support and further develop this co-operation. **(QNA)**

## Al-Hammadi meets Philippine official



HE the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Ahmed bin Hassan al-Hammadi met in Manila yesterday with Executive Secretary to the Philippine President, Lucas Bersamin. During the meeting, they reviewed co-operation relations between the two countries and ways to support and enhance them. The meeting was attended by Qatar's ambassador, Ahmed bin Saad al-Hamidi, and Acting Director of the Asian Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Al Johara Yousef al-Obaidan Fakhro, along with the accompanying delegation. **(QNA)**

## Qatar, Philippines hold political consultations



The second round of political consultations between the ministries of foreign affairs of Qatar and the Philippines was held in Manila. HE the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Ahmed bin Hassan al-Hammadi chaired the Qatari side, while Undersecretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs for Bilateral Relations and Asean Affairs, Maria Theresa Lazaro, chaired the Philippine side. The two sides discussed co-operation relations and ways to support and enhance them, in addition to a number of topics of common interest. **(QNA)**

# Cabinet acclaims launch of national statistics strategy

**QNA**  
Doha

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

Following the meeting, HE the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim bin Ali al-Mohammadi stated the following: At the outset of the meeting, the Cabinet hailed the national data and statistics strategy that was launched under the sponsorship of HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and the President of the National Planning Council (NPC), Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani.

Inaugurated by HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs and Vice-President of NPC Sheikh Saud bin Abdulrahman bin Hassan al-Thani, the strategy is based

on a three-pronged approach, mainly: achieving the highest level of data and statistical reliability through the National Statistics Center, building an integrated and interconnected national data system, and utilising data technology, big data, and artificial intelligence (AI) in operations.

Thereafter, the Cabinet scrutinised the items on the agenda and approved a draft legislation issuing the traffic law and referred it to the Shura Council. The preparation of the draft legislation is part of the Ministry of Interior's strategy, which includes among its objectives the regulation and development of traffic movement, as well as enhancing traffic security and safety.

The draft legislation also takes into account developments in the nation's infrastructure, road usage, automotive technology, and the strengthening of mechanisms and methods for detecting traffic violations in a way that serves the public interest. In addition, the Cabinet approved its draft decision amending some provisions of Decision No 4 of 2020, to establish the Permanent Committee for Addiction Treatment Affairs.

The draft decision aims to reorganise the committee in alignment with the administrative updates in the country, bolstering its effectiveness and enabling it to better achieve its objectives.

The Cabinet decided to approve the draft of the Core Contribution Agreement for Unrestricted Financial Resources (2025-2026) between the Qatar Fund for Development and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the draft memorandums of understanding on co-operation and exchange of news between Qatar News Agency (QNA), Tunis Afrique Presse (TAP), Vietnam News Agency (VNA), and Guinea-Bissau News Agency (ANG).

The Cabinet wrapped up its meeting by reviewing the annual report of the Standing Committee for Rescue, Relief, and Humanitarian Aid in Afflicted Areas in Brotherly and Friendly Countries, and the report on the outcomes of the participation of Qatar's delegation, chaired by HE the Minister of Commerce and Industry, in the opening ceremony of Qatar's pavilion at the international Expo 2025 Osaka.

## HMC reaffirms commitment to high-quality thyroid cancer care

Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) has reaffirmed its commitment to delivering high-quality, specialised care for thyroid cancer patients through a dedicated multidisciplinary thyroid care programme.

An HMC statement said the organisation's comprehensive thyroid cancer services are designed to guide patients through every step of their journey — from diagnosis to long-term recovery — under the care of a collaborative team of experts.

“At HMC, our focus is not only

on clinical excellence but also on providing a complete patient experience,” said Senior Consultant, Endocrinology and Chairman of the Thyroid Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) at HMC, Dr Mahmoud Zirir.

“From the moment a patient enters our care, they are supported by a multidisciplinary team that tailors each stage of treatment to their specific needs.” Women are three times more likely to develop thyroid cancer than men, with incidence rates varying significantly by age, gender, and ethnicity. With rising awareness and

advances in diagnostic technologies, detection rates have steadily increased. However, despite the increase in incidence, the morbidity and mortality rates have fortunately remained stable. Senior Consultant, Endocrinology and Member of the Thyroid MDT at HMC, Dr Zaina Rohani, outlined the key elements of the thyroid cancer care pathway to include prompt detection through comprehensive ultrasound and Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) services, surgical management; expert dedicated team of surgeons with out-

standing performance, personalised treatment; Tailored Radioactive Iodine (RAI) Therapy, goal-based suppressive therapy and advanced targeted therapy, long-term follow-up; dedicated clinics and clinical nurse specialist support and patient education; access to multilingual care teams and culturally sensitive support. “By combining evidence-based guidelines with compassionate care, HMC continues to set the benchmark for thyroid cancer treatment in the region,” Dr Rohani concluded. **(QNA)**

## NHRC discusses human rights co-operation with Australian officials

**QNA**  
Canberra

HE the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Vice-Chairperson Dr Mohammed bin Saif al-Kuwari has discussed further human rights co-operation with Australian officials in Sydney. The talks with Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) President Hugh de Krestler, Senior Assistant Ombudsman NSO (Commonwealth Ombudsman) Kate Anderson, and Director of the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) Kieren Fitzpatrick explored potentials for co-operation and expertise-sharing to serve and enhance both sides' common goals.

In this sphere, a memorandum of co-operation (MoC) was inked between the NHRC and APF to further collaborate on information, legislation, and publications that reflect the nature of their work and competencies, as well as the principles guiding

their performance. They will also hold workshops and consultative meetings and interactive dialogues.

Under the deal, members of both parties will engage in mutual conferences, seminars, and cultural activities related to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to establish joint research projects and training programmes to disseminate a culture of human rights and boost capacity building. There will also be a possibility of creating an e-platform for the exchange of opinions, information, and experiences.

During his meeting with Fitzpatrick, HE al-Kuwari emphasised the importance of co-operation with Australia on human rights and all related aspects, and the development of a framework for co-operation in the field of strengthening and building capacity with relevant authorities in this regard.

He highlighted the roles played by Qatar and Australia in maintaining international peace and security, and in mediating to resolve disputes through peaceful means. He commended the

two countries' roles in promoting dialogue among civilizations, tolerance, and coexistence among peoples.

The talks with Hugh de Krestler culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding expanding co-operation, exchanging official visits, and inviting guests to major events they organise, as well as enhancing joint action in all areas of human rights. The two sides agreed that joint co-operation would include the exchange of expertise in protecting individual rights, developing educational programmes, and monitoring human rights regionally and globally. They would also organise joint events to raise awareness of human rights, exchange progress reports, and support legal initiatives that promote human rights in both countries.

HE al-Kuwari said the meeting discussed collaboration to organise joint training programmes with the aim of enhancing institutional capabilities and the ability to address human rights issues from a legal and social perspective. He added that this co-operation

could include training staff on best practices for handling complaints and resolving disputes. The two parties could also co-operate in overseeing international human rights commitments, work together to enhance the Arab region's participation in international forums, exchange experiences on how to effectively implement international human rights agreements, and co-ordinate the submission of joint reports to international bodies.

At the conclusion of the meeting, al-Kuwari invited de Krestler to participate in the international conference on artificial intelligence and human rights, which the NHRC will organise on May 27 and 28. In another context, during his meeting with Anderson, HE al-Kuwari provided an explanation of NHRC's national, regional, and international efforts, highlighting the most significant developments and updates witnessed in the State of Qatar in the field of human rights. The two sides agreed to co-operate, particularly with regard to receiving complaints and protecting individual rights.

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## Alfardan Properties launches exclusive ‘Alfardan Living Privilege Programme’ & ‘Alfardan Oyster Privilege Club’ in Oman

Alfardan Properties has officially launched ‘Alfardan Living Privilege Programme’ and ‘Alfardan Oyster Privilege Club’, which was attended by Alfardan Properties’ distinguished tenants and members of Oman’s press at The St Regis Al Mouj Muscat Resort.

Having been successfully launched previously in Qatar, these programmes have now been introduced to enhance the lifestyle of distinguished residential and commercial tenants based in premier mixed-use developments in Oman: ‘Alfardan Heights’ and ‘Finaa Alfardan’.

Alfardan Living Privilege Programme is designed exclusively for elite residential tenants at Alfardan Properties, while Alfardan Oyster Privilege Club is a programme tailored to their commercial tenants and employees, both offering access to a world of carefully curated benefits and unparalleled experiences.

In Oman, Alfardan Properties’ tenants will enjoy

bespoke preferential rates at The St Regis Al Mouj Muscat Resort, including preferred rates across hotel rooms, award-winning Guerlain Spa, and renowned dining outlets, such as Em Sherif, Coya, Novikov Café, Roberto’s, Hakkasan, and Zorba, among others.

International privileges extend across Qatar and Türkiye, offering preferential rates at 5-star hotels, over 50 award-winning dining outlets, and exclusive spas at premier destinations, such as The St Regis Doha, The St Regis Marsa Arabia Island, Marsa Malaz Kempinski in Qatar, and Six Senses Kocataş Mansions in Istanbul. Additionally, members enjoy preferred rates across Alfardan Jewellery brands.

The remarkable success of the Alfardan Living Privilege Programme and the Alfardan Oyster Privilege Club in Qatar has played a pivotal role in driving their expansion to Oman. These initiatives have become cornerstones of Alfardan Properties’ commitment to distinctive living, elevating resi-



dential and corporate experiences through exclusive access to a curated suite of premium lifestyle benefits. Their success and strong impact on tenant satisfaction have underscored the programs’

ability to create meaningful connections and deliver exceptional value, making their introduction to the Omani market a strategic next step.

Mohamed Sleiman, CEO of Alfardan Properties and Alfardan Hospitality, said: “Introducing these two programmes in Oman marks a key milestone for us. By extending tailored privileges across three countries, we are enhancing the living and business experiences of our partners and residents, while setting a new industry benchmark. More than just benefits, these programmes build a connected community defined by luxury, service, and the distinctive living Alfardan Properties offers.”

The Alfardan Oyster Privilege Club is complemented by a user-friendly mobile app, allowing members to easily access and manage their privileges at any time. For further details about the Alfardan Living Privilege Programme and Alfardan Oyster Privilege Club, and their exclusive privileges, contact the leasing team at +968 2452 3008.

## Youth centres hold ‘We Are All Responsible’ initiative

The youth centres of the Ministry of Sports and Youth organised the ‘We Are All Responsible’ initiative in Al Khor and Al Dhakhira, in collaboration with several government entities.

Featuring an awareness-raising campaign for male and female school students nationwide, the initiative primarily intends to promote the ethos of national values and societal responsibility.

The event included interactive activities that highlighted the importance of societal action and identified the key objectives of this initiative, as well as its themes to further draw students to youth centres and corporations.

Head of the Youth Centres and Youth Organisations Section, Mubarak Jaithen al-Dosari, underlined that the ministry believes in the fact that real investment starts with humans, with young individuals constituting a significant asset to the nation’s future.

This initiative has been launched to offer the opportunities for young people to be real partners in serving society, where ideas have been converted into action, and the desire for volunteerism has been shifted to practical steps on the ground, something that is permanently cherished, highlighted al-Dosari.

He asserted that the initiative is a role model for operationalising the role of youth establishments and strengthening the youth’s profound

connections with their national identity and the issues facing their communities.

Al-Dosari indicated that work is underway to make these events a launch pad towards broader initiatives that invest in energy and build a conscious generation capable of surmounting challenges and making a difference.

As part of the preparation stages, the organising team underwent a series of intensive training workshops, in pursuit of imbuing 85 young men and women with leadership, planning, and community initiative implementation skills.

For his part, Chairman of Al Dhakhira Youth Centre Hamed Hassan al-Mohannadi said that the initiative comprised a series of field and awareness-raising activities, starting from field trips to schools and holding training sessions, in addition to effectively engaging in activities of accomplishing societal works.

The event broke the record in terms of participation from Al Dhakhira people, in an apparent indication of the profound awareness and the community’s consciousness and desire to actively contribute to the development path, al-Mohannadi pointed out.

The initiative’s fieldwork drew effective participation from 285 young people from both genders, who were distributed to 14 sites in Al Khor and Al Dhakhira. (QNA)



## Visit Qatar launches official WhatsApp channel

Visit Qatar has launched its official WhatsApp channel, introducing a dynamic, real-time platform for travellers and residents to stay updated on the country’s tourism highlights, cultural offerings, and major events.

The new channel offers a seamless opt-in experience via a simple link or QR code and functions as a one-way communication tool, delivering curated updates directly to users’ smartphones. This user-friendly format ensures easy access to trusted information, tailored to individual interests.

As part of the launch, subscribers can look forward to engaging media content, interactive polls, and timely notifications tailored to their interests. The initiative

harnesses the widespread global use of WhatsApp to offer an innovative and accessible channel that supports Visit Qatar’s broader digital strategy.

The WhatsApp channel is available to international tourists planning their visit to Qatar, as well as residents seeking regular updates on events, attractions, and unique experiences across the country. This development reinforces Visit Qatar’s role in driving innovation in tourism.

To subscribe to the Visit Qatar Official WhatsApp channel either, visit the link <https://www.what-sapp.com/channel/0029Van4yMK8F2pLorKA7H2M>, search for Visit Qatar within the App or scan the QR code available on Visit Qatar’s official platforms.



## HEC Paris, Doha marks record graduation



HEC Paris, Doha marked its largest-ever graduating class during Qatar Foundation (QF) Convocation 2025 on May 6 at the Qatar National Convention Centre, a statement said yesterday.

The landmark event also honoured the 30th anniversary of QF and 15 years of HEC Paris, Doha. Aligned with the Qatar National Vision 2030, HEC Paris, Doha continues to elevate the country’s global reputation for executive education, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

This year, 148 graduates were recognised from two programmes – the Specialised Master’s in Strategic Business Unit Management (SBUM) and the Executive MBA (EMBA). The Class of 2025 is both the largest and one of the most diverse in HEC Paris, Doha’s history: 36% are Qatari nationals, 40% are women, and 22% are fly-in participants from the Gulf, Africa, and Europe.

Executive MBA alumni Fahad Ali Alhagabni and Bouthayna Hassan al-Tamimi were recognised with the QF Excellence Award presented by Chairperson Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

Addressing the graduates, Dr Pablo Martin de Holan, dean of HEC Paris, Doha, highlighted the importance of education as a tool for impact, “Education is not only a personal achievement – it is a responsibility to others. As you step into the next chapter, you carry with you the power to lead with purpose, teach others so they can learn too, and help shape a more just, inclusive, and sustainable world.”

A participant from the EMBA Doha track, Esraa Mohammed Abel, highlighted the personal and professional transformation gained throughout the experience, “Learning alongside peers from different sectors

and cultures challenged my thinking and broadened my leadership capacity. It was a journey of both personal and professional evolution.”

A Specialised Master’s participant, Abdulla Jassim Alkhenji, noted: “HEC Paris, Doha has inspired me to rethink strategy through a global lens. This programme has given me not just tools but clarity to navigate complexity and drive impact across business and society.”

As the regional campus of one of the world’s top business schools – ranked #1 globally in Executive Education by the *Financial Times* – HEC Paris, Doha has now graduated over 1,400 leaders from both the public and private sectors. They join a powerful alumni network of 83,000-plus professionals worldwide, including Fortune 500 executives, heads of state, and influential entrepreneurs, the statement added.

## Aston Martin announces DBX S arrival

Aston Martin has announced the arrival of a new DBX flagship, DBX S, a statement from Alfardan Sports Motors Company said.

With the dynamic appeal of DBX707 and an engine enhanced by technology transferred directly from the forthcoming Valhalla supercar, DBX S delivers even more power, reduced weight, more assertive design and comes with a suite of exterior and interior enhancements to match.

DBX S continues a long tradition of Aston Martin’s utilising the ‘S’ suffix to denote a special, high-performance version of an existing model; the first being Vanquish S which made its public debut at the Paris Motor Show in 2004.

Aston Martin CEO, Adrian Hallmark, said: ‘Over the last two years, Aston Martin have introduced an entire core collection of next generation sports cars as well as a new DBX; all with a new, entirely bespoke infotainment system designed in-house. The introduction of DBX S not only reaffirms our commitment to producing the most exciting, rewarding and beautiful cars, it also sends a powerful statement of intent about our ambitions not just for DBX, but for the Aston Martin brand.’

At the heart of the new DBX S



lies an upgraded version of the acclaimed Aston Martin 4.0-Litre Twin-Turbo V8 powerhouse. By using turbo technology transferred directly from the upcoming Valhalla supercar including its larger compressor wheel diameters and other internal improvements, power is raised by a further 20PS to 727PS. The result is a 0-62mph time of just 3.3 seconds and reduction in acceleration time from 0-124mph (200km/h) of 0.3 seconds. Top speed remains unchanged at an impressive 193mph.

Further enhancing both performance and its perception is a modified exhaust system exploiting the full the opportunity presented by the engine’s

turbo enhancements. As with its DBX707 stablemate, DBX S distributes its power between the front and rear wheels in variable proportion – including an ability to send 50% of its torque to the front and up to 100% of its torque to the rear wheels alone – through an innovative 9-speed ‘wet clutch’ transmission.

In addition to the power upgrade, a number of measures have been taken not only to significantly reduce the kerb weight of DBX S. Magnesium wheels are also now available as an option for the first time on any car in the SUV segment. Magnesium is not only robust, but an incredibly lightweight material, some 75% lighter than steel; half the weight

of titanium and a third less even than aluminium.

DBX S benefits from the full suite of suspension enhancements introduced last year. The interior of DBX S displays a bespoke ‘S’ theme. DBX S is trimmed as standard in lightweight sporting Alcantara and continues the adoption of Aston Martin’s state-of-the-art in-house developed infotainment system with a striking new cabin architecture.

DBX S is also fitted with the Aston Martin Premium Audio 800w 14 speaker audio system as standard. DBX S is available to order now, with deliveries expected in Q4 2025, the statement added.





# Minister honours ‘Read, Rise and Recite’ competition winners

THE Minister of Education and Higher Education Lolwah bint Rashid AlKhater honoured the winners of the second edition of the “Read, Rise, and Recite” competition for the 2024-25 academic year, organised by the ministry’s Private Schools and Kindergartens Department, in collaboration with Beta Cambridge School, during a ceremony held at the permanent headquarters of the ministry.

The competition aims to instil Islamic values in students, encouraging them to memorise and interpret the Holy Qur’an as a guiding principle in their lives, helping shape their character and enhance their academic performance through improved memorisation and focus skills. It also seeks to foster positive competition and prepare participants to represent Qatar in international competitions.

In his speech during the ceremony, Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs Omar Abdulaziz al-Naama said the competition carries spiritual and educational significance, as it is centred around the Holy Qur’an, making it a source



of goodness and blessings. He praised the participating students for exemplifying Islamic values through their morals and performances, instilling hope and reassurance for a future in which the next generation carries and embodies the teachings of the Qur’an.

Director of the Private Schools and Kindergartens Department Dr Rania Mohammed expressed pride in the exceptional memorisation and recitation skills demonstrated by the students. She commended the efforts of parents and schools in supporting and motivating students, highlighting that their excellence reflects a strong partnership between families and educational institutions. The competition witnessed the participation of 1,077 students from 123 private schools and kindergartens, with students competing in multiple

levels and categories, including “The Ten Minor Readings” category, requiring full Qur’an memorisation with mastery in origins, phonetics, Tajweed, and recitation, excluding Hafs An Asim narration, alongside interpretation of Surah Al Isra, five memorisation levels of Full Qur’an memorisation, 15 Juz, 10 Juz, 5 Juz, and Juz Amma (for kindergarten and preparatory levels).

The prestigious title of “Taj Al Waqar” was awarded to Ali Mohammed Mustafa Fathallah al-Makki, a student from Al Andalus Secondary Private School for Boys, who secured first place in full Qur’an memorisation, embodying a distinguished model for students who preserve the Qur’an and follow its guidance in their educational journey. (QNA)

# Top experts to attend Gulf Heart Association conference from Nov 20

THE Gulf Heart Association (GHA) has announced its 17th Conference in Doha from November 20 to 22 in association with Hamad Medical Corp (HMC).

This premier event aims to bring together leading cardiologists, healthcare professionals, and researchers from across the region and around the globe, providing a platform to explore the latest advancements in cardiology and cardiac care, a GHA statement said.

The conference will begin on November 20 at the Itqan – Clinical Simulation and Innovation Center of HMC and continue over the next two days at the Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel.

The 17th GHA Conference is set to kick off with a series of specialised workshops on the first day, offering hands-on experience and training for healthcare professionals across various disciplines. The sessions on



Dr Hajar Ahmed Albinali

POCUS/ECHO, ECMO Cannulation and Care, and Haemodynamic are designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of participants.

On the second and third day of the event, the 17th GHA Conference will continue with a series of expert-led sessions where local and international cardiology professionals will present on a wide range of topics related to cardiology and cardiac care.

These sessions will discuss the latest research, innovative treatments, and best practices in heart health. Dr Hajar Ahmed



Albinali, chair of the 17th GHA Conference, expressed his enthusiasm for the event, stating: “It is my great pleasure to welcome esteemed colleagues, guests, and all attendees to the 17th Gulf Heart Association Conference in Doha. The presence and participation of regional and international leaders in the field will make the conference both exciting and informative.”

The official website of the conference is now live at <https://www.gha25.com/> for detailed event information, and registration, the statement added.

# MoECC launches online platform to process radiation-related licences

THE Ministry of Environment and Climate Change’s (MoECC) Radiation Control Department has launched an advanced electronic platform for companies and institutions working in the field of radiation to apply for licences, as part of the ministry’s efforts to consolidate digital transformation and develop government services.

The new system will simplify administrative procedures and improve service efficiency, thus, supporting Qatar’s goal of accelerating government performance and facilitating access to services.

In this context, director of the Radiation Control Department, Eng Abdul Rahman al-Abdul Jabbar said that this launch follows a series of evaluations and testing to ensure the platform’s technical and procedural readiness, adding that it is continuously being improved through feedback from the teams responsible for verification, licensing,



inspection, and the Central Radiation Laboratory.

Eng al-Abdul Jabbar also said that the next step will be expanding e-services and integrating the system into those of several other national institutions in order to achieve government integration, especially with regard to importing procedures for radiation materials and devices, which recorded around 70,000 customs shipments over the past two years.

Expert physicist, Najla al-Muhammadi said the platform provides more than 60 services, covering all stages of the licensing process, from submitting the application to issuing and printing the licence.

She pointed out that the sys-

tem is characterised by ease of use and fast performance, with the ability to track applications in real-time.

Al-Muhammadi added that the MECC has provided comprehensive training to its employees and those of the companies and institutions benefiting from the system, which helped enhance user readiness and to achieve high satisfaction among the initial users who participated in the user experience trials.

Head of the licensing section at the Radiation Control Department, Abdul Latif al-Sada said that the department follows a meticulous methodology to evaluate submitted applications and to ensure compliance with approved standards. (QNA)

# talabat wins Qatar CSR Award



talabat receives the award.



Mariam Hammad at the summit.

Talabat, the leading on-demand delivery platform in the Mena region, has been recognised as a winner of the Qatar CSR Awards 2025, following its participation as a sponsor of the Qatar CSR Summit, hosted by Qatar University recently. The recognition for talabat is for its long-standing

commitment to sustainability and social responsibility across its operations, a statement said.

The award was given in acknowledgement of key initiatives such as the ‘Together for Gaza’ and ‘Together for Lebanon’ campaigns, launched in partnership with Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) and raised QR1.1mn in November 2024.

In August 2024, talabat also collaborated with Qatari brand Freshqa to launch an exclusive ‘watermelon and feta cheese’ product on talabat mart, with 100% of proceeds donated to Gaza via QRCS.

Francisco Miguel De Sousa, managing director of talabat Qatar, stated: “We are honoured to be recognised among Qatar’s leading CSR contributors. Our partnerships with local charities and brands reflect our values and purpose: to use our platform as a driver for good. At talabat, we see this not only as a responsibility, but as a core value in our operations. We remain committed to creating meaningful change and positive impact within our community.”

As part of the summit programme, Mariam Hammad, director of Logistics at talabat Qatar, delivered a presentation on the role of electric vehicles in advancing CSR within food delivery, highlighting talabat’s ongoing efforts.

# MoPH launches awareness drive to mark World Hand Hygiene Day

THE Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has launched a week-long awareness-raising campaign, marking World Hand Hygiene Day 2025.

The campaign aligns with the annual drive of the World Health Organisation, celebrated this year under the theme “It might be gloves: It’s always hand hygiene”.

This year’s theme emphasises the continued importance of proper hand hygiene, even when gloves are used, as an essential practice in preventing infections and promoting patient safety.

The WHHD 2025 campaign in Qatar, led by the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Section in the Healthcare Quality

Department, represents a unified national effort involving government, semi-government, and private healthcare facilities.

Qatar has been selected this year by the WHO to showcase its national campaign as an example country during the recent global WHHD webinar. The topic of the presentation is: Qatar’s Strategy for WHHD: From Awareness to Action, Inspiring Cultural Change.

This week-long campaign will combine education, engagement, and innovation to reinforce hand hygiene practices across all levels of care. Participating institutions have hosted a variety of activities, including staff education sessions, creative competitions

and public awareness booths.

Moreover, awareness sessions on hand hygiene were organised for school-aged children at all levels in co-operation with the Health Promotion Department at the MoPH. As part of national co-ordination, the IPC and AMR team will conduct site visits to government, semi-government and private healthcare facilities to support and enhance their local celebration activities.

Additionally, the MoPH organised a Hand Hygiene Compliance Training Workshop, bringing together more than 100 IPC professionals in the field of infection prevention and control from across the healthcare sectors. (QNA)

# MoPH enhances vaccine access across Qatar

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) announced yesterday that the number of vaccines included in Qatar’s national immunisation schedule has risen to 15, contributing to the prevention of 17 diseases and their complications.

An MoPH statement said the vaccines, available free of charge in all Hamad Medical Corporation’s primary healthcare centres as well as in 70 private centres, cover all groups within society, including children, adolescents, adults, the elderly, pregnant women, travellers, people with chronic conditions, and healthcare workers.

Several vaccines have also been approved and added in recent years, including the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for adolescents, the shingles (herpes zoster) vaccine, and the respiratory syncytial virus

(RSV) vaccine for the elderly. The statement added that MoPH is working with technical support from the National Immunisation Technical Advisory Group, to monitor and ensure the safety of vaccines. The MoPH has intensified its awareness efforts on the occasion of World Immunisation Week, which is designated by the World Health Organisation during the last week of April each year. This year’s celebration is held under the theme “Humanly Possible: Immunization for All,” and the week represents an opportunity to enhance access to and use of vaccines to protect individuals and communities from diseases and epidemics.

The efforts to improve vaccine access in Qatar are being made in co-operation with its partners in the healthcare sector. (QNA)

# Nibras Publishing initiatives offer support to Qatari writers

By Tawfik Lamari  
Staff Reporter

Nibras Publishing and Distribution celebrated its first anniversary of distinguished cultural launch.

It has established itself as one of the most prominent young and dynamic publishing houses in the Qatari cultural scene, offering a unique blend of innovation, dynamism, and a modern vision for culture and publishing.

Since its founding, Nibras has published fifteen literary and cultural works, including six new releases this year. These titles represent a qualitative addition in the diversity of topics and literary styles they offer. It appeals to a wide readership and provides a genuine support platform for new authors and promising talents. One of the most prominent initiatives launched by the publishing house is the “Nibras Literary Fund,” a pioneering funding initiative aimed at supporting Qatari writers by covering the costs of publishing, printing, and distribution, with a portion of the proceeds allocated to serve Qatari public and private libraries.

This initiative has received sup-



Mohammed bin Salaan al-Marri

port from several national institutions, forming a cultural partnership between the public and private sectors to serve the local literary movement.

Nibras also launched the “Siraj Cultural Club,” a cultural and knowledge club focused on youth, bringing them together for motivational meetings, training workshops, and literary sessions aimed at developing skills and cultural communication, and in enhancing the Qatari creative scene with a modern spirit.

In keeping pace with digital transformations, the publishing house launched its digital literature project. An advanced electronic platform, it provides access to all its publications through a digital store for a nominal weekly subscription.

This step aims to facilitate access to Qatari content for readers around

the world and to create a lively and continuous interaction between authors, readers, and the publishing house.

Because technology has become an integral part of the cultural experience, the publishing house introduced the concept of speed reading on its website in a contemporary style that suits modern reading styles.

It also launched the “Bookcast” experience, a series of audio book summaries that combines audio and knowledge, suitable for podcast audiences and digital readers.

To enrich its digital cultural presence, the publishing house launched the “Siraj Digital Newsletter,” which provides fresh interactive content about local culture and highlights new releases, activities, and initiatives that reflect the vitality of the cultural project adopted by Nibras Publishing House.

Under the leadership of its founder and director, Mohammed bin Salaan al-Marri, Nibras Publishing House continues to consolidate its new approach to publishing culture in Qatar, which is based on a vision that believes knowledge is a common right and that literature can be a lively, interactive experience, not just a book on a shelf.



# Dadu, Children’s Museum of Qatar launches ‘Light Atelier’ in Rabat

Dadu, Children’s Museum of Qatar, has launched the ‘Museum in Residence: Light Atelier’ programme at Al Faqih Al Ghazi School in Rabat, bringing an immersive and innovative educational experience to young learners in Morocco.

During an official visit to Morocco, Dadu president HE Dr Mohamed bin Saleh al-Sada said: “This fruitful cultural collaboration reflects the enduring bonds of friendship between Qatar and Morocco.”

The Light Atelier programme transforms traditional classrooms into sensory-rich environments where children aged 3-7 can ex-



The launch of the Light Atelier in Rabat is a key element of the lasting impact of cross-cultural collaboration stemming from the Qatar-Morocco 2024 Year of Culture.

plore light as a scientific, artistic, and cultural element.

As part of the initiative, Dadu provided training and mentorship to educators from the Academy of the Riad-Salé-Kénitra region, ensuring that Moroccan teachers are equipped to sustain and expand the approach.

The programme directly supports Morocco’s 2022-2026 education roadmap, which aims to double extracurricular activities in schools and engage 37,000 students over the next three years.

Officials from the Ministry of Education of Morocco lauded the initiative’s contribution to the national education strategy,

citing the value of interactive, play-based learning in enhancing student engagement with the world.

Dadu’s Project and Operations deputy director David Taylor said: “Our mission is to spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and inspire a lifelong love of learning. By sharing this programme with our Moroccan partners, we are also building lasting cultural bridges between our countries.”

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# Ashghal project aims to design, construct veterinary and agricultural laboratories

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal), in collaboration with the Ministry of Municipality, has announced the launch of a project to design and construct veterinary and agricultural laboratories – an initiative aimed at enhancing research infrastructure in both sectors and developing national capabilities in this vital field.

The project involves the development of three primary research facilities: the Veterinary Laboratory in the Old Airport area, the Agricultural Laboratory in Al Sheehaniyya, and the Agricultural Laboratory at Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP).

Project Manager Eng Ahmad Saleh explained that the new laboratories will provide a modern research environment aligned with the highest international standards in agricultural and veterinary sciences.

He noted that the project aims to empower national laboratories to efficiently support Qatar’s food security and animal health systems.

Deputy Head of the Health Projects Section Eng Asma al-Maslamani stated that work on the project has already begun in co-ordination with the Ministry of Municipality and is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2026.

Al-Maslamani highlighted that approximately 55% of the materials used – such as steel, electrical and mechanical tools, glass, aluminium, and carpentry – are manufactured locally, underscoring the project’s support for the national economy.

She also noted that the veterinary laboratory in the Old Airport area will undergo a comprehensive infrastructure upgrade, in-



cluding structural repairs, the development of laboratory units, and the construction of modern support facilities. These will include a fully equipped veterinary autopsy building, which will enhance the effectiveness of diagnostic and scientific research operations.

Project Engineer Eng Omar Abdulaziz al-Mahmoud revealed that the integrated Agricultural Laboratory in Al Sheehaniyya will cover a total area of 1,191 square metres. It will serve as a research hub housing specialised laboratories for sample preparation, physical and chemical processing, spectroscopic analysis, and soil extraction. The facility will also include administrative offices, meeting rooms, and dedicated storage areas for chemicals and glassware.

Meanwhile, Project Engineer Eng Fahad al-Abdullah stated that three research units (104, 105, 106) at QSTP will be outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment and technologies to support advanced research. These will include a pes-

ticide lab, a biotechnology and plant disease lab, and a herbs and seeds lab. The facility will also feature support spaces such as sample storage, researcher offices, and meeting rooms, all designed according to quality and innovation standards set by the Qatar Foundation (QF).

Ashghal emphasised that the project has been designed to meet the highest environmental and sustainability standards, while also incorporating elements of Qatari cultural identity. The project includes energy and water conservation technologies, the use of eco-friendly and locally sourced materials, stringent fire safety protocols, and carbon emission reduction measures.

Aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030, the project marks a significant step in strengthening the country’s scientific research ecosystem in the fields of agriculture and animal resources. It also contributes to sustainable development and the pursuit of national self-sufficiency. (QNA)



## Safari Mango Festival begins

Safari, a leading hypermarket chain in Doha, has launched its Mango Festival across all outlets until May 11. Safari group of companies chairman Hamad Dafar al-Ahbab and managing director Shaheen Backer inaugurated the Mango Festival with a cake cutting ceremony along with other management staff at Safari mall, Abu Hamour.

As part of the festival, Safari is offering customers over 80 varieties of mangoes imported from countries such as India, Thailand, Indonesia, Uganda, Yemen, Colombia, the Philippines, Brazil, and more.

Popular Indian varieties such as Alphonso, Malgova, Mango Tippu India, Mango Badami, Mango Moovandan, Mango Rumani, Mango Sindhooram, Neelam, and Panchavarnam, along with unique international types such as Baby Mango (Colombia), Carabao Mango (The Philippines), Indonesian mango, Mango Sudani, Tommy Mango (Uganda), Timor Mango (Yemen), and Apple Mango (Uganda), are all part of the extensive collection now available at Safari outlets.

“Safari has flown in all these mangoes directly from their respective countries, ensuring unmatched freshness and quality at competitive prices – something rarely matched by others in the retail industry,” a statement said yesterday.

Safari’s Bakery and Hot Food section is also celebrating the festival by offering a wide variety of mango-based dishes including Mango Cake, Mango Burfi, Mango Bun, Fresh Cream Mango Cake, Mango Payasam, Fresh Mango Pickle, Mango Puliserry, Mango Fish Curry, Prawn Mango Curry,



Mango Fish Peera, and more. The grocery section is stocked with mango-themed products such as Mango Biscuits, Baladna Mango Yogurt, Jackme Frozen, Igloo Rosetta Mango Tango, Khairat Mango Pulp, Kenton Mango Jelly, mango pickles, other mango-flavoured products, and dried mango fruits. Additionally, with every purchase

of QR50, customers will receive a raffle coupon for a chance to win one of 25 Toyota Raize cars through the Safari Win 25 Toyota Raize Cars Mega Promotion. The third raffle draw will be held at Safari Hypermarket in Barwa Village. Four winners will be selected in each of the first five draws, and five winners in the final draw to take home a brand-new Toyota Raize.

## QAM presents Vehicle Design Off-Track Award

The Qatar Auto Museum (QAM), in collaboration with Shell, launched the inaugural Vehicle Design Off-Track Award at the 2025 Shell Eco-marathon Asia-Pacific and Middle East, held in Doha from Feb 8-12.

The award celebrated excellence in visual innovation and sustainable vehicle design, judged across five categories: aesthetics, ergonomics, technical feasibility, aerodynamics, and sustainability practices.

In its first edition, 22 univer-

sity teams from nine countries including Qatar – submitted proposals. Indonesia’s Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember won in both categories: the Antasena Falcon 2.0 for Prototype and ITS Team Sapuangin’s Urban Concept vehicle powered by internal combustion.

QAM will serve as a hub for culture and innovation by showcasing one of the most passionate car culture communities in the world through an unmatched collection of automobiles. It will also feature engaging exhibitions and experi-

ences that unite innovators, designers, engineers, collectors, and policymakers through a shared passion for cars.

The QAM Vehicle Design Off-Track Award will next be presented at Shell Eco-marathon Europe and Africa 2025, taking place at Silesia Ring in Poland, from June 10-15.

Shell Eco-marathon is a global academic programme that challenges student teams to design and manufacture vehicles that can travel the farthest using the least amount of fuel.



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# Al Faisal Publishing House launches official website

Al Faisal Publishing House has officially launched its website under the slogan ‘Honouring Knowledge and Sharing It with the World,’ coinciding with its debut participation in the Doha International Book Fair, opening today and running until May 17.

The website, <https://alfaisalpublishing.com>, features a curated selection of the house’s publications, which spotlight Qatari, Arab, and global heritage.

The launch marks a significant step in the house’s mission to promote culture and knowledge both locally and internationally, and to expand access to high-quality content.

HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani, chairman of Al Faisal Publishing House, stated: “The launch of our website represents



a new intellectual gateway to the world. As a Qatari cultural institution dedicated to documentation and knowledge dissemination, we aim to deliver meaningful cultural content to a broad audience at home and beyond. We hope that our publications will serve as a valuable resource that enriches the cultural landscape for current and future generations.”

Available in both Arabic and

English, the platform reflects Al Faisal Publishing House’s vision of international outreach. It offers an interactive space featuring a wide range of works that document identity, heritage, and knowledge. This initiative aligns with the House’s ambition to become a leading national institution with regional and global influence in the field of cultural publishing.

Al Faisal Publishing House is committed to building a well-read and informed society, supporting writers and intellectuals in bringing their work to broader audiences, and expanding into regional and global markets. The website also includes a dedicated contact section, making it easier for readers and stakeholders to engage with the House and access its publications.



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Meloni the leader Europe needs?

Donald Trump's return to the White House has made Giorgia Meloni an unlikely leader of the European Union in its dealings with the United States. Italy's prime minister may hail from a far-right nationalist party, but she is siding squarely with the EU, arguing that it is "childish" to think that Italy must choose between Trump and Europe.

Meloni was the first European leader to visit the White House after Trump announced his sweeping tariff plan - which he soon paused under market pressure, claiming that it was all intended to force others to the negotiating table. She was then back in Rome the next day to host Vice-President JD Vance, who had made his own opinion of Europeans clear in a scathing speech at the Munich Security Conference in February.

Although Meloni's ideological instincts align with the current US administration, she has framed her diplomacy as part of a carefully co-ordinated effort with the European Commission, which leads trade policy. She and the president of the Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, spoke several times by phone before and after her meeting at the White House, and they briefly exchanged words at Pope Francis's funeral on April 26. Meloni is lobbying to arrange a meeting between Trump and Von der Leyen in Rome, positioning herself as a broker between Washington and Brussels.

Although she has promised to import more liquefied natural gas from the US, and to boost Italy's defence budget, she is being a European team player, not just a national leader. "The first thing Meloni will do in dealing with Trump is call Brussels and have the EU involved in the decision," a senior Italian official told me last November, right after Trump was elected. The implication was that her institutionalist side would prevail over her populist instincts. So far, it has.

Trump has praised Meloni as someone who can 'straighten out the world a little bit'

This outcome was far from assured. In principle, Meloni does not disagree with Trump's description of the EU as a "pathetic" institution that exists solely to rip off America, or with Vance's image of a den of grifters who have betrayed their own values. "I've been saying this for years," she remarked after Vance's Munich speech. "Europe has a bit lost itself."

The question is whether EU power brokers will trust her enough to give her a leading negotiating role when the time comes. "The great irony here is that Germany and France acted as informal representatives of the EU for decades, and no one objected to that," a Meloni adviser told me. "But if Italy tries to take that role, suddenly it's a problem - even though Italy's leader is objectively in an advantageous position to talk to the White House."

Meloni is walking a fine line. A regular guest at the American Conservative Political Action Conference, she was the only European leader invited to Trump's inauguration. She is so confident in her MAGA bona fides that, a few days before Trump was sworn in, she flew to Mar-a-Lago to press him to release an Iranian engineer that Italy had arrested at the US Department of Justice's behest. Iran had jailed an Italian journalist in retaliation, and the two prisoners were soon exchanged.

Trump has praised Meloni as someone who can "straighten out the world a little bit," and her advisers have built strong ties in Trumpworld. Her relationship with Elon Musk is so warm that Musk once had to deny any romantic involvement. Meloni is the first post-fascist leader to rule Italy. Until a few years ago, her Fratelli d'Italia ("Brothers of Italy") party thrived on bashing Brussels bureaucrats and openly advocated dismantling the eurozone.

But things have changed radically since Meloni rose to power in 2022. She has moderated her stance on the EU and abandoned her harsh rhetoric toward the European Commission. Her staunch support for Ukraine has boosted her credibility with other European governments, and leading figures in the pro-European establishment have vouched for her reliability. In her two and a half years as prime minister, Meloni has gone from being a threat to the EU to becoming an internationally recognised European leader (though many confer this status on her only reluctantly). She has inverted the approach taken by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who regularly obstructs EU projects to secure national advantages.

Meloni also has very practical reasons for remaining aligned with the EU. The Italian government is still supposed to receive €72bn (\$81bn) from the NextGenerationEU fund. Moreover, Meloni managed to secure von der Leyen's blessing for her controversial plan to detain migrants in Albania, outside the EU's borders. - Project Syndicate

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Trump's boomerang: How Europe found its backbone



By Alberto Alemanno  
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US President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office stand out as one of the most volatile periods in American history - arguably the most turbulent in peacetime. And the consequences continue to reverberate far beyond the United States, as demonstrated by Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's federal election victory following a campaign defined by sharp opposition to Trump's agenda.

For European countries and other long-standing US allies, the start of Trump's second term has posed a direct challenge to the foundational pillars of the transatlantic alliance - security, defence, trade, and shared democratic values - all of which Trump views as negotiable.

The European Union, long dependent on the US security umbrella, has found itself facing threats of trade wars and relentless attacks from Trump and his allies - most notably Vice-President JD Vance and the ubiquitous (though perhaps fading) tech billionaire Elon Musk. But instead of wallowing in despair over the fraying security alliance, these provocations have fostered an unexpected sense of purpose and unity in Europe.

I call this the "Trump Boomerang Effect". Paradoxically, Trump's attempts to weaken America's allies - whether Canada, Mexico, Australia, Denmark, or the EU - have energised them politically and encouraged them to become more self-reliant. Trump's ham-fisted effort to extract concessions has instead reinforced their national resolve and solidarity.

The fallout has also hurt the popularity of Trump-aligned cheerleaders worldwide, from Canadian Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre (who lost the parliamentary seat he had held for over 20 years) to Australia's Peter Dutton, Greenland's self-proclaimed Trump protégé Jorgen Boassen, and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán.

Perhaps most strikingly, Trump's campaign to undermine Europe has prompted political leaders to display a surprising degree of courage and confront long-standing challenges. By trying to bully the EU, he has inadvertently empowered member states to achieve goals that once seemed unattainable through internal negotiations alone.

As a result, Europe has emerged as a beacon of economic and political stability, attracting capital inflows and US-based researchers considering

relocation. Meanwhile, far-right leaders across the continent - with the notable exception of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni - have seen their popularity decline due to their association with Trump, offsetting the boost that Trump's re-election gave figures like Orbán.

Vance's insulting speech at the Munich Security Conference in February was one of the clearest manifestations of the Trump Boomerang Effect. In response, incoming German Chancellor Friedrich Merz broke with his country's Atlanticist tradition to declare a second Zeitenwende ("epochal change") - a paradigm shift aimed at meeting the demands of a rapidly changing global landscape.

Merz's new strategic doctrine, endorsed by French President Emmanuel Macron and others, aims to reduce Europe's dependence on the US. It includes a historic shift in fiscal policy, exempting defence spending above 1% of GDP from Germany's constitutional debt brake. This adjustment is set to unlock substantial new resources for both military expenditures and broader infrastructure investment.

Trump's actions have also rekindled the Franco-German alliance - historically, the EU's engine of economic growth - which will reshape the bloc's political trajectory. France and Germany now have a shared purpose: to achieve strategic independence from the US and bolster Europe's geopolitical resilience against its unpredictable and untrustworthy president. This, in turn, has led to an unexpected rapprochement between the EU

and the United Kingdom. While post-Brexit Britain remains formally free to align with either the US or the EU, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has clearly sided with Europe.

These developments are paving the way for deeper European integration, with far-reaching implications for regional security and economic prosperity. One key initiative involves financing increased defence spending through joint borrowing - a strategy pioneered by the NextGenerationEU fund, the bloc's Covid-19 recovery programme.

Moreover, the push for deeper defence integration may soon extend into the broader economy. Over the past year, separate reports by former Italian Prime Ministers Mario Draghi and Enrico Letta have highlighted Europe's lagging innovation and productivity compared to the US, calling for a stronger and more unified single market in financial services, energy, and digital technologies.

At the core of the EU's emerging strategy for reigniting economic dynamism is the creation of a Capital Markets Union, now rebranded as the Savings and Investment Union. The goal is to give firms easier access to pan-European financing and repatriate Europe's substantial savings surplus - much of which currently flows into US markets - while maintaining financial stability. Trump's disruptive economic policies are already accelerating this shift.

The Trump Boomerang Effect appears to be driving a profound transformation, underpinned by renewed confidence in the European project. Europeans

today are experiencing a degree of unity and common purpose not seen in decades. Even previously staunch Euroskeptics now speak in pan-European terms. Meloni, for example, has deferred to the EU in negotiating with Trump, recognising that the bloc is responsible for trade policy and also better positioned than any individual member state to confront the US effectively.

It remains to be seen whether Europe's political leaders will be able to capitalise on these favourable circumstances to achieve genuine EU independence and strategic autonomy. Given the scale of Trump's assault on the continent, they at least appear to understand that their actions will be judged not only by their own constituents but by people across Europe. This new form of pan-European political accountability may end up making Europe - not America - great again. - Project Syndicate

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US President Donald Trump attends a National Day of Prayer event in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, DC, earlier this week. (AFP)



# Amir graces QU Class of 2025 male graduation



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“By April 2025, QU had produced over 4,359 scholarly publications, with more than 80% ranked among the top global categories. QU also obtained 20 new patents, bringing the total number of patents registered under its name to 128.

In the same context, QU has focused on strengthening partnerships with various national institutions, including the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, QatarEnergy, the Public Works Authority (Ashghal), and others. These collaborations aim to provide scientific and technical support, consultations, and sustainable solutions – reinforcing

the University’s role as a strategic partner in achieving national development goals.

“QU places great emphasis on its social responsibility and is committed to offering specialised training and consulting services to build national capacities and enhance workforce skills. The university strives to promote social and cultural awareness, protect Qatar’s cultural and civilisational heritage, reinforce societal and Islamic values, and celebrate cultural diversity through its partnerships with institutions like Qatar Museums, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Sports and Youth, and others.”

While congratulating the graduates, Dr al-Ansari urged them to always remember that graduation is not the end of the road, but the beginning of a new chapter filled

with challenges and opportunities for personal and professional growth. “Rely on the knowledge, values, and skills you’ve gained, and remain committed to continuous learning, adapting to rapid advancements across various fields, and pursuing your goals with courage and creativity – guided by high moral values.”

The QU president also congratulated the parents of the graduates. “We share your joy today and thank you for the unwavering support and encouragement you have given your children throughout their academic journey. Lastly, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to my colleagues – faculty members, staff, and all University employees – for their sincere efforts and continued dedication, which have played a key role in shaping a generation of well-rounded, inno-

vative, and forward-thinking individuals. May Allah (SWT) grant you all continued success in serving the best interests of our dear nation.”

As a representative on behalf of the Class of 2025, Abdulrahman Hashem al-Sayyed, College of Law graduate, said, “I am a proud graduate of Qatar University, setting sail with confidence to face the waves of life. Today, here we are, sailing with confidence under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani – a man who has led us on the path of glory, no matter how challenging. Indeed, we are proud of your wise leadership. You have made Qatar a beacon of knowledge and a destination for every student and scholar.”

Nasser Ali Abdullah al-Adhba

al-Marri, a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in International Affairs, delivered the emcee’s address at the ceremony. He said: “Dear graduates, obtaining your university degree does not mean that your journey of learning has ended, nor that you have reached the highest peaks of knowledge. The path of learning never ends – it continues so that we may fulfil our purpose, serve our faith, and benefit our beloved nation.”

QU’s 2025 Graduation Ceremony celebrates all QU graduates across various academic degrees, who have completed their graduation requirements by the end of the following terms: Summer 2024, Fall 2024 and Winter 2025, in addition to those who are expected to graduate by the end of Spring 2025.



President of Qatar University Dr Omar bin Mohammed al-Ansari







HE Mansoor bin Ebrahim bin Saad al-Mahmoud, Dr Javid I Sheikh, Dr Michael I Kotlikoff, and Dr Robert A Harrington with the WCM-Q Class of 2025 yesterday.

# WCM-Q graduation ceremony honours Qatar’s newest doctors

Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) has celebrated the graduation of its Class of 2025, awarding US-accredited MD degrees to 45 new doctors, who hail from 19 countries including 13 Qataris, in a ceremony attended by local and international dignitaries, family, friends and faculty members.

The new doctors will now begin the next stage of their careers as they take up residency positions at elite-level healthcare institutions in Qatar and the US, including Hamad Medical Corporation, New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Case Western/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Virginia Commonwealth University Health

System, UC Davis Medical Center, and Johns Hopkins Hospital, among many others.

WCM-Q dean Dr Javid I Sheikh, said: “We know that all of you in the Class of 2025 will give your all to these institutions and to your patients, and that you will be exceptional representatives of Qatar and Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar wherever you go. We are blessed that many of you will build your careers in Qatar, dedicating yourselves to bringing good health to the community which has nurtured and developed your talents.”

This year’s class – comprising 28 women and 17 men – brings the total number of doctors produced by WCM-Q to 641, since the inaugural graduation in 2008.

Every one of the 37 members of the Class of 2025 who applied for a residency programme secured a position – a much-coveted achievement among medical schools known as a 100% match rate. This year’s class valedictorian is Mohammad Hussein Yaghmour.

Present at the ceremony yesterday were HE the Minister of Public Health Mansoor bin Ebrahim bin Saad al-Mahmoud, Prime Minister’s adviser for health affairs HE Dr Hanan Mohamed al-Kuwari, and QF Higher Education president Francisco Marmolejo. Visiting from the US to attend were Dr Michael I Kotlikoff, president of Cornell University, and Dr Robert A Harrington, the Stephen and

Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine in New York and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University.

Dr Sheikh also thanked QF Chairperson Her Highness Sheikhha Moza bint Nasser and Vice-Chairperson and CEO HE Sheikhha Hind bint Hamad al-Thani, along with the leadership of Qatar, acknowledging the crucial support and guidance they continue to provide to enable WCM-Q to produce world-class physicians. Dr Thurayya Arayssi, vice-dean for Academic and Curricular Affairs at WCM-Q, said: “We are delighted to see this incredibly talented group of physicians obtain their MD degrees. They are not only supremely dedicated to their craft, but also

demonstrate great ingenuity and intellectual curiosity, which will enable them to push the frontiers of medical knowledge and enhance healthcare outcomes for patients all over the world.”

Dr Kotlikoff, who conferred the medical degrees upon the graduating students, said: “Their success is testament to the commitment to excellence that is the hallmark of Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar, which continues to thrive and grow in its role as a regional leader in the advance of science, medicine and technology.”

Mohammed Khalid Ibrahim Ahmed Khalid gave the graduate English address and Aya Issa Khalil the graduate Arabic address. Dr Sean Holroyd, associate dean for student affairs, was macebearer,

and Dr James Roach, associate dean for Pre-medical Education, was university marshal.

Graduating student Omar Mourad gave the Qur’an recitation. The alumnus keynote speeches were given by Dr Bothina al-Mulla of the Class of 2011, now a physician at Hamad Medical Corporation, and Dr Abdulwahed Zainel of the Class of 2014, now a paediatric infectious disease consultant at Sidra Medicine and assistant professor of Clinical Paediatrics at WCM-Q.

Giving the farewell message to the graduates, Dr Harrington said: “Class of 2025, you have overcome many hurdles to earn the right to take the Hippocratic Oath today and begin your new lives as doctors.”



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الراي زيت دوار الشمس 1.5 لتر x 1 حبة

Al Rai Sunflower Oil 1.5 Ltr x 1 pc

20 QR.00

شاهي قويلو ارز بسمتي 5 كجم

Shahi Quila Royal Basmati Rice 5 kg

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