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Our Say



Faisal Abdulhameed al-Mudahka,

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Human rights as the foundation of Qatar's future

Qatar marks its national Human Rights Day today, honouring more than two decades since the establishment of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) and reaffirming that people remain at the heart of national progress.

Marking the anniversary of the NHRC's founding in 2002, the day stands as a moment to celebrate progress and renew commitment to dignity, equality and inclusion.

Across Doha, institutions and ministries mark the day with seminars, awareness campaigns and public engagement, reinforcing that rights are not static; they evolve with society. The NHRC's Strategic Plan 2024-2030 continues to guide Qatar's human rights agenda, a forward-looking framework linking every pillar of Qatar National Vision 2030: human, social, economic and environmental development. The plan underscores Qatar's message that sustainable progress begins with empowered people, accountable institutions and a culture where dignity and opportunity define the nation's future.

In 2025, Qatar has dedicated around 20% of its national budget to health and education, reflecting that investment in people remains central to growth. These priorities align with Qatar National Vision 2030, which places people at the centre of national development, reminding citizens and residents alike that true progress is measured not just in infrastructure, but in opportunity, inclusion and justice for all.

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Al-Sharaa holds talks with Trump

Syria's President Ahmed al-Sharaa met US President Donald Trump at the White House yesterday for unprecedented talks, just days after Washington removed him from a terrorism blacklist. Al-Sharaa is the first Syrian leader to visit the White House since the country's 1946 independence. Trump said last week that al-Sharaa was doing a "very good job. It's a tough neighbourhood. And he's a tough guy. But I got along with them very well".

Qatar, Slovenia to expand ties in several fields

QNA
Doha

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and President of the Republic of Slovenia Dr Natasa Pirc Musar held an official talks session at the Amiri Diwan yesterday.

At the beginning of the meeting, His Highness the Amir welcomed the president and the accompanying delegation, wishing them a pleasant stay in Qatar. His Highness noted that co-operation between Qatar and Slovenia encompasses numerous fields, expressing his hope that her first visit to Qatar would contribute to expanding co-operation to broader horizons, fulfilling the aspirations of both friendly nations.

For her part, the president of Slovenia expressed deep gratitude to His Highness the Amir for the warm welcome and generous hospitality. She affirmed her pleasure at visiting Qatar and her country's keenness to further strengthen bilateral co-operation across various sectors. She pointed out that holding the Slovenia-Qatar Business Forum on the sidelines of the visit reflects the development of bilateral co-operation, and expressed

her hope that its scope would broaden in all areas.

Discussions during the session focused on bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields of co-operation, particularly trade, investment, information technology, and tourism. The two sides also touched on key regional and international issues and developments of mutual interest.

The session was attended by HE Chief of the Amiri Diwan Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Mubarak al-Khulaifi, HE the Minister of Social Development and Family Buthaina bint Ali al-Jabr al-Nuaimi, HE the Minister of Commerce and Industry Sheikh Faisal bin Thani bin Faisal al-Thani, HE the Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Mohammed bin Abdulaziz al-Khulaifi and a lineup of senior officials.

On the Slovenian side, the talks were attended by State Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Political and Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Dr Melita Gabric; State Secretary for International Affairs, Entrepreneurship, Development Resources and Tourism at the Ministry of Economy, Tourism and Sport Matevz Frangez; and a number of senior officials from the official delegation accompanying the president. **To Page 4**

Amir holds talks with Slovenia president

Qatar, Slovenia resolute to boost relations: Amir

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani affirmed that, during talks held yesterday with President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Natasa Pirc Musar, both sides reiterated the shared commitment of the two friendly countries to enhancing all aspects of bilateral co-operation across various fields.

In a post on his X account, His Highness the Amir expressed his pleasure at receiving the president of Slovenia in Doha and noted that their discussions reflected the mutual desire to deepen partnership and expand avenues of constructive collaboration in a manner that serves the common interests and aspirations of both nations. **(QNA)**

Amir honours Ali bin Saeed al-Kumait al-Khayarin

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani awarded the Hamad bin Khalifa sash to HE Ali bin Saeed al-Kumait al-Khayarin in recognition of his role and efforts throughout the period of his service. This took place during His Highness the Amir's meeting with HE al-Khayarin at his office in the Amiri Diwan yesterday. For his part, HE al-Khayarin expressed his happiness, gratitude, and thanks to His Highness the Amir for this honour. **(QNA)**

End to US govt shutdown in sight as Democrats quarrel

AFP
Washington

The longest-ever US government shutdown appeared headed yesterday to an eventual resolution, after several Democratic senators broke ranks to join Republicans in advancing a compromise deal – sparking intra-party backlash.

Since October 1, the first day of the shutdown, more than a million federal workers have been unpaid, while government benefits and services have been increasingly disrupted.

Severe impacts on air traffic have begun to mount in recent days, with hundreds of flights cancelled daily, raising the political pressure to end the stalemate.

After clearing a key procedural hurdle late Sunday, the Senate was expected to pass the compromise budget late Monday or overnight.

The bill will then move to the

Travellers wait to check in at the Delta airlines counter at the Miami International Airport in Miami, yesterday. Airports have been experiencing delays and flight cancellations to ease the pressure on air traffic controllers, who have been working unpaid during the ongoing government shutdown.

Republican-controlled House of Representatives, which could vote on it as early as Wednesday to send it to President Donald Trump's desk.

"It appears to us this morning

that our long national nightmare is finally coming to an end, and we're grateful for that," House Speaker Mike Johnson told reporters yesterday morning.

"At least some Democrats now finally appear ready to do what Republicans and President Trump and millions of hardworking American people have been asking them to do for weeks."

The House – which Johnson has kept out of session throughout the standoff – would be called back this week, he said.

At the heart of the budgetary impasse is Democrats' demand to extend health insurance subsidies expiring at the end of the year. Republicans insist any negotiation occur after the government is re-opened.

Millions of Americans who have purchased health insurance through the "Obamacare" programme would see their costs double if the subsidies are not extended.

Sunday's breakthrough agree-

ment would re-open the government through January, with some programmes funded for the full fiscal year, and reverse some of the Trump administration's firings of federal workers.

The bill notably would restore funding for the SNAP food aid programme, which helps more than 42mn lower-income Americans pay for groceries.

While Republican leadership has agreed to hold an eventual vote on healthcare, it does not ensure the insurance subsidies will be extended.

"After 40 days of uncertainty, I'm profoundly glad to be able to announce that nutrition programmes, our veterans, and other critical priorities will have their full-year funding," Senate Majority Leader John Thune said Sunday night.

While leaders were rushing to move the bill through Congress, it could still take days to make its way to Trump's desk. Tuesday is a national holiday in the United States.

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PM receives telephone call from Norwegian counterpart

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani received a telephone call from Prime Minister of Norway Gahr Store. During the call, they reviewed bilateral relations and ways to support and strengthen them, discussed developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories in light of the ceasefire agreement in the Strip, and addressed a host of other topics of common interest. HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs stressed the need for concerted regional and international efforts to ensure the full implementation of the agreement, paving the way for achieving lasting peace and the desired stability in the region. **(QNA)**

Sultan of Brunei Darussalam meets minister of state for foreign affairs

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam met with HE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi. During the meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital and largest city of Brunei, HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs conveyed the greetings of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, to the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam, along with His Highness's wishes for His Majesty's continued health and happiness, and for the government and people of Brunei Darussalam continued progress and prosperity. For his part, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah entrusted HE the Minister to convey his greetings to His Highness the Amir, wishing him continued health and happiness, and the State of Qatar continued progress, development, and prosperity. Discussion during the meeting focused on the two countries' bilateral relations and ways to strengthen and develop them, in addition to a host of topics of mutual interest. **(QNA)**



Sheikha Moza meets Slovenia president

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and Education Above All Foundation, met with Slovenian President Dr Natasa Pirc Musar, yesterday at the QF Headquarters, on the sidelines of her official visit to the country. During the meeting, the two sides discussed co-operation between the Education Above All Foundation and the Republic of Slovenia in protecting education in regions affected by war and conflict, and ensuring education as a fundamental right for all. They also discussed areas of co-operation with QF in research, innovation, and education. **(QNA)**
PICTURE: Aisha al-Musallam



Shura Council hails outcomes of UN Social Development Summit in Doha

The Shura Council convened yesterday at its headquarters, chaired by HE the Speaker of the Shura Council Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanem. Attending the session were several representatives from family-related organisations and centres, alongside a variety of opinion writers and individuals interested in social and educational affairs.

At the outset of the session, the Council praised on the success of the Second World Summit for Social Development hosted by the nation last week, emphasising that this success clearly manifests the keenness of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to deepen the nation's standing in support of global dialogue and promote comprehensive development.

The council welcomed the Doha Declaration issued by the summit, asserting that it represents a core pillar for bolstering social development pathways and realising sustainable development across a variety of communities. It further appreciated the terrific organisation, along with the constructive outcomes, which underscored the criticality of investing in humans as the lynchpin of development and its aims.

The council pointed out that hosting this global event embodies Qatar's foremost attention to consolidating the human dimension of development and supporting global efforts to achieve a more just and enduring future. Thereafter, HE the Secretary-General of the Council, Nayef bin Mohammed al-Mahmoud, read out the agenda, with the Council endorsing the minutes of the previous session and weighing in on the public deliberation request submitted by a handful of excellencies regarding the significance of parents in upbringing.

HE al-Ghanem noted the comprehensive and rapid advancement the nation is witnessing in multiple fields under the prudent leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani. He asserted that this development pathway aligns with Qatar National Vision 2030, which places humans at the centre of development and its objectives.

This burgeoning development demonstrates His Highness's commitment to nurturing individuals who are capable of adapting to change and openness to the world, while simultaneously upholding their values and enduring national identity, HE the Speaker noted.



This massive advancement, though offering promising opportunities, reciprocally imposes a greater responsibility on parents in undertaking their direct educational roles, which have a profound impact on the upbringing of generations, enhancing their national and moral awareness, in addition to deepening tenets that shield the community from negativity and dependency while instilling a spirit of initiative, responsibility, and belonging, al-Ghanem underlined.

Al-Ghanem further echoed what had been confirmed in His Highness the Amir's speech inaugurating the first session of the second legislative term of the Shura Council, when he stressed that the nation is entering a new phase in terms of economic scale and strategic role, emphasising that the demands of this development require elevating the citizen's role and cultivating their awareness of responsibilities.

This sublime vision suggests that the family is the prime host of human development, and parents undertake the foremost role in raising a generation that is aware of its duties, upholding identity and receptive to contemporary knowledge with enduring values and a balanced spirit, he clarified.

Al-Ghanem stressed that the home is the host of conscious and

advanced humans, where character is shaped and tenets are deepened. He reminded attendees of what is stated in the nation's constitution, Article 2: the family is the bedrock of the community, and the nation is vested with the responsibility of protecting it and providing the appropriate environment for the growth of its members' capabilities to serve the homeland and society.

In this regard, the members affirmed that it is imperative to bolster the parents' role in upbringing, noting that the upsurge in the number of domestic caregivers has directly impacted the educational process and the integrity of children's mental and behavioural development.

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They stressed the importance of community awareness of familial upbringing and urged parents to undertake their direct role in providing a healthy and stable environment for their sons and daughters, underscoring that the family is the cornerstone of community building, and that a tight-knit society positively impacts stability and prosperity.

Furthermore, members of the council noted that while technological advances provide entertaining means, they have also contributed to altering some social patterns in the family, with children spending prolonged time using smart devices at the expense of direct familial communication, a matter that requires rationalisation of this use and enhanced positive supervision to ensure balanced upbringing and safeguarding of enduring social tenets.

The members addressed the tenuous communication between parents and their sons and daughters and the slowdown in transferring social and religious values, stressing that preserving these values is an immense challenge given the comforts of modern life. **(QNA)**

Shura Council speaker meets Pakistan's National Assembly speaker, Senate chairman

HE the Shura Council Speaker, Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanem, held separate meetings in Islamabad yesterday with Pakistan National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan Yusuf Raza Gilani. HE the Shura Council Speaker is visiting Pakistan at the head of the Council's delegation participating in the World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, which begins today. The meetings focused on strengthening parliamentary co-operation between the Shura Council and the National Assembly and the Senate of Pakistan, with both sides discussing ways to advance shared interests. Topics on the conference agenda were also discussed.

The conference centres on the theme of "Peace, Security, and Development," underscoring the role of parliaments in supporting global efforts to build a more stable and just international order. It serves as a platform for aligning perspectives, promoting dialogue and mediation in conflict resolution, and fostering co-operation in water, energy, and food security. Climate change, sustainable development, and interfaith and intercultural harmony are also key areas of focus. **(QNA)**



Police College celebrates graduation

The Police College held a graduation ceremony at Zakreet Camp for the first Police Operations Course for officers and the Commando Course for cadet officers of the eighth intake of the college. The ceremony was attended by HE the Legal Adviser to Minister of Interior and General Supervisor of the Police College, Major General Dr Abdullah Yousef al-Mal, along with several department directors from the Ministry of Interior and officers from various military and security agencies. A total of 56 officers from different security entities participated in the Police Operations Course, which aimed to enhance their competence in leadership, command, and

operational planning. Meanwhile, the six-week Commando Course involved 168 cadet officers from the eighth intake of the Police College, focusing on developing physical and tactical capabilities and refining leadership skills through intensive field exercises. The two programmes come as part of the Police College's strategy to prepare and qualify highly skilled police cadres equipped with the operational and field expertise necessary to perform their security duties professionally, thereby strengthening the state's overall security and stability framework. During the Commando Course, participants underwent more than 425 hours of field and theoretical training that included tower descent, physical



fitness, swimming, self-defence, naval and urban combat, raids, arrest and control techniques, night patrols, long-distance marches, compass navigation, marksmanship, operational orders,

and environmental survival. The course also incorporated realistic simulation scenarios designed to mirror the operational challenges faced by police officers in the field. **(QNA)**



Qatar attends Haj mission meeting in Jeddah

Qatar, represented by HE Minister of Endowments (Awqaf) and Islamic Affairs and Head of the Qatari Haj Mission Ghanem bin Shaheen al-Ghanem, participated yesterday in the meeting of heads of Haj missions held in Jeddah.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Haj and Umrh of Saudi Arabia Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan al-Rabeeah, and took place within the framework of joint co-ordination and early preparations for the upcoming Haj season.

The meeting is part of the fifth edition of the Haj and Umrh Services Conference and Exhibition, held under the theme "From Makkah to the World", under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia.

The event is organised by the Ministry of Haj and Umrh in partnership with the Guests of God Service Programme, and is taking place from November 9-12, with



broad participation from entities concerned with serving pilgrims from various countries of the Islamic world.

The meeting discussed key aspects of the plans for the upcoming Haj season and ways to improve services in transportation, accommodation, crowd management, and the management of the holy sites, ensuring the comfort of pilgrims, ease of movement, and the performance of their rituals in an atmosphere of security and tranquillity.

HE al-Ghanem commended the significant efforts exerted by the government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

and the diligent follow-up by Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, to develop the Haj system and provide innovative facilities for the pilgrims.

He expressed the appreciation of Qatar and its wise leadership for the Kingdom's distinguished efforts in serving the pilgrims, affirming the Qatari Haj Mission's commitment to full co-operation with the relevant authorities in the Kingdom to provide a smooth and safe Haj season for Qatari pilgrims.

In turn, the Saudi minister of Haj and Umrh emphasised the importance of all Haj missions adhering to the established instructions and regulations, stressing that the safety and health of the pilgrims are paramount.

He also highlighted the importance of implementing the health card system for pilgrims to ensure they are free from chronic and life-threatening diseases. (QNA)



Minister reveals winning design for Qatar pavilion at Expo 2027 Yokohama

HE the Minister of Municipality Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah al-Attiyah revealed yesterday the winning design for Qatar's pavilion at Expo 2027 Yokohama, Japan.

This announcement came at the conclusion of the Msheireb Design Competition 2025, which focused on designing Qatar's pavilion for the Expo.

The competition was organised through a tripartite partnership between the Ministry of Municipality, Qatar University, and Msheireb Properties, with the participation of students from the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at the College of Engineering, Qatar University. The aim was to empower young talent and showcase Qatari architectural identity on the international stage.

The winning design was selected from among several shortlisted entries, which were academically supervised by Qatar University and artistically supervised by Msheireb Properties. It will officially represent Qatar at Expo 2027 Yokohama, under the theme "A Vision for the Future of Happiness".

The winning design is based on Msheireb's architectural language, which embraces the latest sustainability standards and advanced urban planning solutions while preserving Qatari authenticity and identity. This approach reflects Qatar's pride in its cultural and environmental heritage through a modern interpretation that embodies Qatari architecture inspired



by the country's architectural history, relying on innovative solutions and technologies that align with Qatar's stature and future aspirations.

This initiative also embodies Qatar's commitment to strengthening its national identity and showcasing its architectural and cultural heritage on the international stage. This is achieved by integrating elements inspired by the authentic Qatari environment into the design, blending the aesthetic values of traditional architecture with modern technologies and innovation. The result is that the Qatar Pavilion at Expo 2027 will be a symbol embodying its rich heritage and its aspirations for the future.

In his address on this occasion, HE the Minister of Municipality affirmed that this initiative stems from the fruitful collaboration between the ministry and the academic and development sectors. It aims to cultivate a new generation of Qatari designers capable of

creating sustainable architectural solutions that align with the aspirations of the State and Qatar National Vision 2030.

CEO of Msheireb Properties, Engineer Ali al-Kuwari, commended this distinguished tripartite partnership, emphasising that adopting Msheireb's design methodology, which blends authenticity and innovation, is a fundamental pillar in developing architectural projects that embody Qatar's urban identity.

He added that this partnership contributes to establishing the principles of sustainable and smart design that meet future needs and reflect the present in the best possible light, in accordance with the state's comprehensive vision.

During the event held at the Ministry of Municipality headquarters, the minister reviewed the shortlisted designs prepared by students under the academic supervision of Qatar University and with technical collaboration from Msheireb Properties.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Minister of Municipality announced that student Aya al-Rih, from the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at the College of Engineering at Qatar University, had won first place, and that her design had been officially adopted for Qatar's pavilion at the exhibition. Two other students also won second and third place, in recognition of their creativity and outstanding efforts. (QNA)

The View Hospital hosts Cedars-Sinai patient experience workshop



The View Hospital, in affiliation with Cedars-Sinai, hosted a Cedars-Sinai Patient Experience Expert Class as part of an ongoing effort to cultivate healthier communities in Qatar and across the region.

The workshop brought together patient experience professionals from Cedars-Sinai and hospitals in Qatar to explore innovative strategies for enhancing patient experience. A full-day workshop aimed to elevate patient-centred care and to instill a culture of excellence across healthcare organisations. The programme began with welcome remarks by Dr Andy Jaffal, CMO of The View Hospital, and was led by Cedars-Sinai experts Alan Dubovsky, vice-president and chief patient experience officer, and Max Nicholson, associate director, Patient Experience. Together, they set the stage for a programme that combined international expertise with practical frameworks tailored to local needs.

Class discussions explored how organisations can secure leadership support and create govern-

ance structures that integrate patient experience throughout healthcare systems. Sessions examined the importance of translating strategy into action, ensuring that improvements are not just aspirational but measurable and sustainable.

Participants also engaged in conversations about the daily operations of patient experience teams, the role of patient feedback in shaping services, and the continuous improvement practices that drive long-term impact.

Dr Fatih Gul, CEO of The View Hospital, said: "Hosting this workshop is a great reflection of our ongoing commitment to advancing patient experience and investing in our people. Through our affiliation with Cedars-Sinai, we continue to bring international best practices to Qatar, empowering our teams to deliver care that is both compassionate and world-class." The afternoon featured a group exercise, where attendees worked collaboratively to transform insights into actionable solutions, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

QIASS holds panel discussion on Arab Water Security



Senior policymakers, diplomats, academics and environmental experts gathered in Doha for a high-level panel discussion addressing one of the region's most pressing challenges: water security.

This was organised by the Qatar International Academy for Security Studies (QIASS). The event was held in collaboration with the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DIGS) and in partnership with Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Defence, and Public Works Authority (Ashghal).

Entitled 'Water Security in the Arab World: Development Pathways and Conflict Roots', the event was inaugurated by HE the Minister of State at the Ministry



of Foreign Affairs Dr Mohammed bin Abdulaziz al-Khulaifi.

In his opening remarks, HE Dr al-Khulaifi said: "We believe that water security cannot be achieved through individual efforts, but through collective co-operation and the establishment of joint frameworks for managing trans-boundary resources, moving away from the logic of conflict and towards the logic of partnership. In this context, I would like to emphasise three key messages. First, water security is a human security issue before it is a political one; we cannot speak of development or stability when people are deprived of their right to clean water. Second, technical solutions alone are not sufficient. We need sound policies, transparent governance,

and regional co-operation that prioritises shared interests over short-term gains. Third, water can serve as a bridge for co-operation, if managed wisely, becoming a gateway to economic integration and a tool for building trust among nations".

The session examined how the Arab world's acute water scarcity, exacerbated by climate change, population growth, and energy-intensive desalination, has transformed water from a technical issue into a strategic vulnerability. The speakers also highlighted Qatar's opportunity to lead through low-carbon desalination, circular water economies, and regional co-operation frameworks that link the water, energy, and food sectors.

Al Jasra Club discusses values in a time of transformation

Al Jasra Cultural and Social Club organised a lecture titled "Our Ethics and Life: Values in a Time of Transformations", presented by Dr Kamal Aslan, a visiting professor at Qatar University who holds a PhD in Ethics with honours and has contributed to numerous research projects for the Al Jazeera Center for Studies.

The lecture was moderated by writer Hanan Badie, who welcomed Dr Aslan and the attendees, emphasising the importance of ethics in building a sustainable society and providing individuals with a sense of security and the ability to face challenges. During the lecture, Dr Aslan raised several fundamental questions about the need for values and



ethics, the impact of their absence on society, the causes of the current ethical crisis, and the means of instilling values and building sound behaviour. He pointed out that rapid transformations in various fields necessitate ethical awareness and the ability to adapt without compromising core values, warning against succumbing to a utilitarian ethics that justifies any means, regardless of their violation of religion, customs, and traditions.

He explained that the absence of ethics has had repercussions on multiple levels, including the economic sphere with its prevalence of fraud, exploitation, and monopolies. As well as the social sphere with its disintegration of families and deviance; the political sphere with its corruption and hypocrisy; the intellectual sphere with its theft of other peoples' efforts and the dissemination of corrupt ideologies; and the media sphere with its misinformation and deception. This is compounded by deficiencies in the educational system, which has failed to instil values in schools and colleges. He added that knowledge alone is insufficient; it must be translated into practical behaviour.

Al-Mujadilah official named among world's 500 most influential Muslims for 2026

The 2026 edition of 'The Muslim 500: The World's 500 Most Influential Muslims' published by Jordan's Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre has recognised Dr Sohaira Siddiqui, executive director at Qatar Foundation's Al-Mujadilah Center and Mosque for Women and associate professor of Islamic Studies at Georgetown University in Qatar, as one of the leading voices influencing the global Muslim community.

Published annually, 'The Muslim 500' honours individuals shaping the global Muslim community across diverse fields such as politics, religion, education, science, technology, culture, and social life. In the 2026 edition, Dr Siddiqui has been recognised in the Social Issues category which celebrates those driving meaningful change through social impact, advocacy, and human rights.

Dr Siddiqui appears alongside



Dr Sohaira Siddiqui

distinguished women, including South Africa's former Minister of International Relations and Co-operation Naledi Pandor, and the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina J Mohammed.

Dr Siddiqui said: "This recognition is a testament not only to my personal journey but to the vision and commitment of everyone at Al-Mujadilah. Our work is driven by the belief that women's spaces of faith, learning, and leadership are essential to the flourishing of the Muslim Ummah. I hope this

honour shines a light on the vital role women play in shaping the intellectual and spiritual life of our communities."

The 2026 edition of 'The Muslim 500' highlights Dr Siddiqui's leadership as the founding executive director of Al-Mujadilah – the first purpose-built mosque and centre dedicated exclusively to Muslim women, as well as her seminal academic contributions to Islamic legal theory and political thought.

Recently, Dr Siddiqui published her latest book, *Islamic Law on Trial: Contesting Colonial Power in British India*, which challenges long-standing assumptions about the effects of colonialism on Islamic law and tradition. Her broader scholarship explores issues of gender, authority, and participation in Muslim societies, with a particular focus on law under colonial rule and its implications today.

Qatar, Saudi sign pact for tourism promotion

Qatar Tourism and the Saudi Tourism Authority have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance co-operation in tourism promotion and marketing, aiming to strengthen bilateral efforts and expand collaboration across the sector.

The MoU was signed by Chief Executive Officer of Visit Qatar, Engineer Abdulaziz Ali al-Mawlawi, and CEO and member of the board of the Saudi Tourism Authority, Fahd Hamidaddin.

Under the agreement, both parties will collaborate on key initiatives, including joint participation in international exhibitions and conferences, organising tourism events, and promoting marketing opportunities in both countries. The partnership also focuses on specialised tourism sectors such as beach, cultural, and heritage tourism, while encouraging tourism flows through strengthened co-operation between travel agencies and tour operators.

The MoU provides for the exchange of tourism data, expertise, and innovative technologies, supporting the development of joint tourism projects and the delivery of seamless and innovative visitor experiences. Additionally, the two authorities will co-ordinate



within international tourism organisations to share best practices and advance common interests.

This framework will guide future joint programmes, outlining activities, methods of collaboration, and mechanisms to achieve shared goals, contributing to the growth and diversification of tourism in both nations.

The agreement highlights Qatar and Saudi Arabia's joint commitment to deepening tourism integration, aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030 and Saudi Vision 2030, and to boosting tourism's role in sustainable economic growth. (QNA)



Slovenia president meets PM

President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Nataša Pirc Musar, met yesterday with HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed the bilateral relations and discussed ways to further enhance and develop co-operation in various fields, in addition to a number of issues of common interest. **(QNA)**



Qatar, Slovenia to expand relations

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His Highness the Amir and the president of Slovenia held a bilateral meeting during which they exchanged views on a host of topics of mutual interest.

His Highness the Amir also hosted a luncheon in honour of the president and her accompanying delegation.

The president of Slovenia had arrived at the Amiri Diwan earlier, where she was accorded an official reception ceremony.



Recognising Palestine is the only way forward: Slovenian president

By **Joey Aguilar**
Staff Reporter

Slovenian President Dr Nataša Pirc Musar urged nations to move beyond geo-political divisions and uphold international law, describing her nation's recognition of Palestine as an important step towards realising a two-state solution and securing lasting peace in the Middle East.

"When Slovenia recognised Palestine a year and a half ago, it was not an easy decision. We were one of the first three European countries, alongside Spain and Ireland, to take that step after

many years. But it was the right thing to do, to be on the right side of history," Dr Pirc Musar told the audience during her lecture, "The Realities of Multipolarism vs the Need for Multilateralism", at Hamad Bin Khalifa University yesterday.

The lecture formed part of her official visit to Qatar and reflected HBKU's ongoing commitment to advancing international dialogue on diplomacy and governance. Elected in 2022 as Slovenia's first woman head of state, Dr Pirc Musar discussed global power dynamics, the erosion of multilateral co-operation, and the moral responsibility of states to act in defence of humanity.

Dr Pirc Musar noted that 150 out of 193 United Nations member states now recognise Palestine, calling the move "a necessary first step" towards equality and dialogue. "If you advocate for a two-state solution," she said, "don't you think it is hypocrisy to recognise one state and not the other?"

She stressed that Slovenia's support for Palestine stems from both moral conviction and historical experience. Drawing parallels with the 1995 genocide in Srebrenica, she recalled how the tragedy in the Balkans continues to shape her nation's empathy toward people suffering under conflict.

"The sympathy we have for

those who suffer is still alive because of Srebrenica. Watching the situation in Palestine brings back those painful memories," the Slovenian president said.

She also condemned political polarisation within Europe, questioning why human rights and humanitarian principles have become issues of left and right.

"Are human rights left or right? They are not," she said, recounting how she was criticised by right-wing parties after describing the situation in Gaza as genocide before the European Parliament.

"I am neither pro-Palestinian nor pro-Israeli. I am for humanity. If we neglect international

law, what's left? Chaos," Dr Pirc Musar said.

Noting that peace requires both justice and equality, she said that recognising Palestinian statehood is not a solution in itself but "a first step" toward building a fair and lasting peace.

She pointed out that Israel "deserves to have a state," but condemned the violations of international law following October 7, questioning Israel's claims of self-defence on foreign territory.

"You have the right to self-defence on your own territory. On foreign territory, the answer is no," she stressed. Dr Pirc Musar warned that the world today faces more than 65 armed conflicts,

the highest number since World War II, and lamented the global community's inability to stop wars in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and elsewhere. "That's where we are today in the 21st century," she said. Dr Pirc Musar underlined Slovenia's diplomatic stance as a nation without colonial history and "without hidden agendas." She called on world leaders to restore faith in multilateralism, pursue dialogue grounded in international law, and commit to peace not as a slogan, but as a shared obligation.

"If we want permanent peace and justice, we must offer statehood for Palestine. That is the only way forward," she said.

AJMI wraps up training for little entrepreneurs

AI Jazeera Media Institute (AJMI) concluded a new training programme titled 'Little Entrepreneur' for 14 boys and girls. The participants experienced the process of establishing their own projects from the idea to launching phase in a journey aimed at instilling in them initiative and innovation spirit. They were introduced to the world of entrepreneurship through stories, games, and interactive discussions, while learning key concepts such as: entrepreneur, product, customer, and service. The children moved on to selecting project ideas that match their interests and satisfy customer needs. The programme ended with presenting the projects at a



business exhibition. Among the standout projects was 'Key Craft', which produces 3D keychains featuring personalised names or logos. Course instructor Dr Rania El Jammal noted that the experience goes beyond theoretical introduction to entrepreneurship to offer children the chance to live it in practice. The

closing exhibition featured Snoonu CEO Hamad al-Hajri, who toured projects and reviewed participants' work models, expressing his admiration for the quality of their efforts. AJMI will offer several training courses for youth in December, including another round of 'Entrepreneurship for Youth' course.

Slovenian president reiterates end to UN Security Council veto power

By **Joey Aguilar**
Staff Reporter

Slovenian President Dr Nataša Pirc Musar has reiterated her call to abolish the United Nations (UN) Security Council's absolute veto power, arguing that the privilege 'corrupts absolutely' and has left the UN in a 'big struggle' to uphold its mission of global peace and security.

"When you do have something absolute, it is always a problem," she said. "You know what the saying is?, 'Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.' It is so true, also in politics," Pirc Musar said in her lecture, titled "The Realities of Multipolarism vs the Need for Multilateralism".

She was speaking at Hamad Bin Khalifa University's Minaretin Auditorium yesterday, addressing global governance, artificial intelligence, and gender equity. The event forms part of her official visit to Qatar and reflected HBKU's ongoing efforts to foster international dialogue on diplomacy and leadership.

Elected in 2022 as Slovenia's first woman head of state, Pirc Musar used the platform to make an appeal for UN reform, particularly targeting what she described as the "hybrid war" within the Security Council, where five permanent members – the United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia, and China – hold veto powers. The Slovenian president noted that while France and the United Kingdom have refrained from using the veto since 1986, other permanent members continue to use, and in some cases, abuse the power, stalling collective action in times of global crisis. "For 25 years we have been discussing UN reform. For 25 years we didn't make any steps," she added.



President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Nataša Pirc Musar, left Doha yesterday following an official visit to the State of Qatar. She was seen off upon departure at Hamad International Airport by HE the Minister of Social Development and Family, Buthaina bint Ali al-Jabr al-Nuaimi; ambassador of the State of Qatar (non-resident) to the Republic of Slovenia, Jassim Yacoub al-Hammadi; and ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia (non-resident) to the State of Qatar, Natalia al-Mansour. **(QNA)**

Dr Pirc Musar outlined three proposals to curb the Security Council's unchecked authority: Restricting voting rights of countries under discussion in the Council; banning the use of vetoes in cases involving mass atrocities, crimes against humanity, or genocide; and subjecting veto decisions to review by the UN General Assembly, where a two-thirds majority could overrule or confirm them.

The Slovenian president cited her September address at the UN General Assembly, where Slovenia urged the body to seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legality and limits of the veto power in cases of humanitarian crises. "Now is the time to discuss this really very important topic," she said, adding that "we don't have another 25 years to waste".

Dr Pirc Musar also touched on the interconnectedness of global issues,

from wars in Ukraine, Palestine, and Sudan to the ethical implications of artificial intelligence: "Everything is interconnected," she stressed, adding that knowledge-sharing and cultural dialogue are vital to overcoming political egoism and sustaining multilateral co-operation.

"Knowledge is to be shared and not a single country on this planet has all the knowledge it needs," she said. "If you only stick to your own country and are not willing to share, that is egoistic."

Dr Pirc Musar also tackled the theme of gender equity, linking it to the broader struggle for fairness and inclusion in global governance. Echoing her faith in multilateralism, she described the UN as "the only multilateral body covering the whole planet", insisting that it "should be the diamond of international politics".

Deputy PM of North Macedonia meets Qatar's charge d'affaires



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport of the Republic of North Macedonia Aleksandar Nikoloski met with Charge d'Affaires at the embassy of the State of Qatar to North Macedonia Rashid bin Saeed al-Khayarin. The meeting discussed bilateral co-operation relations. **(QNA)**

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HBKU, Qatar Primary Materials Company sign pact for 3D project

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) and Qatar Primary Materials Company (Al-Awalia) have signed a co-operation agreement for a short-track research project that utilises materials supplied by the latter to develop innovative concrete materials for 3D printing using recycled aggregate it produces.

The agreement was signed by Dr Eyad Ahmad Masad, vice-president for research, HBKU, and Abdullah al-Kuwari, chief commercial officer, Al-Awalia, in the presence of company executives and university faculty, researchers, and staff.

The partnership positions both organisations to drive translational research aimed at advancing Qatar's construction sector through innovative, resource-efficient, and environmentally sustainable practices.

It also supports national efforts to promote sustainability and the adoption of modern technologies within the construction materials sector, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030, which emphasises



Qatar Primary Materials Company and HBKU officials at the signing ceremony.

environmental and economic sustainability.

By leveraging HBKU's scientific and research expertise alongside Al-Awalia's industry insights, the collaboration will contribute to optimising the use of materials, reducing environmental impact, and strengthening the long-term resilience and competitiveness of the state's infrastructure.

Accordingly, the collaboration framework will see the joint development of an innovative concrete material optimised for 3D printing applications, utilising

recycled aggregates sourced from Al-Awalia demolition waste.

The primary objective is to design, formulate, and evaluate printable cementitious mixtures that incorporate these recycled materials, ensuring they meet the performance requirements for extrusion-based additive manufacturing.

HBKU will lead research efforts in mix design optimisation, rheological characterisation, and mechanical performance evaluation.

Al-Awalia will supply demolition-sourced aggregate materials,

provide relevant processing data, and support with quality control information related to aggregate properties.

Dr Masad stated: "We are proud to be joining forces with Al-Awalia on this project, which will enhance research, development, innovation and sustainability within Qatar's construction industry. This partnership exemplifies how strategic collaboration can harness collective competencies to unlock human potential and shape solutions to address national priorities."

Al-Kuwari stated: "This partnership with Hamad Bin Khalifa University represents an important step toward supporting applied research that contributes to the advancement of Qatar's construction materials sector. It reflects our strong belief in the power of scientific research and innovation as key drivers of sustainability. Through this collaboration, we aim to utilise recycled aggregate to develop practical and eco-friendly solutions that support Qatar's sustainable development goals."

Mercedes-Benz models recalled

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in co-operation with Nasser Bin Khaled and Sons Automobiles Company, has announced the recall of Mercedes-Benz GLE, GLS 2023-2025 models as software for the engine control unit may not correspond to manufacturer specifications and may cause an increase in combustion failure at idle and in the partial-load range during the "CAT heating" operating mode.

The ministry said the recall campaign comes within the framework of its ongoing efforts to protect consumers and ensure that car dealers follow up on vehicle defects and repairs.

The ministry said it will coordinate with the dealer to follow up on the maintenance and repair works and will communicate with customers to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out.

The ministry urged all consumers to report any violations or breaches by contacting the Consumer Protection and Combating Commercial Fraud Department, which receives complaints, suggestions, and inquiries through the following communication channels: Call Centre: 16001, e-mail: info@moci.gov.qa, ministry's accounts on social media: @mociqatar, ministry's Mobile App: MOCIQATAR (available on iOS and Android devices)

Kahramaa Awareness Park wins Gulf Excellence Award for conservation

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Qatar General Electricity and Water Corp (Kahramaa) announced that its Awareness Park has won the 2025 Gulf Excellence Award for Energy and Water Efficiency in Buildings, in the educational sector category.

Kahramaa Awareness Park is a pioneering model in sustainability and innovation, utilising advanced technologies to optimise electricity and water consumption in alignment with Qatar National Vision 2030, said Kahramaa in a press release.

President of Kahramaa, Eng Abdulla bin Ali al-Thayab stated: "This achievement reflects our firm commitment to sustainability and innovation. The Awareness



Park is not just a building-it is a beacon of knowledge and a driver of positive change in society."

For his part, Director of the Conservation and Energy Efficiency Department, Eng Rashid al-Rahimi noted that the park "embodies Kahramaa's vision and the goals of the National Programme for Conservation and Energy Efficiency 'Tarshed' by integrating technology, educa-

tion, and community engagement through its advanced systems and awareness programs."

The park aims to instil a culture of conservation and support Qatar's sustainable future through its advanced systems and educational initiatives. It also promotes environmental values and links them to daily behaviour, especially among youth and students. The park offers interactive educational

tours, exhibitions using AI and virtual reality, a gym that generates energy from movement, and strong partnerships with schools, universities, and international organisations, including Unesco.

Inspired by Qatar's natural environment, the park's design incorporates eco-friendly materials, advanced thermal insulation, and three renewable energy sources (solar, wind, and thermal), making it a model of green architecture. The building also features smart systems, innovative irrigation technologies, and water recycling systems that reduce resource consumption, enhance natural lighting, and promote sustainable transportation.

The park welcomes over 75,000 visitors annually, with a special focus on students, researchers, and families.

The Highmore to host award-winning musical tribute

From November 15 to 18, The Highmore at Waldorf Astoria Doha Lusail welcomes back Nigel Miles-Thomas with his adaptation of Charles Dickens presenting Joni Mitchell: Take Me As I Am.

The award-winning production offers 'an unforgettable evening of music and storytelling, celebrating and transforming a timeless tale into a captivating performance,' a statement said yesterday.

"Written and performed by Raine Blake and produced by Nigel Miles-Thomas, this internationally celebrated show transports audiences to the 1970s, capturing the creative spirit of Joni Mitchell. With masterful musicianship Blake brings every note and story to life through iconic songs such as *California*, *Both Sides Now*, and *A Case of You*.



"Tickets are priced at QR95, with doors opening at 7pm, this immersive production offers a magical start to the festive season, combining classic storytelling with outstanding stagecraft in an intimate and elegant setting," the statement added.

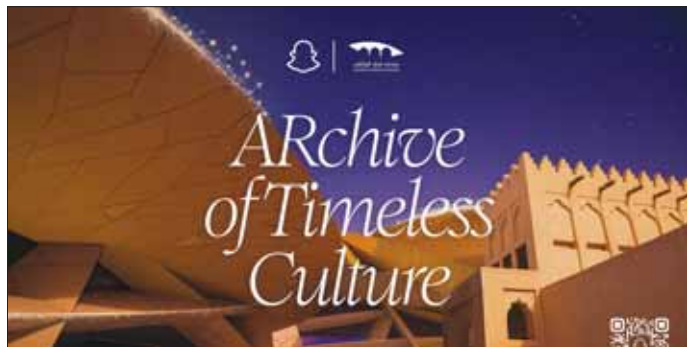
Snap Inc partners with QM to launch AR experiences

Snap Inc has partnered with Qatar Museums (QM) to celebrate the latter's anniversary with immersive augmented reality (AR) experiences.

As part of the broader "Evolution Nation" campaign, these activations bring Qatar's rich cultural heritage and contemporary identity to life through innovative digital storytelling.

This initiative launches with immersive AR experiences at the National Museum of Qatar (NMoQ) and Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, inviting visitors to engage with Qatar's cultural story through innovative digital tools.

The collaboration debuts with ARchive of Timeless Culture at NMoQ, inviting visitors to explore the museum's timeline from the historic palace of Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim al-Thani to the Jean Nouvel-de-



signed landmark of today.

Marking a major milestone for Snap in the region, this initiative introduces the first-ever use of Spectacles, Snap's next-generation wearable technology that enables users to interact with digital experiences overlaid on the real world. Snapchat's AR brings hidden stories and milestones to life, creating an immersive experience.

VIP guests at the 50th anniversary celebration also enjoyed a hands-free spectacles experience for an exclusive exploration of the museum's story.

Available on Snapchat and Spectacles, "Past" highlights Qatar's first cultural hub, established in 1906 with the original White Palace.

Guided by a glowing astro-labe, visitors saw transforma-

tion in 1975 into the old Qatar National Museum, marking key milestones in the nation's cultural journey.

"Snapchat has a highly engaged community in Qatar and across the region, and we are proud to collaborate with the NMoQ on an initiative that connects heritage with innovation. Through the power of AR, culture travels, allowing stories to transcend time and space, and bringing history closer to people in new and meaningful ways," said Hussein Freijeh, Vice-President of Snap Inc in Middle East and North Africa.

"Through this collaboration with Snap, we invite visitors to experience Qatar's stories in an entirely new way - connecting generations, preserving our cultural milestones, and inspiring curiosity about what comes next," Sheikh Abdulaziz al-Thani, director of NMoQ, said.

QIIB announces 'Joud' October winners

QIIB has announced the 10 lucky winners of the monthly prizes for its 'Joud' savings account that offers customers opportunities to win a variety of cash prizes throughout the year, including monthly, quarterly, and annual draws, with a grand prize of QR1mn.

The October prize draw took place at the QIIB headquarters, in the presence of senior bank officials and a representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The winners of the QR10,000 prizes for the October draw are: Turkey Yousuf al-Subaey, Mohammed Essa al-Binali, Fatma Haji Abdulmalik, Abdulaziz Mohammed al-Kubaisi, Abdulwahed Salah Shaker, Ahmad Mohammed al-Qahtani, Sairah Regeh al-Bishi, Asma Abdulla al-Bader, Fatma Ali al-Binali and Ibrahim Mahmoud al-Mahmoud.

The total number of prizes for the 'Joud' savings account from QIIB is 141 throughout the year.



This includes the highly anticipated annual grand prize of QR1mn, 20 quarterly prizes (five per quarter) each valued at QR50,000, and 120 monthly prizes (10 per month) each worth QR10,000.

Every QIIB customer with a 'Joud' savings account is eligible to participate in these draws. For every balance of QR10,000 maintained, customers receive an additional entry into the prize draws conducted throughout the year.

Ibtechar launches 8th 'Sanea Competition'

Ibtechar has announced the launch of the eighth edition of the 'Sanea Competition', under the sponsorship of Ras Laffan Industrial City Community Outreach Programme (COP).

The launch ceremony brought together key figures from the education, energy, and technology sectors, along with participating students and teachers, to mark the opening of the Sanea Northern Area 2025-2026 edition. This year, 17 teams from 10 schools across northern Qatar will participate in a six-month programme that inspires creativ-



ity through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Guided by 15 teachers, who will

also receive advanced training from the Sanea Programme powered by Ibtechar, students will learn how to translate innovative

ideas into working prototypes. The Sanea Competition focuses on empowering Qatari youth with the STEM skills required to enable

innovation and drive impact in society. Throughout the competition, participants will progress from identifying real-world challenges to developing practical, technology-driven solutions. Projects will be assessed by an expert panel of judges based on criteria such as design process, product functionality, teamwork, and presentation skills. Nayef al-Ibrahim, co-founder and CEO of Ibtechar, said: "With every edition of Sanea, we continue to expand the programme's reach and deepen its impact, empowering young people across Qatar

with the tools, resources and guidance to unlock their creativity and transform ideas into actions. "Since its inception in 2016, the Sanea Competition has empowered more than 500 Qatari youth to explore innovation through hands-on discovery and creative problem-solving. Ibtechar has also trained over 180 teachers to provide technical and mentorship support, resulting in more than 200 project submissions to date." For more information about the Sanea Competition, visit www.ibtechar.com

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Too big to swallow?
Lukoil empire no
simple acquisition
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Russian energy group Lukoil's foreign empire is suitor Gunvor's biggest acquisition target to date but looks far beyond the Swiss trader's borrowing capacity, bankers and insiders say. Lukoil launched the sale of foreign assets on October 27 after coming under fresh US and UK sanctions. Three days later it entered talks to sell to Gunvor.

The Russian company is three times bigger than Gunvor if measured by equity. Its foreign assets include refineries in Europe, shares in oilfields in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iraq and Mexico, plus hundreds of retail fuel stations around the world.

Vienna-based owner Lukoil International GmbH had equity of \$22 billion, its 2024 financial report showed, with \$18.8b worth of fixed assets such as real estate and equipment and \$3.2bn in cash.

The composition of assets and their value have not changed since 2024, said two sources close to Lukoil. The company also has no debt, according to its filings and the sources.

Gunvor, meanwhile, reported equity of \$6.8bn in 2024. Both companies declined to comment for this story.

Like most trading houses, Gunvor has a light portfolio of fixed assets and a lot of cash after generating billions of dollars in volatile oil and gas markets over recent years.

Gunvor's 2024 equity included \$4.3bn of cash and fixed assets worth about \$2.5bn.

While its cash position should help towards any acquisition, it would still need to borrow nearly \$18bn if Lukoil was valued at \$22bn.

One of Putin's
closest allies sold
out of Gunvor in
2014 because of US
sanctions on him

at minus 0.6 last year thanks to abundant cash and relatively low adjusted debt of \$3.8bn. If Gunvor were to borrow \$18bn and spend all its cash, that ratio would shoot above 2, which the two banking sources said would be unacceptable to lenders.

For lending purposes banks require trading houses to have a debt to equity ratio of no more than 1.5, the bankers said.

The deal would also face multiple state regulatory hurdles and could refocus attention on Gunvor's ties to Russia.

Authorities in countries where Lukoil is present would have to clear the deal. Lukoil produces half a million barrels of oil per day outside Russia, or 0.5% of global oil output, from countries such as Iraq, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan.

Furthermore, Gunvor has never managed a big oil project.

Authorities in Iraq, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan declined to comment. Bulgaria, meanwhile, is drafting legal changes to seize control of Lukoil's Burgas refinery, local media reported after politicians said they wanted a new owner free of Russian ties.

Gunvor has assets in Russia but has distanced itself from Moscow and has much bigger operations in the United States.

The Swiss company was once the biggest trader of Russian oil after its expansion during the 2000s, when Chief Executive Torbjorn Tornqvist co-owned Gunvor with Gennady Timchenko, one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest allies.

Timchenko sold out of Gunvor in 2014 because of US sanctions on him. The US Treasury said at the time, without presenting evidence, that Putin had investments in Gunvor and possibly access to Gunvor funds. Gunvor denied the claims.

Further complicating matters are the dozens of Lukoil projects outside Russia with oil majors such as Chevron, BP, Eni and Shell.

The projects, such as Karachaganak in Kazakhstan or Shah Deniz in Azerbaijan, give existing partners pre-emption rights to purchase assets if one of the partners, such as Lukoil, decides to sell out.

Chevron, BP, Eni and Shell declined to comment. Gunvor is awaiting deal approval from US regulators, Tornqvist said this week, adding that he has no plan to sell assets back to Lukoil if sanctions are lifted in the future. — Reuters

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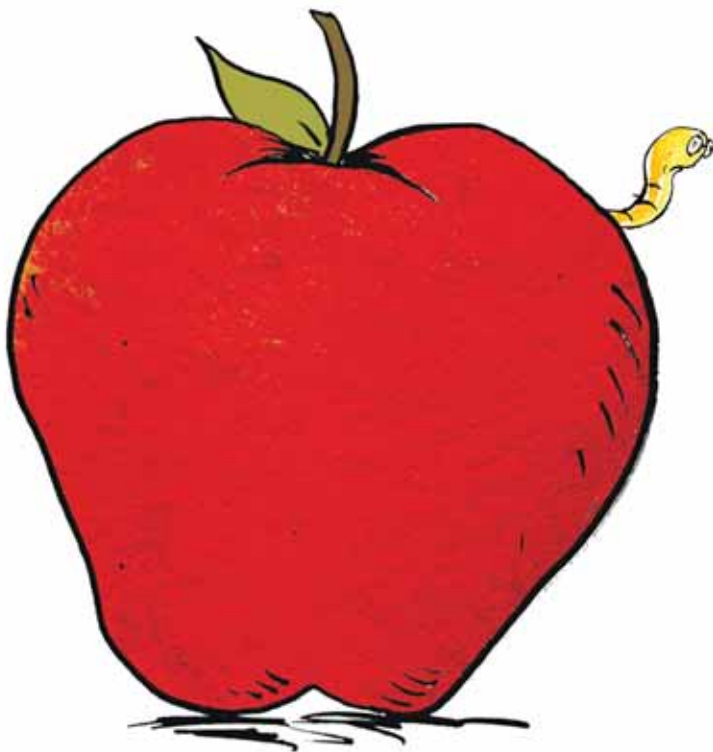
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Can Europe and China
forge a climate alliance?

By Jean Pisani-Ferry and
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In early 2021, the European Union shelved the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment it had negotiated with China after the United States signalled its disapproval. At the time, deferring to the new US administration seemed prudent, because Europe was eager to rebuild transatlantic unity after Donald Trump's first term. For a while, it looked like a wise move: US President Joe Biden soon rejoined the Paris climate agreement and proclaimed that "America is back".

To be sure, the relationship between Europe and the Biden administration was not frictionless, especially after passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which mobilised tens of billions of dollars to support US industries. Overall, though, transatlantic disputes were contained, and America's steadfast support for Ukraine appeared to have shored up transatlantic relations.

But since Trump's return to the White House, transatlantic solidarity has again curdled into strategic vulnerability. Sweeping US tariffs have hurt friends and foes alike. Fearing a complete withdrawal of US military support for Ukraine (or worse), European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen agreed to a one-sided handshake trade

deal with Trump in Scotland. Meanwhile, the US has continued to dismantle the postwar order, regarding it as what Secretary of State Marco Rubio calls a "weapon being used against us".

After again withdrawing the US from the Paris agreement, Trump is actively undermining renewable energy and climate action more broadly. In mid-October, the US unilaterally sabotaged a recently agreed International Maritime Organisation compact on reducing emissions from shipping; and this month, it will do what it can to derail an ambitious agreement at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Brazil.

Tragically, with the world missing meaningful chances to keep global temperatures near the Paris targets, the risk of a deeper unravelling has grown. That may suit US short-term interests and the fossil-fuel lobbies, but it will spell disaster for the planet – especially the most vulnerable developing countries.

The one point on which Republicans and Democrats agree is that China must not be allowed to supplant the US as the de facto leader of the international order. While the latest rapprochement between Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping may de-escalate bilateral tensions for a while, it certainly does not change the nature of a rivalry that will shape international relations for many years, if not decades.

Faced with American nationalism and Chinese

assertiveness, Europe can no longer afford strategic passivity. Despite its economic weight, it has not been a player in this game, and certainly not in the contest for global dominance.

As a supporter of a rules-based international order, Europe cannot side comfortably with either China or Trump's America. But in an increasingly multipolar world, it does have enough clout to tilt the balance one way or another. While it has so far sided with the US, the Trump administration's unpredictability and belligerence give Europe reason to consider alternative options.

Yes, the EU has its own grievances vis-à-vis China. But the two also have ample common ground, not least when it comes to climate change and the energy transition. As the world's top emitter of greenhouse gases and top producer of clean tech, China's manufacturing future hinges on the success of the global green transition.

China and Europe thus share a strategic interest in advancing the climate transition across emerging markets and low-income countries. After all, the fate of the climate – and of the natural environment – increasingly depends on developing economies, which already account for the bulk of current and future emissions. If their growth continues to be powered by fossil fuels, the resulting climate-driven damage will impose mounting costs on everyone. As we show in a recent policy paper, it is far more cost-

effective to help emerging markets and developing economies expand through renewable energy than to pay for rapidly increasing climate-related costs.

To that end, a pragmatic partnership between Europe and China could help not only Europe and China, but all current and future generations. What would it take to pull it off? Given low mutual trust, several conditions must be met.

First, trade frictions must not become a stumbling block as Chinese net exports surge (owing to weak domestic demand), and as trade is redirected away from the US and toward Europe. To prevent increased frictions, both sides must show maturity and agree on a clear quid pro quo.

As French and German economists proposed in a recent memo to both governments, Chinese access to the European market should be unconditional for certain goods such as solar panels, but still conditional on Chinese direct investment in, and technology transfers to, Europe for goods like electric vehicles; at the same time, imports should remain severely restricted in certain industries deemed critical for national security.

The second and most challenging condition is geopolitical. Most Chinese analysts regard Europe as a mere vassal of the US, and see the war in Ukraine as a conflict between the latter and Russia over their relative spheres of influence.

Europeans, of course, have a different reading. They see Russia as an aggressive neo-imperial power that aims to get its hands on Europe if it can manage to neutralise Ukraine. In a context where the US is increasingly fixated on Asia and the rivalry with China, the Kremlin's brazen hybrid war on Western Europe makes its intentions clear. A trade and climate partnership would serve the common interest of both China and Europe. But it can be envisioned only if China ends its support for Russian aggression and adopts a more neutral stance. The quid pro quo would be that Europe asserts real strategic autonomy vis-à-vis the US.

If Europe and China can meet these conditions, they can lay the foundation for a green, rules-based partnership – not against America, but in defence of the global commons and their own future. — Project Syndicate

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Green Island



Recycling station at Green Island.



Teachers at Green Island.

Qatar Foundation: Leading the way in building a sustainable future

By Noor Al-Rawi

As global efforts intensify to combat climate change, Qatar Foundation continues to lead the charge in embedding sustainability into the nation's education, research, and community life. In an exclusive interview with *Gulf Times, Dr Nawal Al Sulaiti, Sustainability Manager at Qatar Foundation, discusses how QF is advancing environmental stewardship and shaping a sustainable future for Qatar, one that aligns seamlessly with the Qatar National Vision 2030.

How does Qatar Foundation's approach to sustainability align with the broader objectives of Qatar National Vision 2030?

Dr Al Sulaiti: Qatar Foundation's sustainability approach is deeply aligned with the Qatar National Vision 2030, particularly its pillars of environmental development and human development. QF integrates sustainability across its operations, education, and community life, not as a separate goal, but as a way of living and working.

Our initiatives focus on building environmental awareness, reducing carbon footprint, promoting research and innovation, and nurturing a culture of responsibility among the community. In this way, we contribute directly to the national goal of balancing economic growth with environmental preservation for future generations.

Could you highlight some of the key sustainability achievements within Education City that have had a measurable impact?

Dr Al Sulaiti: Education City serves as a living model of sustainable urban development. Some notable achievements include its green building standards, with many buildings across Education City being LEED-certified, demonstrating energy and water efficiency.

In addition, sustainable mobility has been enhanced through the introduction of the Education City Tram, which significantly reduces carbon emissions by providing a clean, electric transportation alternative. This system, the first battery-operated tram charged by pantographs, has already reduced gas emissions by 10% and air pollution by 20%. It serves more than 100,000 passengers a month and has surpassed four million journeys since launch.

Education City has also implemented recycling and waste reduction programs, including waste segregation, composting of organic material, and resource reuse, leading to a measurable decrease in landfill waste. Furthermore, water and energy optimisation initiatives, such as smart



Dr Nawal Al Sulaiti, Sustainability Manager at Qatar Foundation

irrigation systems and renewable energy projects, have reduced consumption across facilities.

Collectively, these efforts demonstrate tangible progress toward a greener campus and community. QF's sustainability commitment has even earned recognition as a 'Climate Conscious' organisation by South Pole, and its carbon-neutral initiatives set a regional benchmark.

What role does innovation play in QF's efforts to create a more sustainable and environmentally conscious community?

Dr Al Sulaiti: Innovation is at the heart of QF's sustainability strategy. Through our research institutes, universities, and community programmes, we drive innovative solutions to environmental challenges, from water and energy management to sustainable food systems.

For example, partnerships with the Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) have enabled the piloting of renewable technologies and advanced environmental monitoring systems across Education City. This includes deploying multiple air quality stations to track gas levels and develop mitigation measures that help reduce CO₂ emissions, particularly in parking areas.

Similarly, community-driven initiatives such as urban farming projects, including QF's Park and Plant program, aim to densify and beautify Education City while engaging the community in greening efforts, demonstrating how creativity can translate into everyday sustainable practices.

Beyond Education City, QF's innovation hubs are achieving global impact. Projects such as the Solar Carbon Black Project, developed with Texas A&M University at Qatar and Fraunhofer IWS, are creating clean industrial processes that produce high-grade carbon without greenhouse gas emissions. The Distributed Solar Smart-Grid System, meanwhile, enables real-time monitoring and optimisation of solar energy generation across QF facilities, enhancing efficiency and resilience.

How do initiatives like the micro farms contribute to fostering environmental awareness and community engagement?

Dr Al Sulaiti: The micro farms are a practical example of sustainability in action. They connect students, staff, and the wider community with nature and local food systems. Through hands-on participation, individuals learn about composting, water conservation, and sustainable food production.

These spaces foster environmental awareness, collaboration, and a sense of shared responsibility, inspiring behavioural change by showing that sustainability begins with small, everyday actions that collectively make a big difference.

Teaching students about planting and home composting in the micro farm greenhouse helps them develop practical skills that they can share with their families and friends. Moreover, the outdoor community garden, where families enjoy growing their own vegetables and donating a portion to families in need, nurtures social responsibility, empathy, and community collaboration.

In what ways is QF working to instill sustainability values among students, researchers, and residents within Education City?

Dr Al Sulaiti: QF integrates sustainability into the very fabric of learning and campus life. For students, environmental education is embedded into both curricula and extracurricular activities, nurturing future leaders who value responsible living.

For researchers, QF supports projects addressing local and global sustainability challenges, from energy and water management to biodiversity conservation. For residents, initiatives such as green living workshops, recycling campaigns, and community gardens engage families and residents in sustainable practices.

A key example is Green Island, Qatar's first and only sustainability education hub. It encompasses all aspects of sustainability, from recycling and upcycling (in partnership with Ashghal), to solar energy (with QatarEnergy), water and energy conservation (with Kahramaa), and hydroponic farming (with Agrico).

This project serves as a national showcase of Qatar's green efforts and a living example of environmental collaboration in action. It also acts as a catalyst for behavioural change by providing hands-on workshops that empower individuals to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.

How does QF collaborate with partners or local organisations to advance sustainability across Qatar?

Dr Al Sulaiti: Collaboration is central to our impact. QF works with government entities, academic institutions, private companies, and community organisations to share expertise and scale sustainability solutions.

Partnerships with the Ministry of Municipality, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Education, Ehsan, Al Shafallah Center, and others help align national efforts

toward sustainable living. Together, we promote best practices in green infrastructure, renewable energy, and environmental education, amplifying QF's impact beyond Education City.

QF also partners internationally through initiatives like the Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future, which co-developed Qatar's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2025-2035) and restored 40 hectares of mangroves across the country. Earthna's 2025 Summit brought together over 15,000 participants from 150 countries, reinforcing Qatar's leadership in sustainability for arid environments.

Looking ahead, what are QF's main priorities or upcoming projects aimed at reducing environmental impact or promoting green living?

Dr Al Sulaiti: Looking forward, QF is focusing on expanding circular economy initiatives, enhancing renewable energy integration, and promoting sustainable food systems. Upcoming projects include increasing the use of solar energy across facilities, expanding green mobility through electric vehicles and improved cycling infrastructure, and developing new community engagement programs that encourage waste reduction and resource sharing.

Our flagship project, Green Island, exemplifies QF's circular economy approach. Spanning over 8,000 square metres, it is Qatar's first community-centric recycling hub and a national model for sustainability education. Built from 95 repurposed shipping containers and partially powered by 100kW of on-site solar energy, it includes six recycling streams, for paper, plastic, aluminium, e-waste, batteries, and organic waste, as well as vertical farms capable of producing 15 tonnes of vegetables annually for local consumption. It also features research labs, educational exhibits, and a 3D printing lab that uses recycled materials.

Through entities like QEERI, QF continues to pioneer renewable energy solutions, including the Distributed Solar Smart-Grid System that enables real-time solar monitoring and optimisation, and collaborative projects such as the Solar Carbon Black Project, which converts natural gas into high-grade carbon without greenhouse gas emissions.

In parallel, Earthna, QF's policy and advocacy platform for sustainability, is implementing Qatar's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2025-2035) and leading large-scale restoration of over 40 hectares of mangroves, reinforcing Qatar's role as a leader in sustainability for hot and arid environments.

Ultimately, QF's future vision is to build a carbon-neutral, resource-efficient Education City that serves as a living laboratory for sustainable innovation, a model that aligns with Qatar's ambition to build a sustainable, post-hydrocarbon future.



English Modern School visit.



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A view of Green Island

‘Maqam. Doha-Naples Round Trip’ concert staged at Katara



Prof Dr Khaled bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti and Italian ambassador Paolo Toschi at the event.

The Italian embassy in Doha presented on Sunday “Maqam. Doha-Naples Round Trip” at the Katara Drama Theatre, a landmark celebration of musical exchange and shared Mediterranean heritage.

The performance, in partnership with the Katara Cultural Village and the Music Affairs Centre, honoured the rich musical legacy of the city of Naples and its enduring dialogue with Arab culture, coinciding with the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of Naples.

Distinguished Arab and Neapolitan musicians came together to explore the influence of the maqam – the foundation of Arabic melody – on Southern Italian music, retracing centuries-old cultural routes across the Mediterranean.

Inspired by the legendary musician Ziryab, whose historic journey from Iraq to Andalusia transformed the evolution of music in the region, the performance embodied a symbolic “round trip” between Doha and Naples. The performance was conceived and directed by the



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In a press statement, Italian ambassador Paolo Toschi said: “The event has been a true testament to the power of music as



a bridge between worlds, reaffirming the strength of cultural relations between Qatar and Italy”. The performance was also attended by Katara general manager Prof Dr Khaled bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti, and Ministry of Culture’s Music Affairs Centre head Khalid Hassan al-Salem, among other guests.



CMU-Q pays tribute to Qatar We Lived book on nation’s history

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) yesterday paid tribute to the release of HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani’s book, *From What I Read, Saw, and Heard – The Qatar We Lived: Its History, People, and Leaders*, published in both Arabic and English.

The event was marked by a panel discussion that drilled down on Qatar’s heritage: a dialogue on unity and legacy, alongside the launch of the Rawi Initiative and Reading Challenge, followed by a book signing ceremony, with a phalanx of CMU-Q academics, faculty members, and students in attendance.

Addressing the session, the author, HE Sheikh Faisal, who is also founder and chairman of Al Faisal Global Foundation for Culture and Knowledge, said the authorship of this book came in pursuit of recording the history and rare images of the nation’s path from its founding until today.

Reliable sources have been included, highlighting the phenomenal role of the people of Qatar and their leaders in realising something that resembles a miracle, HE Sheikh Faisal clarified.

He further outlined that the book shows how Qatar has surmounted numerous challenges to arrive today flanked by progress and prosperity, as well as advancement in multiple fields.

This masterpiece offers evidence for the next generations, visitors, and new residents in Qatar to have a close look at the nation’s history and the fundamentals of the close relationship between the people and rulers, demonstrating Qatar’s foremost attention to the areas of education, health, sports, and culture, as well as its role in dispute resolution and peace promotion, HE Sheikh Faisal highlighted.

Dean of CMU-Q, Dr Michael Trick, affirmed that the vast majority of alumni are proceeding with their career pathway and contributing to build the knowledge-based economy in Qatar.



This event had purposefully sought to get students familiarised with the history, background, and cultural understanding, as well as the linguistic competency in order for them to ultimately contribute to the nation’s progression when they graduate, Dr Trick pointed out.

Dr Zahraa Mufid, teacher of Arabic and French subjects at CMU-Q, told Qatar News Agency (QNA) that the discussion was intended to create an extraordinary conversation between the alumni and HE Sheikh Faisal to delve deep into the insights put out in that book so as to familiarise them with the novels that are far from straightforward concerning Qatar’s history and its cultural identity.

The discussion literally sought to promote dialogue that tether the previous experience with the current reality, thereby reflecting CMU-Q’s commitment to commemorating and boosting the nation’s literary heritage, with a particular emphasis on advancing the predilection for reading and critical thinking in the community, Dr Mufid noted.

Mufid further indicated that the event was dedicated to launching the Rawi Initiative and Reading Challenge, which significantly intends to reinforce Arabic studies and pays tribute to the nation’s heritage, in addition to bolstering literary engagement and eradicating illiteracy within the community.

This 575-page mammoth volume genre includes 10 chapters, with Chapter I presenting an overview of Qatar’s founding, his-

torical development, ruling family, and governance structure.

Chapter II highlights Qatar’s rulers and the durations of their reign, along with other significant historical events, covering the period from 1913 to 1995.

In addition, Chapter III shines a spotlight on the era of His Highness The Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, during whom the nation witnessed an immense booming economy, culminating in urban resurgence and a hub of culture.

The book devoted Chapters V and VI to His Highness The Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, highlighting His Highness’s biography, in terms of study until taking on the mantle of rule, along with the massive milestones achieved during this time, in terms of remarkable in-depth and diplomatic vision.

Chapter VII sheds light on the people of Qatar and the time-honoured community legacies, as well as enduring mores and education with in-depth overview of certain places and names.

Chapters VIII, IX, and X address mores and good ethics of Qatar’s community, in connection with hospitality Majlis, hunting and falconry, as well as horse and camel and folklore heritage. Overall, the chapters further highlight Garangao Night, Qatar’s horsemen, while providing information about Qatar and its defining features, its national emblem, National Day, the nation’s major cities and climate, wildlife, currency, national anthem, National Sports Day, among others. (QNA)



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Fereej festival showcases global art at Darb al-Saai

The “Fereej Art and Design Festival,” held at Darb al-Saai from Nov 9 to 14, features the participation of over 120 artists representing 21 countries from around the world.

Since the first day, the festival boasts a rich programme including more than 12 art exhibitions, and 14 local and international workshops, seven of which are unique international workshops blending artistic heritage with modernity. These include Japanese Bingata, Kuwaiti glass melting, Spanish gilding, Australian colour making, Indian printing, and Russian cuisine, in addition to live performances from Kuwait.

Huda al-Yafei, director of the Visual Arts Center, affirmed that the festival “embodies the centre’s commitment to supporting the cultural movement and nurturing creative talent,” noting that it has become an important platform that brings together artists, critics, and the public in an interactive and enriching atmosphere.

The festival is distinguished by its design, which comprises six specialised art houses: the Exhibition House, the Workshop House, the Calligraphy House, the Ceramics House,



Qatari paintings.



Open square decoration.

the Artists’ Studios House, and the Seminar House. The programme also includes an art market and a children’s courtyard. The programme features broad participation from cultural and academic institutions both within and outside Qatar.

It also includes art activities specifically designed for children, panel discussions, open seminars, and live drawing demonstrations, all taking place in a vibrant artistic atmosphere.



Art design.