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Amir, UAE president for dialogue, regional stability

Current issues, challenges in region reviewed

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani met with UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Discussion during the meeting focused on the latest regional and international developments, primarily the situation in the Middle East. The two sides exchanged views on current issues and the challenges facing the region as well as efforts to promote peace.

They also affirmed their continued joint co-ordination and stressed the importance of prioritising dialogue and diplomatic solutions, and supporting all efforts that would consolidate security and stability, thus contributing to maintaining peace and enhancing development opportunities for the peoples of the region.

The Amir and the UAE president also touched on the strong fraternal relations between the two brotherly countries and ways to support and develop them for the benefit of both nations.

The meeting was attended



by His Highness Personal Representative of the Amir, Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al-Thani; HE President of the Olympic Council of Asia and President of the Qatar Olympic Committee, Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani; HE Chief of the Amiri Diwan Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Mubarak al-Khulaifi; and a number of Sheikhs. From the UAE side, it was attended by Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chief of the Presidential Court, Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Crown

Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum; Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Lt Gen Sheikh Saif bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Deputy Chief of the Presidential Court for Special Affairs, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Adviser to the President, Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad al-Nahyan; and a lineup of senior officials. **To Page 6**



Amir affirms productive meeting with host

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani affirmed that he had discussions with the UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan on overall developments considering the current regional

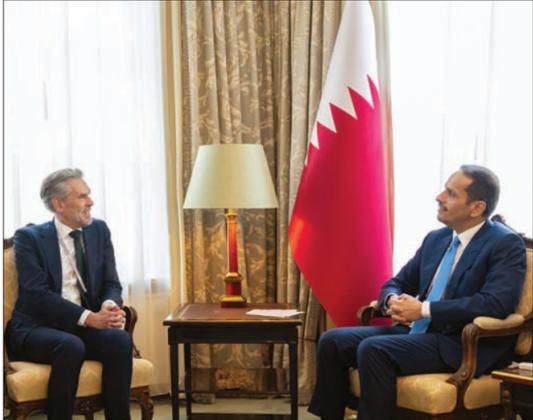
situation. In a post on his official account on X, His Highness the Amir described the meeting held yesterday in Abu Dhabi as a fruitful fraternal encounter, during which prospects for co-operation between Qatar and

the UAE in vital sectors were reviewed alongside regional developments and ongoing efforts to enhance dialogue and reinforce the foundations of security and stability in the region.

Amir to patronise Qatar Education Excellence Award

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani is set to patronise the ceremony of the 19th edition of the Qatar Education Excellence Award this morning at the Sheraton Doha Hotel. **(QNA)**

PM, Dutch leader hold talks



HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani met yesterday with The Netherlands Prime Minister Dick Schoof on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. They discussed bilateral co-operation and ways to support and enhance it in addition to several issues of mutual interest. **(QNA)**

Amir crowns coveted golden sword winner

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani graciously patronised the closing ceremony of HH The Amir Sword Equestrian Festival on the Al Rayyan turf track at the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club yesterday.

Attending the closing ceremony were His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa al-Thani, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al-Thani, and HE Sheikh Jassim bin Khalifa al-Thani. Also present were Sheikhs and ministers, alongside horse owners and an audience of equestrian enthusiasts.

The Amir crowned the winners of His Highness' sword and trophies and handed over the golden sword to HE Sheikh Hamad bin Tamim al-Thani, HE Sheikh Jassim bin Tamim al-Thani, and HE Sheikh Joaan bin Abdullah bin Khalifa al-Thani, on behalf of Wathnan Racing, the winner of the fourth race designated for Purebred Arabian horses (Group 1, First Category). The Amir handed over the silver sword to Ali bin Hamad al-Attiya, on behalf of Al Wasmiyah Farm, for the Purebred Arabian race (4-year-olds only). He also presented the silver shalfa to Mansoor bin Ebrahim bin Saad al-Mahmoud, the first-place winner of the opening race for Thoroughbreds.



In addition, His Highness presented his sword and trophies to the winners of the top positions in showjumping: Abdullah Alsharbatly from Saudi Arabia (1st), Khaled Almoby from audi Arabia (2nd), and Pieter Devos from Belgium (3rd). The Amir handed over his Trophy for Thoroughbred horses to the owner of the horse Deep Monster, from DMM Dream Club Co, Ltd, the

winner of the third round. His Highness also crowned the first-place winners in dressage: rider Jassim al-Kuwari, rider Wajdan al-Malki, and rider Maryam Ahmad al-Boinin. The Amir handed over the trophies to the top four winners of the Al Sabiq Heritage Championship: rider Abdullah Salem al-Mansouri, rider Majed Nasser al-Naimi, rider Mohammed Kamaan

Saeed al-Khayarin al-Hajri, and rider Faleh Faraj al-Otaibi. His Highness the Amir also attended a side event of the closing races of the Purebred Arabian-Cross Horses Competition, the Final Al Sabiq Heritage Championship on the Sand Track, and the Main Race for His Highness' Golden Sword for Purebred Arabian Horses. **(QNA) Sport Pages 1, 4**

HBKU transforming research into commercial success

Innovation pipeline yields 85 patents, over 15 startups

By Joseph Varghese
Staff Reporter

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) is transforming academic research into commercial success through a comprehensive innovation pipeline that has already produced 85 patents, over 15 startups, and Qatar's first university-born technology to achieve international

commercial success valued at over \$100mn, *Gulf Times* has learnt.

The university's approach encompasses intellectual property protection, seed funding, mentorship programmes, and a dedicated commercialisation company – all designed to ensure research creates tangible impact both nationally and internationally.

"We are overseeing all research and development activities including the commercialisation pipeline, their intellectual property rights protection, turning them into spin-out startups and also commercialise the research and create an impact in the market," disclosed Dr Nadir Yildirim,

executive director of Innovation and Industrial Relations, HBKU.

Interacting with *Gulf Times*, Dr Yildirim said HBKU supports innovation through structured startup programmes.

"Our programmes such as Mijhar and Reyada help researchers, faculty, and students turn ideas and research into businesses. The university provides seed funding, early-stage funding, mentoring, and full intellectual property management, including patent filing and follow-up," he explained.

Dr Yildirim said HBKU has different startup programmes for researchers, faculty and students. He continued: "Mijhar is a programme



Dr Nadir Yildirim, executive director of Innovation and Industrial Relations, HBKU.

where they can come up with their ideas and research outcomes and see how they can commercialise it. The other initiative is where they can come up with an idea and turn them into businesses and spin-outs. In addition, we provide early-stage funding and provide mentorship sessions as well."

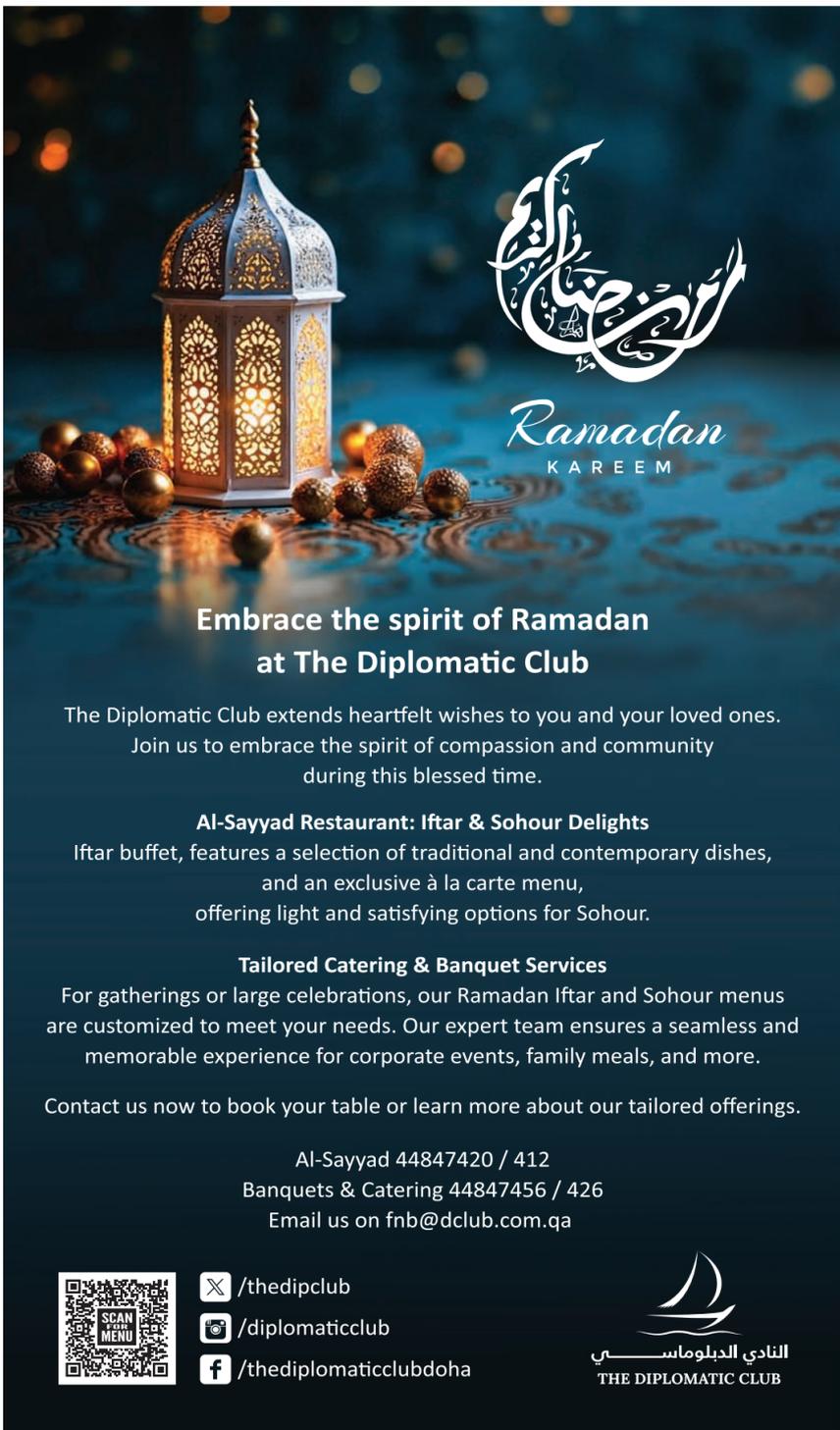
According to the official, HBKU provides seed grants for faculty researchers and students who have a certain idea to be developed. "We provide them seed funding to see if their ideas can be converted into businesses as well and we provide from cradle-to-grave intellectual property rights management. We also protect their ideas and do pat-

enting and follow-up," he stated.

Dr Yildirim revealed that HBKU has established a company for the university named HBKU Research and Development Corporation.

"This is a 100% private company responsible for commercialising our research outcomes. It is located at Qatar Science and Technology Park and so far we have licensed more than 20 patents. And currently, we have 85 patents and over 15 startups in general," he noted.

"We have technologies focusing on food waste, food security, food management, energy and environment and the solar maps" highlighted Dr Yildirim. **To Page 6**



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Rise in demand hikes prices at Al Wakra Livestock Market

Al Wakra Livestock Market has been witnessing a strong turnout of customers as traders have made the necessary preparations to meet the anticipated rise in demand during the holy month of Ramadan.

Many trucks transport sheep and goats daily from local farms to the market's display outlets. The market considers this period as one of the busiest seasons for the consumption of sheep, goat, and camel meat, coinciding with the large number of gatherings and banquets that families host throughout the holy month.

A number of traders stressed that their Ramadan preparations began early due to the high demand for livestock.

They also have been keen to provide a diverse selection of local and imported sheep, alongside various types of goats, to meet consumer needs. They noted that the market has recently relied more heavily on local production due to limited imports, which has reduced supply compared to demand and contributed to rising prices.

The traders explained that sheep prices vary depending on type and origin. Syrian sheep have reached around QR1,650, while local sheep are priced at about QR1,600. Somali Barbary sheep are selling for around QR820, while Yemeni Rafidi sheep imported from Saudi Arabia range between QR1,000 and QR1,200. They added that supplies coming from farms are limited, as some breeders prefer to sell directly to consumers, reducing their availability in the central market.

Trader Salman Abdullah said Al Wakra Central Market offers a variety of livestock including local, Syrian and other sheep, in addition to local, Omani, and Awarid goats. He explained that prices for local lambs range from QR1,250 to QR1,500, while Syrian sheep



range between QR1,500 and QR1,550, and Harri sheep are priced at around QR1,350. Yemeni Rafidi sheep range between QR1,000 and QR1,050, Somali sheep between QR650 and QR750, while local Awarid goats start at QR1,000 and reach up to QR1,100. Iranian goats are priced between QR750 and QR800 per head.

Another trader, Abdullah al-Rashidi, noted most merchants in the market are keen to offer diverse options to suit different consumer preferences during Ramadan, as this one of the best seasons. Similarly, Mohamed Saeed highlighted that limited imports have contributed to rising prices, as the market now depends almost entirely on

local production amid growing demand. He noted that the Kermani breed, which previously met about half of the market's needs, is currently no longer imported.

Meanwhile, Naji al-Karbi expressed concern over the sharp price increases, noting that prices have risen by more than QR150 per head within just 10 days. He argued that higher feed costs do not fully justify such increases and called on relevant authorities to strengthen oversight to regulate prices and prevent manipulation. He stressed that traders should not incur losses, but that profit margins should remain reasonable and considerate of consumers' circumstances.



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Amir holds talks with UAE president on current regional developments

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani had discussions with the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, on overall developments considering the current regional situation, as well as prospects for Qatari-UAE co-operation. After his visit, His Highness the Amir returned home yesterday from Abu Dhabi and was accompanied by His Highness Personal Representative of the Amir Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al-Thani, HE President of the Olympic Council of Asia and President of the Qatar Olympic Committee Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani, HE Chief of the Amiri Diwan Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Khulaifi, and a number of Their Excellencies as part of the delegation. Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir and the accompanying delegation were welcomed upon arrival at the Al Bateen Airport in Abu Dhabi by President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan. Others present were Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Presidential Court Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum; Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior Lt General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Court for Special Affairs Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan; Adviser to the UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad al-Nahyan; ambassador of Qatar to the UAE Dr Sultan Salmeen al-Mansouri, along with a number of senior officials. (QNA)



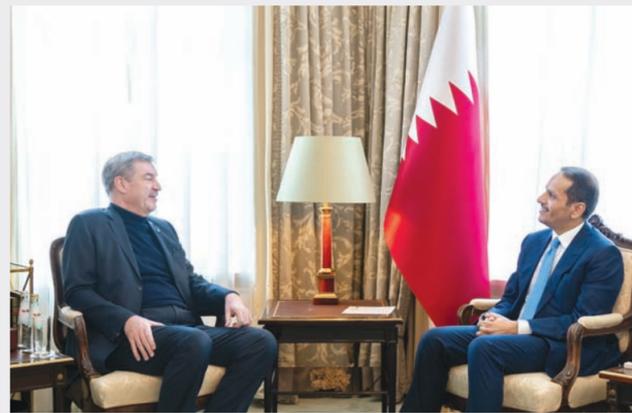
PM meets Oman, Syria FMs on sidelines of Munich conference

HE Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani met yesterday separately with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Oman, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood al-Busaidi, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Syria, Asaad al-Shaibani, on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference (MSC). During the two meetings, they reviewed bilateral co-operation and ways to support and enhance it. They also discussed the latest regional and international developments, as well as several issues of mutual interest. (QNA)



PM meets Bavaria minister-president

HE Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani, met yesterday with Minister-President of State of Bavaria in Germany, Dr Markus Soder on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. During the meeting, they discussed co-operation and ways to support and strengthen them, in addition to a host of topics of mutual interest. (QNA)



Al-Misnad meets Syrian minister and Board of Peace executive member on Gaza



HE Minister of State for International Co-operation Dr Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser al-Misnad met with Minister of Social Affairs and Labour of Syria, Hind Kabawat, on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. During the meeting, they discussed relations and ways to support and develop them. They explored joint developmental projects, in addition to several topics of mutual concern. (QNA)



HE Minister of State for International Co-operation Dr Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser al-Misnad met with Executive Board Member of the Board of Peace in the Gaza Strip, Sigrid Kaag, on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. During the meeting, they discussed the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and ways to provide support to those affected by the war, ensure the stability of essential services, and to meet the basic needs of the Strip's population. (QNA)

Adviser to PM takes part in panel on Qatar's mediation role

Adviser to the Prime Minister and Official Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Majid bin Mohammed al-Ansari took part yesterday in a panel discussion titled "Regional Challenges and the Role of Qatari Mediation in Conflict Resolution." The session was organised by the Arab Cultural House "The Diwan" on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference.

In his remarks, Dr al-Ansari affirmed that Qatar continues to play an active role in international mediation, stemming from its commitment to promoting international peace and security. He noted that mediation has become an integral part of Qatar's foreign policy identity, highlighting the country's efforts in a number of regional and international conflict files, carried out in co-operation with regional and international partners.



The Adviser to the Prime Minister and Official Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed Qatar's rejection of military escalation in the region and its call to prioritise political solutions. He underscored that dialogue remains the only viable path to ending conflicts, despite the pressures and challenges that often accompany mediation efforts.

He added that growing global political polarisation and the de-

cline of a culture of dialogue pose significant challenges to peace efforts, emphasising that maintaining open channels of communication among all parties, including non-state actors, remains a key element in any successful negotiation process.

Dr al-Ansari concluded by noting that the region is passing through a critical phase and that the collective choice facing its countries today is to favour peace over escalation. (QNA)

QatarDebate Center wraps up UK Universities Arabic debating event

QatarDebate Center, established by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, has concluded the second edition of the UK Universities Arabic Debating Championship, hosted by University of Oxford, with a record participation of 20 British universities.

The championship highlighted the growing presence of Arabic-language debate within the global academic sphere, featuring vibrant intellectual engagement and in-depth discussions marked by methodological rigour and the ability to manage differences through structured argument and



evidence. The event reflected the steady development of Arabic debate culture in British universities as a platform for critical thinking and responsible dialogue.

The team from University of Manchester claimed the championship title, underscoring both



the advanced level of competition and the increasing stature of the Arabic language as a medium for international dialogue.

Alongside the competitive rounds, the championship featured thought-provoking panel discussions in collaboration with

the "BilAraby" initiative. Sessions addressed contemporary issues, including digital justice and the position of the Arabic language in today's knowledge landscape, seeking to explore the major questions and transformations shaping the modern era. In remarks deliv-

ered during the closing ceremony, Communications Officer at QatarDebate Center, Khalid al-Ibrahimi emphasised that dialogue has become a civilisational necessity in a world marked by accelerating divisions. He noted that selecting the University of Oxford as host carried symbolic significance, affirming that Arabic dialogue serves as a bridge for cross-cultural understanding within some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

He added that through such initiatives, the Center continues to reinforce its belief in investing in people by equipping them with the tools of expression and foster-

ing rational discourse grounded in understanding rather than confrontation. He stressed that the Arabic language possesses the flexibility and depth required to serve as a language of thought and debate across global issues.

The championship forms part of QatarDebate Center's broader commitment to expanding international partnerships and supporting initiatives that promote a culture of dialogue across universities worldwide, reflecting its conviction in debate as a knowledge-based practice that helps prepare a conscious generation capable of actively contributing to shaping the future. (QNA)

Strong turnout at VCUarts Qatar's 'Pulse of Place' expo



Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUarts Qatar) has welcomed more than 200 guests to the opening of 'Pulse of Place: Selected Works from the Abdulla bin Ali Al Thani Collection' at the school's The Gallery.

Presented as a preview to the inaugural Art Basel Qatar recently held at Doha Design District in Msheireb, the exhibition brought together artists, international visitors, cultural leaders, and dignitaries for an evening celebrating Qatar's evolving contemporary art landscape.

'Pulse of Place' features works by 11 artists and designers – each a VCUarts alumni and represented in the Abdulla bin Ali Al Thani Collection. The exhibition reflects the dynamic trajectory of Qatari art, from heritage-based traditions to globally engaged contemporary practices, while highlighting the lasting impact of VCUarts Qatar graduates on the nation's cultural narrative.

On view until March 7, the exhibition offers visitors an opportunity to experience firsthand the artistic voices shap-

ing Qatar's visual culture today.

"This exhibition captures the depth and ambition of Qatar's contemporary artistic voice. We are especially proud to see the work of our alumni represented so prominently, underscoring the role of education, patronage, and creative research in shaping the country's cultural landscape," said Amir Berbic, dean of VCUarts Qatar.

"With 'Pulse of Place', the gallery becomes a space where these narratives unfold physically and experientially. We look forward to welcoming visitors to explore the exhibition and engage with the work of our talented alumni," said Chase Westfall, head of gallery at VCUarts Qatar.

The exhibition opening coincided with the official launch of 'Contemporary Art from Qatar: The Abdulla bin Ali Al Thani Collection (Skira Arte, 2026)', a publication documenting three decades of collecting by HE Dr Abdulla bin Ali al-Thani. Together, the book and exhibition offered complementary perspectives – one scholarly and archival, the other spatial and experiential – on the development of Qatar's contemporary art movement.

QIB simplifies account opening for workers via WPS Portal & Lite App

Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) has enhanced its Wages Protection System (WPS) Portal, introducing a digital journey that simplifies how corporate customers request account opening for their workers, while enabling workers to verify, activate, and complete their registration through the QIB Lite App.

Through the enhanced WPS Portal, employers can digitally submit worker details and initiate account opening requests by entering workers' Qatar ID and mobile numbers, and uploading required identification documents, in a faster and more structured manner. This reduces paperwork, minimises manual intervention, and accelerates workforce onboarding.

Once the account opening request is initiated by the employer, workers receive an SMS to download the QIB Lite App and complete their verification journey, including identity validation and confirmation of personal details. This enables workers to activate their accounts and register for the QIB Lite App, ensuring a smooth and efficient end-to-end onboarding experience and immediate access to their account information.

By separating and digitising the employer and worker journeys within a single integrated ecosystem, QIB is helping businesses streamline work-

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force onboarding, improve operational efficiency, and ensure compliance with Qatar's WPS requirements.

The solution is designed to support employers in managing large and diverse workforces while enabling faster account activation for workers. Workers are now having immediate access to their accounts and are able to initiate payments, transfers and other financial features through the QIB Lite App.

D Anand, QIB general manager – Personal Banking Group, said: "With the QIB Lite App, available in eight languages, we continue to expand accessible and secure digital banking solutions that serve the needs of diverse

customer segments. "Enabling workers to verify their identity, activate their accounts, and access banking services digitally supports our financial inclusion goals and simplifies their banking experience from the very beginning."

The enhancement reflects QIB's continued focus on developing practical digital solutions which expand access to banking services and improve customer experience across different segments. By combining secure technology with simplified processes, the bank continues to advance its approach to inclusive and customer-centric digital banking.

UDST celebrates 'International Day of Education' with special event

The University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) has marked 'International Day of Education' by hosting a special event titled 'Empowering Teachers. Inspiring Futures!'

The event brought together educators, academic leaders, and education professionals to celebrate the vital role of teachers in shaping future generations. Organised by the Department of Applied Education, the event highlighted innovative teaching practices and the importance of empowering educators as key drivers of sustainable development and lifelong learning.

The programme featured a keynote address by Mehdi Benchaabane, vice president of Qatar Foundation Schools, who spoke about the critical role of teachers in advancing educational excellence and supporting national development goals.

Dr Salem Al-Naemi, president of UDST, said: "At UDST, we firmly believe that empowering teachers is fundamental to building resilient education systems and shaping future-ready generations. Celebrating the International Day of Education reflects our commitment to supporting educators with applied, innova-



and industry-aligned learning approaches that contribute directly to human development and the strategic goals of Qatar."

The event also included a series of 'Ignite Talks' delivered by teachers enrolled in UDST's Master of Science in STEM and TVET Education programme. These short, dynamic presentations showcased innovative teaching approaches aligned with

Qatar National Vision 2030, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and emerging trends in STEM and technical education.

In addition, attendees participated in a poster presentation and networking session, where teachers presented applied research and classroom-based projects, fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration among education professionals.

Bader al-Hajri named Arab AI Federation VP

The Arab Federation for Artificial Intelligence and Programming announced the appointment of Dr Bader bin Dalham al-Fahad al-Hajri as its vice president. The move reflects the



Dr Bader bin Dalham al-Fahad al-Hajri

federation's commitment to strengthening its institutional presence and expanding its influence in the field of digital transformation and artificial intelligence (AI) across the Arab world. The appointment aligns with the federation's strategy to attract experienced Qatari talent to support its projects and future initiatives. Al-Hajri emphasised that the current phase necessitates a heightened responsibility to work towards unifying Arab visions in the field of AI and developing practical initiatives that contribute to building a sustainable knowledge-based economy. The federation's president, Dr Jamal Ahmed Yaqoub Kamal, affirmed that al-Hajri's joining represents a qualitative addition to the federation's journey, noting that the next phase requires the integration of Arab efforts in the fields of artificial intelligence and programming, and the building of effective partnerships that contribute to establishing a culture of innovation and enhancing the competitiveness of Arab talent in this vital sector.

Imalco holds Annual Sports Day



Ibrahim Mohd Al-Khulaifi Trdg Co (Imalco) recently held its 12th Annual Sports Day in Doha. The event successfully gathered the entire staff of Imalco grouped into four teams and engaged in various sporting activities, such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, and some athletics activities. Imalco CEO Aboobacker Bavu stated

that sports is part of the company's organisational culture, which helps keep the staff physically fit with a healthy psychological wellbeing. The event concluded with the gifting ceremony for all the winners and the titling of the best team of the year, followed by a group lunch. Around 200 employees participated in the event.



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In accordance with the provisions of the law,
and accordingly, he disclaims his responsibility
from the Company, and its commercial
registration was cancelled from the Ministry of
Commerce and Industry.

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PM receives phone call from Jordanian minister

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani has received a phone call from Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Dr Ayman al-Safadi. During the call, they discussed the co-operation and relations between the two countries and ways to support and enhance them. They also discussed the latest developments in the region, particularly in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories. The two sides emphasised the importance of reinforcing regional and international efforts to reduce escalation and tension in the region. - **QNA**

PM congratulates Bangladesh election winner

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani has sent a cable of congratulations to the leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Tariq Rahman, on his party's victory in the parliamentary elections this week. - **QNA**

PM congratulates Barbados leader

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani has sent a cable of congratulations to Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley on the occasion of her winning a third term in the elections. - **QNA**

FIFA Women Referees Development Seminar concludes in Doha

The FIFA Women Referees Development Seminar, organised by FIFA in Doha over five days, with distinguished participation from referees representing the Asian, African and Oceanian confederations, has concluded. The seminar forms part of FIFA's ongoing efforts to advance women's refereeing and elevate its standards on the international stage. A total of 16 international referees took part in the seminar: seven from the Asian region, eight from the African region, and one from Oceania. Participants underwent a comprehensive curriculum combining theoretical and practical components aimed at enhancing both technical proficiency and physical fitness, while refining officiating skills in line with the latest FIFA-approved standards. The seminar featured lectures delivered by FIFA instructors and refereeing experts. Sessions focused on recent amendments to the laws of the game, in-game decision-making processes, and the management of

Bhutan's PM and minister meet Qatar's ambassador



Bhutan's Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay has met with Qatar's non-resident ambassador to Bhutan, Mohammed bin Hassan Jaber al-Jaber. Al-Jaber has also met with Bhutan's Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade Lyonpo DN Dhungyel. The meetings focused on the two countries' bilateral co-operation and relations. - **QNA**

Indonesian ministry receives copy of Qatar envoy's credentials



The chief of state protocol and acting director-general of protocol and consular affairs at Indonesia's ministry of foreign affairs, Andy Rachmianto, has received a copy of the credentials of Dr Sultan bin Mubarak Saad al-Dosari as Qatar's ambassador to Indonesia. - **QNA**

QSTP welcomes imec's R&D hub to Qatar's innovation ecosystem



The Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP), a member of Qatar Foundation (QF), has welcomed imec, a world-leading research and innovation hub in advanced semiconductor technologies, as newest member of its community. The milestone marks a defining step in building Qatar's semiconductor ecosystem and strengthens the country's position as a regional hub for advanced technology development.

This follows the announcement at Mobile World Congress Doha 2025, where imec revealed plans to establish a regional presence in Qatar and signed a formal agreement with Invest Qatar and the Qatar Research, Development and Innovation Council, in the presence of government officials and technology industry leaders. The expansion of imec into Qatar represents a significant milestone in its international growth and reflects the strength of Qatar's innovation ecosystem. Through its partnership with the QSTP, imec will leverage the QF's research, education, and innovation network to advance research and development (R&D) into advanced compute and chip design, supporting the development of a robust regional semiconductor landscape.

"We are proud to welcome imec to the Qatar Science & Technology Park," QSTP president Rama Chakaki said. "This partnership brings world-class semiconductor research and innovation to the region and reinforces our mission to position Qatar as a leading hub for technology, talent development, and collaboration." Max Mirgoli, the chief global development, partnerships and venturing officer and executive vice-president at imec, said: "imec Qatar is being built as a platform for shared innovation. Through close collaboration with the QSTP and the QF ecosystem, we are creating an environment where talent development, academic-industry partnerships, and regional collaboration come together." "Our goal is to contribute meaningfully to the Gulf's emerging high-tech landscape by connecting local ambition with global expertise," he said. At the QSTP, imec's regional hub will focus on advanced computer architectures, artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled chip design, and emerging semiconductor technologies, including silicon photonics, 3D integrated circuits, and advanced packaging solutions. Embedded within the QSTP's innovation ecosystem of nearly 400 research, technology, and innovation entities, the imec hub will foster collaboration with industry, academia and startups.

PHCC launches Community Breastfeeding Support Line

The Primary Healthcare Corporation (PHCC) has launched a Community Breastfeeding Support Line through its Community Call Centre, in a move that is aimed at ensuring continued health guidance and support for mothers following childbirth. PHCC Operations and Clinical Affairs assistant managing director and Operations executive director Dr Samia Ahmed al-Abdullah has described the launch as a pivotal strategic step in strengthening the continuity of care after mothers have been discharged from hospital. She said that the initiative will help ensure women receive timely access to professional support within a community-based and supportive environment. In a press statement issued yesterday, Dr al-Abdullah noted that the new service directly contributes to the PHCC's strategic objectives by expanding preventative and community-based services, enhancing seamless transitions across levels of care, and improving maternal and child health outcomes. The PHCC, she said, aims to increase coverage of post-natal support services, enhance patient experience, and deliver measurable improvements in breastfeeding continuity and early-life health indicators. The initiative reflects the PHCC's commitment to a sustainable, outcome-based primary care model. PHCC Nursing and Midwifery director Ibtisam Abdullah meanwhile said that breastfeeding support is a core pillar of safe, compassionate and family-centred care, as well as a fundamental foundation for building strong early childhood health. She added that the initiative aligns directly with the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030 and the National Health Strategy. The service will be delivered by qualified PHCC midwives through the Community Call Centre (16000) during official working hours, from 7am to 2pm, Sunday to Thursday. - **QNA**

Russian Cultural Week wraps up at Darb Al Saai

The Russian Cultural Week, organised by the Ministry of Culture at Darb Al Saai in Umm Salal, concluded amidst a large public turnout and significant engagement from those interested in cultural affairs. The Russian Cultural Week was organised within the framework of Qatar's vision to promote intercultural dialogue, expand cultural exchange with various countries around the world, establish culture as a platform for human interaction and building bridges of communication between peoples, utilise culture as a tool for public diplomacy, and enhance Qatar's position as a hub for international cultural events. The director of the ministry's International Co-operation Department, Nasser al-Malki, noted that it provided the public with an opportunity to learn more about the diverse and rich Russian artistic and cultural heritage. - **QNA**

ARPM Tender Committee announces the following Tender

Tender No.	(Tender Title) Scope of work	Tender Fee	Tender Bond	Opening Date	Closing Date
ARPM/241/2026/TEN/DOH	Tender for Various Repair Works of ARPM 1 Boat	1000	20,000	15-Feb-26	10-Mar-26
ARPM/242/2026/TEN/DOH	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Split Air Conditioning Systems at AL Jomrok Hotel	500	10,000	15-Feb-26	10-Mar-26

- Interested parties can collect copies of the tender documents from ARPM Purchasing Department, via email to m.aseef@arpm.com.qa and j.castillo@arpm.com.qa during working hours 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Fri & Sat Closed)
- A payment of a non-refundable document's fees should be deposited in cash to:
 - Beneficiary Name:** Al-Rayyan Projects Management (ARPM)
 - Account No.** 0013-022375-004 (Qatar National Bank)
 - IBAN No.** QA86QNBAA00000000000013022375004

- And the original deposit receipt should be submitted upon receiving of the terms and conditions.
- A tender bond (as stated above), issued by a bank operating in the State of Qatar and valid for 180 days from the closing date should accompany tenders. **The executed tender bond should be included with the technical offer.**
 - All tenderers MUST collect their original bonds from ARPM – Purchasing department upon expiry of the Tender Bond, unless alternative instructions are issued by ARPM.
 - Proposal to be submitted in sealed envelopes as per the RFP requirements in both HARD COPY & SOFT COPY on CD or USB.
 - Copies of valid **Company Commercial Registration, Computer Card & Authorization Letter** must be submitted in order to collect the tender documents.
 - The successful tenderer is required to submit a performance bond issued by a bank operating in the State of Qatar equivalent to 10% of the total contract sum and shall be valid for a period expiring 180 days after contract expiry.
 - Offers should be valid for 180 days commencing from the closing date (as stated above).
 - ARPM has the right to increase or decrease the scope of services by 20% with the same terms and conditions.
 - ARPM is not bound to accept the lowest tender or any other tender and is under no obligation to show any reasons thereof.
 - Bids should be submitted not later than 12:00 noon on the closing date and must be deposited into the Box, provided in the ARPM Purchasing office, located at the 9th Floor, ARPM, Head office and should be in sealed envelopes addressed to the Chairman - Tenders Committee, quoting the Tender Number and Subject.
 - Deadline for accepting requests and inquiries, 7 days prior to closing date.
 - Offers arriving thereafter may not be considered.

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HBKU transforming research into commercial success

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"We have technologies focusing on food waste, food security, food management, energy and environment and the solar maps," Dr Yildirim highlighted.

"We have technologies on biomedical sciences as well where we offer our works on longevity of the brain cells," he continued. "So mostly we are focusing on biomedical sciences, energy, and environment and computing as well as the ethical perspective of these technologies."

The official said that the HBKU Research and Development Corporation is a revenue-generating and impact-creating company where HBKU-developed technologies are taken to the market.

"There are two options for commercialisation of product through our company," Dr Yildirim said. "Commercialisation occurs either directly through the HBKU Research and Development Corporation or independently through startup creation."

He described a notable success story about a cybersecurity company that licensed an HBKU

technology, expanded internationally, secured multiple investments, and is now valued at over \$100mn – marking the first HBKU-born technology to achieve major international commercial success.

"The university collaborates locally with leading companies and applies for tenders to address national challenges," Dr Yildirim said. "So we are creating an impact and also generating revenue at the same time. But the most important aspect for us is not the revenue, but the impact it creates in the country and beyond."

Amir and UAE president for dialogue, regional stability

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Earlier, His Highness the Amir and his accompanying delegation were welcomed upon arrival at Al Bateen Airport by Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan.

His Highness the Amir and the accompanying delegation were also welcomed by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al-Nahyan, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed al-Nahyan, Lt-Gen Sheikh Saif bin Zayed al-Nahyan, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad al-Nahyan, Qatar's ambassador to the UAE Dr Sultan Salmeen al-Mansouri, and a number of senior officials.

His Highness the Amir returned home later in the day. - QNA



Snapshots from the Halal Qatar Festival at Katara Cultural Village.



Gulf livestock farmers flock to Halal Qatar

The Halal Qatar Festival 2026, which continues in the southern area of Katara Cultural Village, has continued to attract sheep breeders from across the Gulf to showcase the authenticity of Qatari and Gulf traditions, reinforcing their presence in both the cultural and economic landscape.

The festival has seen increasing public attendance and wide participation from livestock owners and breeders, highlighting its growing status as a leading platform for supporting local production and preserving long-standing Bedouin values.

Competitions in the Al-Arab and Al-Awardi sheep categories were very strong, marked by close performance levels and high quality standards.

The results reflected significant progress in genetic improvement programmes and a growing focus on production quality, confirming the festival's professional nature and its role in advancing breeding standards and strengthening breeders' presence in Gulf-level competitions.

Beyond the competitions, the festival features vibrant heritage pavilions that reflect the spirit of the desert and Arab hospitality.

The Arab Hospitality Centre welcomes visitors with premium Royal Arabic coffee alongside a wide selection of luxury dates, local pastries, and natural Yemeni honey.

Other pavilions showcase saffron, Omani and Turkish sweets, and fine chocolates.

Such places offer visitors a complete sensory and cultural experience, combining tasting, learning about traditional products, and direct interaction with exhibitors, enhancing the social and economic dimension of the festival and highlighting the richness of Qatari and Gulf heritage.



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Alaraby TV network highlighted at University of Algiers

University of Algiers 3 has hosted a scholarly presentation titled "Transformations in the Arab Visual Media Industry in the Age of Digital Streaming Platforms, Alaraby TV Network as a Case Study".

The presentation took place as part of a national symposium organised by the Laboratory for the Use and Adaptation of Media and Cultural Products in Algeria, affiliated with the Faculty of Information and Communication.

In her research paper, Prof Zineb Baaloudj explored the evolving transformations shaping the media industry, particularly in light of shifting audience viewing patterns in recent years.

She examined the challenges confronting media institutions as they adapt to these developments, referencing Alaraby TV Network's successful experience in navigating change.

The study highlighted the network's multi-platform presence through Alaraby TV, Alaraby 2, and Alaraby Plus.

Prof Baaloudj praised Alaraby TV Network for striking a balance between strategic growth and the maintenance of rigorous professional production standards.

Shura partakes in IPU parliamentary hearing

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New York

The Shura Council participated over two days in the 2026 Parliamentary Hearing organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in co-operation with the United Nations at its headquarters in New York, under the theme "Parliaments and the United Nations: Better together, delivering for the people".

The Council was represented at the session by HE Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council Dr Hamda bint Hassan al-Sulaiti, and member of the Council Ahmed bin Ibrahim al-Maliki, alongside a number of Speakers and members of legislative councils and national parliaments, and permanent representatives of states to the United Nations, as well as international experts and advisers.

The hearing aimed to explore ways in which parliaments and the United Nations can work together more effectively to achieve a more peaceful, just, sustainable, and prosperous world.

HE the deputy Speaker Dr al-Sulaiti emphasised that geopolitical divisions among major powers are among the most significant challenges undermining the effectiveness of the United Nations

The session addressed several key issues, most notably discussing the journey of the United Nations as it marks the 80th anniversary of its founding, and examining ways to strengthen international partnerships to ensure the sustainability of the organisation's objectives. This axis discussed how parliaments can assist the United Nations in fulfilling its commitments.

The discussions also included activating the United Nations Pact for the Future by translating global commitments into tangible realities within countries through the oversight and legislative roles of parliaments. The



HE Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council Dr Hamda bint Hassan al-Sulaiti

parliamentary hearing further addressed safeguarding public participation by examining the challenges facing parliaments and their impact on the performance of their oversight and legislative roles.

It also discussed United Nations financing and securing its future in a manner that ensures financial sustainability and the independence of its programs and activities.

The session witnessed the launch of the IPU report titled "Political Violence Against MPs Rising Worldwide", which monitors the phenomenon of violence and harassment targeting parliamentarians and its impact on their lives and ability to carry out their legislative and oversight duties.

In her intervention during the discussion of the theme "UN at 80: Renewing Trust and Purpose through Co-operation and Partnership", HE Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council, Dr Hamda bint Hassan al-Sulaiti, emphasised that geopolitical divisions among major powers are among the most significant challenges undermining the effectiveness of the United Nations.

She added that the organisation's inability to enforce its resolutions in a binding manner, as well as declining trust in it, limit its impact. Her Excellency stressed that legislative councils and parliaments can serve as essential partners to the United Nations in fulfilling its promises by translating international commitments into national legislation, allocating the necessary resources, and following up on implementation through oversight committees.

She noted that reforming the United Nations and activating its role requires the inclusion of parliaments as a fundamental pillar in the international system. Under the theme "Financing and Future-Proofing the United Nations", Dr al-Sulaiti

pointed out that the future of the United Nations depends on its ability to obtain balanced and predictable resources.

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She affirmed that legislative councils and parliaments are capable of ensuring the provision of such resources through their roles in legislation, oversight, and approval of national budgets. They can also advocate for innovative sources of funding, such as programs supported by certain organisations and civil society institutions, partnerships with the private sector, and the expansion of UN trust funds.

In this regard, Dr al-Sulaiti talked about the contributions of

the State of Qatar and its continued support for United Nations projects and programmes, noting that Qatar has become strongly present in most of the organisation's activities. Since joining the United Nations in 1971, Qatar has been keen to contribute effectively to achieving the organisation's goals in maintaining international peace and security and supporting development across the world.

For his part, Ahmed al-Maliki stated in his intervention during the discussion of the theme "Translating Together International Commitments into National Realities", that parliaments can work jointly with other parliaments to translate UN principles into tangible realities that serve peoples and enhance trust in the international system.

In the other session, which included the launch of the Inter-Parliamentary Union report monitoring violence and harassment targeting parliamen-

arians, al-Maliki affirmed that intimidation and threats against parliamentarians undermine the ability of legislative institutions to perform their core functions.

He called for the establishment of national safeguards, such as deterrent legislation and parliamentary security measures, as well as international guarantees through the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations, to ensure that parliamentarians remain able to exercise oversight and legislation freely.

Ahmed al-Maliki stated that parliaments can work jointly with other parliaments to translate UN principles into tangible realities that serve peoples and enhance trust in the international system

On the sidelines of the Council's participation in the parliamentary hearing, HE Dr Hamda bint Hassan al-Sulaiti held a number of bilateral meetings with heads of participating delegations. HE Dr al-Sulaiti met with Head of Delegation and First Deputy Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives, Mohammed al-Sabbari; Head of Delegation and Member of the Belgian Senate, Andries Gryffroy; Head of Delegation and Member of the Canadian House of Commons, Rob Olyphant; Head of Delegation and Member of the National People's Congress of China, Tian Xuejun; Head of Delegation and Member of the UK House of Commons, Fabian Hamilton; Head of Delegation and Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Nelly Mutti; Member of the French Senate, Louis-Jean de Nicolay; and Member of the Austrian Parliament, Doris Bures.

During these meetings, they exchanged views on the issues on the hearing's agenda, and ways to enhance parliamentary co-operation were discussed in a manner that serves the interests of peoples, strengthens joint action at various levels, and supports efforts to achieve development, peace, and stability.

Education Excellence Award reflects state's firm commitment to human capital investment: CEO

CEO of the Qatar Education Excellence Award, Maryam Abdullah al-Mohannadi, affirmed that the award represents a national project and a sustainable investment in human capital, noting that the growing interest of Qatari society in educational excellence aligns with the vision of the wise leadership, which provides the award's organisers with a renewed incentive to continue developing and elevating its standards.

In an exclusive interview with the Qatar News Agency (QNA) on the occasion of the award ceremony scheduled for today, al-Mohannadi noted that the award represents an extension of a deep-rooted national approach to honouring knowledge that began with the launch of "Education Day" in 1962. She emphasised that the award's inception in 2006 served to develop this approach within an institutional framework based on clear competitive standards, thereby enhancing the sustainability of academic brilliance and keeping pace with the evolution of the

state's educational system.

The CEO of the Qatar Education Excellence Award praised the outcomes of the 19th edition of the award, which resulted in 108 winners out of 371 applicants. She considered these results a reflection of the growing demand for the award, the rising level of competitiveness and quality of submissions, and the positive momentum it has created within pedagogical and academic circles.

The award has contributed to embedding a culture of excellence within society, as the number of winners has exceeded 1,350

Al-Mohannadi linked these outcomes to the general context of educational policies pursued by the state, particularly in the fields of developing and modernising curricula, raising teacher efficiency, and creating educational environments supportive of academic achievement to ensure the sustainability of

excellence across various educational stages. In this context, she explained that the higher education system in the country is witnessing remarkable development and includes diverse academic institutions, including branches of international universities, which contribute to supporting research and innovation and providing the labour market with national competencies.

She indicated that since its launch, the award has contributed to embedding a culture of excellence within society, as the number of winners has exceeded 1,350. Furthermore, she noted the diversity of educational institutions to which the honourees belong, spanning government, private, and specialised schools, as well as civil and military universities, reflecting the broad base of academic distinction across all components of the educational system.

She stressed that the award, in its essence, is not an end in itself but rather a milestone within a continuous educational journey

that begins with the family as the primary nurturer of excellence and extends through school and university to active contribution in the national development process, which reinforces the responsibility of all partners in nurturing and supporting distinguished individuals in their subsequent stages.

Regarding the governance of the award, the CEO explained that the Qatar Education Excellence Award is granted according to clear competitive foundations and is subject to the supervision of a Board of Trustees chaired by HE the Minister of Education and Higher Education. Meanwhile, the executive body and its various committees work within this oversight framework to implement approved directives and ensure integrity, transparency, and the quality of outcomes.

Regarding the future vision of the award, she explained that the award has seen several updates, including the adoption of the new official name "Qatar Education Excellence Award", the launch of



its enhanced visual identity, and an increase in the value of financial rewards in several categories. This is in addition to the introduction of three new categories that will be implemented starting from the 21st edition in 2028: the Educational Leader category, the Diploma Holders category, and the Educational Research category, as part of efforts to expand participation and strengthen the system of pedagogical excellence.

She noted that the award represents one of the national tools supporting the achievement of the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030 by investing in human capital, developing leadership

capabilities, encouraging creativity and innovation, and building educational institutions capable of preparing Qatari citizens for the future.

The CEO of the Qatar Education Excellence Award concluded her interview with QNA by emphasising that honouring distinguished individuals embodies the state's commitment to developing quality education and building national capacities. She stressed that the continued patronage of the wise leadership for the award reflects a firm conviction that today's world requires investing in excellence and building national competencies.

Qatar Calendar welcomes Cirque Du Liban's 'Fontana Show' to Doha in March

Qatar Calendar has announced that Cirque du Liban's acclaimed 'Fontana Show' will arrive in Doha this Spring, bringing one of the region's most distinctive live entertainment productions to Hyatt Plaza from March 20-April 18, 2026.

Following successful performances across the Middle East, the Fontana Show's Doha run marks a new addition to Qatar Calendar's growing programme of international family-friendly entertainment experiences.

Presented in a purpose-built circus tent at Hyatt Plaza, the production introduces audiences in Qatar to a large-scale aquatic performance that blends circus artistry with advanced water, light and sound elements.

Recognised as one of the most ambitious travelling aquatic shows in the region, the Fontana Show features a choreographed musical fountain at its core, complemented by aerial performances, acrobatics and visual effects. The production brings together an international cast of performers, delivering a programme designed to appeal to families and live entertainment enthusiasts alike.

Show timings and ticket booking details are available via Platinumlist at <https://doha.platinumlist.net/event-tickets/104916/fontana-circus-qatar>.

Qatar Calendar's 2026 programming continues to expand with the inclusion of the Fontana Show, supporting a year-round entertainment programme that brings together local, regional, and international events across the country. Through a diverse calendar of activities, Qatar Calendar offers residents and



visitors a wide range of experiences that enhance community engagement and reinforce Doha's position as a dynamic destination for live entertainment. Qatar Calendar, presented by Visit Qatar, is the official unified platform showcasing the country's major events and activities throughout the year, including sports, cultural, entertainment, conferences, and exhibitions, reinforcing Qatar's position as a vibrant and dynamic global destination.

Rawabi Mini Marathon Season 3 Concludes with Record-Breaking Participation, Strengthening Qatar's Fitness Movement



Rawabi Mini Marathon 2026 - Season 3



The Rawabi Mini Marathon 2026 - Season 3 concluded successfully with its highest-ever participation, marking the most impactful and widely attended edition to date. Building on the momentum of the previous two seasons, this year's marathon received an overwhelming response from the community, further strengthening its position as a leading health and wellness initiative in Qatar.

Organized in partnership with the Qatar Sports for All Federation (QSFA) and the Rawabi Sports League (RSL), the event reflected a shared commitment to promoting active lifestyles and community engagement in alignment with Qatar National Vision 2030.

The marathon was officially flagged off by Mr. Mohammed Abdulla, Managing Director, in the presence of Mr. Ajmal Abdulla, Executive Director; Mr. Muhammed Sadikh, Group Director; Mr. Haris Thayyil, Group Director and Mr. Muhammed Sinan, Associate Director, along with department heads.

With a strong presence across retail, wholesale, food & beverage, manufacturing, and trading, the organization continues to actively support community-driven initiatives that encourage health, wellness, and social connection, while contributing meaningfully to national development goals.

Awqaf ministry unveils Ramadan Qur'anic, charitable programmes

The Ministry of Endowments (Awqaf) and Islamic Affairs announced its plans, programmes, and activities for the holy month of Ramadan 1447 AH under the slogan "Obedience and Forgiveness", outlining its key Qur'anic, preaching, endowment, and Zakat initiatives.

The announcement was made during a press conference held at the Imam Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab Mosque, in the presence of HE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs, Sheikh Dr Khalid bin Mohammed bin Ghanem al-Thani.

At the outset of the conference, Director of the Public Relations and Communication Department, Ahmed bin Shaheen al-Ghanem, reviewed the main features of the ministry's Ramadan programmes, highlighting the month's significance in strengthening faith-based values, reinforcing social bonds, and promoting spiritual principles.

Al-Ghanem explained that the ministry's mission is to create the appropriate environment to welcome the holy month through comprehensive programs and quality initiatives aimed at strengthening social solidarity and deepening faith values.

The conference showcased a wide range of Ramadan activities and projects, including Iftar initiatives organised in several areas across the country, preparing mosques with all requirements, reviving the nights of Ramadan with Taraweeh and Qiyam prayers, and preparing to receive worshippers observing I'tikaf in designated mosques equipped with necessary facilities.

The ministry also announced a series of religious lessons, sermons, and scholarly seminars addressing various Ramadan-related topics, along with awareness campaigns on the obligation of Zakat and its importance. Eid prayer grounds and major mosques will be prepared, and a set of religious programmes will be launched in cooperation with Qatar Media Corporation and several newspapers and digital platforms. These include live broadcasts of prayers and lessons from major mosques, as well as talk shows featuring prominent scholars and preachers.

In addition, awareness campaigns will be rolled out on social media platforms to deepen religious awareness and reinforce values of solidarity during the holy month.

Reviewing the programmes of the General Directorate of Endowments, Director of Endowment Expenditure Department, Jassim bin Hassan Bu Hazza, said that this year's "Iftar Saem" project will expand to cover new neighbourhoods, with a total capac-

ity of 360,000 fasting individuals throughout the month. The Directorate will also distribute "Basket of Giving" packages to underprivileged families. He noted that the Directorate continues to enhance partnerships and community cooperation to serve various segments of society.

Bu Hazza added that Ramadan activities are designed to address community needs, particularly vulnerable groups, through partnerships with educational, health, and social institutions. Initiatives include awards supporting the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah, religious and educational values, and charitable work. Several Ramadan initiatives will support persons with disabilities, heart and diabetes patients, and individuals with autism spectrum disorder, as well as the educational programme 'Flower Each Spring'. Daily recitations from the ninth season of the Katara Prize for Qur'an Recitation will also be aired on Qatar TV.

The ministry's mission is to create the appropriate environment to welcome the holy month through comprehensive programs and quality initiatives aimed at strengthening social solidarity and deepening faith values

On the media front, television programs and awareness initiatives will be presented across multiple platforms, alongside daily competitions aimed at promoting endowment culture and enhancing public awareness of its role. The Directorate will also implement the "Eid Joy" programme to bring happiness to more than 4,000 children through field initiatives at Eid prayer grounds, reinforcing values of compassion and social solidarity.

For his part, Assistant Director of the Mosques Department, Mohammed bin Abdul Latif al-Mahmoud, confirmed that all preparations for the holy month have been completed. This includes appointing 12 distinguished Qatari Imams with melodious voices at Imam Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab Mosque, as well as assigning qualified Imams to Sheikh Mosque, Education City Mosque, and Hamad bin Jassim Mosque in The Pearl.

Al-Mahmoud added that 113 co-operative imams have been appointed throughout Ramadan to support state and private



mosques. Several Qatari school students participating in "Bilal Al-Asr" competition have also been assigned to perform the call to prayer at nearby mosques during Ramadan, aiming to instil faith-based values and encourage them to pursue future roles in imamate and adhan.

He further noted that the Mosques Department co-ordinated with private donors to issue permits for Iftar gatherings in mosque courtyards, in addition to organising religious lessons and sermons throughout the month. Co-ordination was also carried out with media institutions to produce and film religious programmes in several mosques, and Eid prayer imams have been prepared and distributed across all regions of the country to ensure that worshippers can observe fasting and nightly prayers in a comfortable and conducive environment.

Director of the Zakat Affairs Department Mal Allah bin Abdulrahman al-Jaber reviewed the Ramadan 1447 AH plan, emphasising that a comprehensive strategy has been developed to facilitate the performance of Zakat and enhance community awareness of its importance as a pillar of Islam, with a strong focus on digital transformation.

He highlighted key features of the plan, including the "Your Zakat Is a Trust" campaign, a wide-ranging educational and marketing initiative aimed at correcting misconceptions related to Zakat.

The department has intensified its field presence through 28 collection offices and points across the country, in addition to collectors stationed in 28 mosques and seven government entities.

Digital services have also been enhanced with the launch of an online "Zakat Calculator" via the department's website and mobile app, along with fast payment options through smart devices.

The "Zakat Al Fitr" initiative will ensure timely delivery to eli-

gible beneficiaries by partnering with supply and delivery companies to distribute high-quality food provisions discreetly and respectfully.

Assistant Director of the Da'wah and Religious Guidance Department Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz al-Thani announced a comprehensive package of Ramadan. Religious and Qur'anic programmes aimed at strengthening faith among men, women, and children.

Qur'anic initiatives include the "Tamkeen" project featuring Qur'an recitation gatherings in mosques, completion circles in 50 mosques, review sessions, and programmes.

The "Al-Sab' Al Mathani" service offers correction of Surah Al Fatiha via 10 dedicated phone lines.

The religious lecture programme includes 100 Ramadan talks under the series "Ramadan Breezes" across four main mosques, as well as the intellectual seminar series "And He Made Them Feel Secure from Fear" at Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque, featuring academics from local and international universities.

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The humanitarian campaign "Healing and Mercy" will involve 20 Qatari preachers visiting patients at Hamad Medical Corporation hospitals.

The department will also maintain strong media engagement

through programs such as "Story of a Verse" (30 episodes) on Qatar TV, presented by Dr Abdul Salam al-Majidi, alongside contributions to Al Rayyan Channel and Qatar Radio, including participation in programs like "People of the Qur'an" and Fatwa segments.

Programmes for women and children include the "Recitation and Empowerment" series in six Qur'an centres, numerous lectures and Fiqh courses (in-person and online), children's competitions such as "Abjad" and "In the Realm of the Qur'an", the "Young Fasting Person" programme, and educational camps at Mall of Qatar.

Meanwhile, Director of the Engineering Affairs Department Mohammed bin Yousuf al-Ibrahim announced the completion and opening of several new mosques ahead of Ramadan.

Twelve new mosques have been handed over, with 12 more to follow. Four mosques underwent comprehensive maintenance, 18 had carpets replaced, and maintenance continues in 17 others. A total of 1,000 women's prayer areas were prepared, along with the installation of 126 wooden partitions.

Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque has been fully equipped to host the ministry's central events, and 25 mosques have been prepared for i'tikaf during the last ten nights.

Six temporary mosques have also been opened to meet worshippers' needs. Emergency engineering teams will operate around the clock throughout Ramadan to address any technical issues across the country.

Assistant Director of the Abdulrahman bin Zaid Al Mahmoud Islamic Cultural Center Sultan bin Saad al-Badr said the centre will organise special Ramadan programmes for non-Arabic speakers, including lessons in jurisprudence and ethics, cultural gatherings, and the "Guided Iftar" initiative aimed at supporting new converts and strengthening their integration into society.

He noted that the programs promote Islam's moderate message and cultural understanding through multilingual lectures and awareness activities.

The centre aims to reach around 250,000 people, in addition to hosting large public gatherings in Al Wakra for 20,000 attendees and mosque-based lessons and iftar outreach benefiting about 55,000 people.

Introductory programmes in English, Spanish, and Filipino will target nearly 20,000 non-Muslims and new converts, alongside iftar programs, I'tikaf activities, and Eid celebrations to help inte-

grate them into the community.

Media and digital initiatives include online programs such as "With Allah, Glorified and Exalted Be He", the Urdu-language radio programme "Baseerah" on Qatar Radio, awareness videos, and daily Ramadan competitions across the centre's digital platforms.

Community and student initiatives also feature hospital visits, Eid prayers for expatriate communities at sports clubs, and the "Knowledge and Youth" programme, launched in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education to train English-speaking Qatari students to serve as future ambassadors of Islam.

In a related context, Assistant Director of the Islamic Affairs Department Dr Saad bin Fadel al-Kuwari announced a series of Ramadan activities aimed at promoting Islamic heritage and publications.

These include three scholarly seminars at Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque to launch the ministry's latest Islamic books and host specialised scholars.

Islamic Affairs Department will distribute around 15 new Islamic titles published this year through both special and public channels, including copies of the Qatar Mushaf and selected books at major Ramadan centres such as Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque, Education City Mosque, Al Manar Mosque in Lusail, and Katara Mosque

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The seventh edition of the Qatar Mushaf will also be distributed during Ramadan, bringing total printed copies to more than three million worldwide.

Meanwhile, Assistant Director of the Islamic Research Department Dr Mishari bin Ali al-Namlan announced a Ramadan programme featuring a daily religious and cultural competition of 30 questions published in local newspapers and on social media platforms. Winners will be selected electronically, with a daily prize of QR500, totalling QR15,000.

The department will also collaborate with Qatar National Library on the programme "Mosques of Qatar: Architecture and Society", exploring mosque architecture and the social and cultural role of mosques in Qatari society.

These initiatives reflect the ministry's commitment to strengthening religious awareness, promoting moderation, and expanding community engagement throughout Ramadan in Qatar. (QNA)



QC's Alaqraboon Center launches Ramadan campaign for low-income families

Alaqraboon Center of Qatar Charity (QC) has launched its Ramadan campaign to support low-income families and expand social assistance and welfare services across the State of Qatar.

In a statement, Qatar Charity said: "The campaign seeks to raise QR100mn and coincides with the official launch of the Alaqraboon Center earlier this year, following a decision by Qatar Charity's Board of Directors in December 2025 to establish the Center as a specialised entity for social assistance within the country".

Head of Alaqraboon Center Faisal Rashid AlFehaidia said the Center was established as an extension of Qatar Charity's long-standing social welfare efforts and Alaqraboon platform, responding to rising community needs through a specialised structure capable of delivering targeted

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programs and interventions that directly improve the lives of low-income groups.

"With the holy month of Ramadan approaching, we are pleased to announce the launch of the centre's Ramadan campaign, with a fundraising target of QR100mn, aimed at expanding our assistance programmes and increasing the number of those sponsored through the centre," he added.

He stressed that the centre operates through modern systems and transparent, effective practices, supported by partnerships with government entities, national institutions, and the private sector, to unify efforts in serving

the most vulnerable groups.

For his part, Director of Local Social Welfare at Alaqraboon Center Abdulla al-Dosari said the campaign includes a comprehensive package of Ramadan projects and assistance programmes.

He noted that among the key initiatives is Ramadan Supply, which will provide shopping vouchers ahead of the holy month and is expected to benefit around 60,000 people, in addition to Food Basket distributions targeting approximately 10,000 beneficiaries.

He added that the "Khair Kitchen" project will deliver hot Iftar meals to low-income families throughout Ramadan, in coopera-

tion with productive Qatari families and in coordination with the Ministry of Social Development and Family, benefiting an 30,000 people.

Al-Dosari also highlighted the Zakat Al Fitr project, implemented during the final days of Ramadan and expected to benefit around 10,000 individuals, alongside Iftar and Ghabga gatherings for approximately 1,000 orphans.

He indicated that the total number of sponsorships within Qatar currently stands at around 1,600, including approximately 1,300 orphans, in addition to the distribution of Eid gifts for orphans to bring joy and happiness to their hearts.

Meanwhile, Senior Head of Aid Program at the Alaqraboon Center Mohammad Ali al-Mal outlined the Center's implementation mechanism, explaining that it begins with receiving applications through Alaqraboon app, followed



by electronic verification of data to enhance accuracy, accelerate procedures, and ensure fairness.

He added that this process is followed by the work of specialised social research teams tasked with assessing needs and formulating appropriate recommendations for each case, with particular emphasis on rapid response to emergency situations.

He added that assistance un-

der the campaign spans key areas including basic living needs, healthcare, education, housing, sponsorships, and seasonal initiatives, delivered through various support channels such as financial aid, health and education support, shopping vouchers, family and orphan sponsorships, assistance for debtors and prisoners' families, and emergency humanitarian response. (QNA)

Palestinian leader urges removal of all Israeli 'obstacles' on Gaza ceasefire

AFP
Addis Ababa

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas called yesterday for the removal of "all obstacles" he said Israel has imposed on implementing phase two of the Gaza ceasefire.

"We emphasise the need to lift all obstacles imposed by the Israeli occupation on the implementation of the provisions related to the second phase of the agreement," Abbas said, in a speech read by his prime minister Mohammed Mustafa at an African Union summit in Ethiopia.

This included the work of a technocratic committee established to oversee the daily governance of Gaza, he added.

Removal of the obstacles was needed to "ensure continuity of services, coordinate humanitarian efforts and enable a swift recovery", the president said.

Abbas accused Israel of "continuing to violate" the ceasefire agreement with Palestinian Hamas group Hamas that took effect in October and was backed by the United States.

"From the announcement of the ceasefire until today, more than 500 Palestinians have been killed (in Gaza), which threatens the durability of the truce and the full implementation of its second phase," he added.

Even though the US-brokered truce entered its second phase last month, violence has continued in the Palestinian territory, with Israel and Hamas trading blame.



Mohammed Mustafa, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine, addresses the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union at the AU headquarters in Addis Ababa, yesterday.

The deal is aimed at permanently ending the Gaza war and was endorsed in November by the United Nations.

The second phase stipulates that Israeli forces gradually withdraw from Gaza and Hamas should disarm, with an international stabilisation force deployed to ensure security.

Hamas has repeatedly said that disarmament is a red line, although it has indicated it would consider handing over its weapons to a future Palestinian governing authority.

The Israeli army still controls more than half of the Gaza Strip, while Hamas and Israel accuse each other daily of ceasefire violations.

Fifteen Palestinian experts on the technocratic committee, which is being overseen by a "Board of Peace" set up by US President Donald Trump, are currently based in Egypt, despite a

partial reopening on February 2 of the Rafah border crossing, Gaza's only gateway to the outside world that does not lead to Israel.

Nickolay Mladenov, a Bulgarian diplomat whom Trump named high representative for Gaza, said on Friday that "a number of conditions need to be met" before technocratic committee members can enter the Palestinian territory.

"One, Hamas needs to transfer the civilian control of the institutions in Gaza," he told a discussion on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference.

"This is not a government coming in after an election. This is far more complicated," he said.

"Because Hamas has been governing Gaza for 20 years and... implementing policies that are not in line with Palestinian legislation,"

he added. Other conditions he mentioned included ending Gaza ceasefire violations and "a radical increase in the assistance to people, aid going into Gaza".

"And finally, we need to make sure that we have the framework agreed in place on the decommissioning of weapons in Gaza," Mladenov said, emphasising the importance of the future role of a Palestinian security force.

He said the International Stabilisation Force (ISF) for the territory - set out under the Trump plan to end the war -- "is extremely important".

"But far more important than the ISF is the new Palestinian security force that should be deployed in Gaza, that should be able to secure the ground with the assistance of the ISF," he added.

Swiss say Oman set to host US-Iran talks in Geneva next week

AFP
Geneva

Switzerland said yesterday that Oman would host talks between the US and Iran in Geneva next week, with Washington pushing Tehran to make a deal to limit its nuclear programme.

"Switzerland stands ready at all times to offer its good offices to facilitate dialogue between the US and Iran," a Swiss foreign ministry spokesman told AFP.

On February 6, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi held talks in Oman with US envoy Steve Witkoff and US President Donald Trump's influential son-in-law Jared Kushner.

The talks were indirect, with the Omanis acting as mediators.

Trump has recently focused his military threats on Tehran's

nuclear programme, which US forces struck last July during Israel's unprecedented 12-day war with Iran.

Trump said Friday that a change of government in Iran would be the "best thing that could happen", as he sent a second aircraft carrier to the Middle East, ratcheting up military pressure on the nation.

Switzerland has played a key role in diplomatic relations between Iran and the US for decades. Renowned for its neutrality, Switzerland has been representing US interests in Iran since Washington broke off relations with Tehran after the 1980 hostage crisis, a year after the Iranian revolution.

In its role as the so-called protecting power, Switzerland has for decades allowed the two feuding nations to maintain a minimum of diplomatic and

consular relations. The Swiss embassy in Tehran handles all consular affairs between the US and Iran, including passport requests, altering civil status and consular protection for US citizens in Iran.

Under the protecting power mandate, "Switzerland can either offer to act as a go-between on its own initiative or can fulfil this function at the request of the parties concerned, provided that all those involved agree," the foreign ministry says on its website.

The US will be holding separate talks, also in Geneva next week, between Russia and Ukraine.

Moscow and Kyiv will hold US-brokered talks on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Swiss city, both countries have said, announcing the next leg in fraught negotiations seeking to end the four-year war.

Rubio casts US 'child of Europe' in Munich speech

Reuters
Munich

Secretary of State Marco Rubio cast the United States as the "child of Europe" in a message of unity yesterday, offering some reassurance as well as levelling more criticism at allies after a year of turmoil in transatlantic relations.

Rubio was addressing the annual Munich Security Conference, where Europe's leading powers have tried to project their own independence and strength while straining to keep a long-time alliance with the U.S. under President Donald Trump alive.

The speech delivered a degree of respite to European countries who fear being left in the lurch on anything from the war in Ukraine to international trade ructions in a rapidly shifting global order.

But it was short on concrete commitments and made no mention of Russia, raising questions about whether Rubio's tone, more emollient than that of Vice President JD Vance at the same event a year ago, would change the underlying dynamics.

"In a time of headlines heralding the end of the transatlantic era, let it be known and clear to all that this is neither our goal nor our wish, because for us Americans, our home may be in the Western Hemisphere, but we will always be a child of Europe," Rubio said.

"For the United States and Europe, we belong together," he said in the speech, which drew a standing ovation at the end.

While European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said she was "very much reassured" by the speech and German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul called Rubio a "true partner", others struck a more cautious tone.

"I am not sure that Europeans see the announced civilisational decline, supposedly caused mainly by migration and deindustrialisation, as a core uniting interest. For most Europeans, the common interest is security," said Gabriellus Landsbergis, former foreign minister of NATO member Lithuania.

"This was not a departure from the general position of the (Trump) administration. It was simply delivered in more polite terms," he said on X.

One particular area of anxiety



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio speaks at the Munich Security Conference in Germany, yesterday.

is Ukraine, where allies have long worried about Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin trying to ram through a deal on Moscow's terms and force Kyiv to cede land to end Europe's deadliest conflict since World War Two.

Yesterday, five European allies accused Russia of killing Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny using venom from poison dart frogs while he was held in an Arctic penal colony two years ago. Russia has repeatedly denied responsibility for his death.

US-brokered peace talks resume next week in Geneva after a sustained bombardment of Ukrainian cities during one of the coldest winters in years killed civilians and left hundreds of thousands of people without power and water.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed hope at the conference yesterday but said he was feeling "a little bit" of pressure from Trump, who had said Zelenskyy should not miss the "opportunity" to make peace soon.

"The Americans often return to the topic of concessions and too often those concessions are discussed only in the context of Ukraine, not Russia," Zelenskyy said.

The Munich conference of top security leaders has been dominated this year by how countries are scrambling to adjust to a year of confrontations with Trump on issues from tariffs to his threat to wrest Greenland from fellow NATO member Denmark.

German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said the transatlantic al-

liance depended on the predictability and reliability of the United States. "Questioning the territorial integrity and sovereignty of a Nato member state. Excluding European allies from negotiations that are crucial to the security on the continent. All this damages our alliance and strengthens our adversaries," he said.

Last year's address by Vance, a potential rival to Rubio in the 2028 US presidential race, dressed down European allies, arguing the greatest danger to Europe came from censorship and democratic backsliding rather than external threats like Russia.

While praising Europe's cultural achievements from the artist Michelangelo to the poet William Shakespeare, Rubio also touched on themes that have raised hackles, including criticism of mass migration and zealous action on climate change.

"We do not want our allies to be weak, because that makes us weaker," he said.

"For we in America have no interest in being polite and orderly caretakers of the West's managed decline, we do not seek to separate but to revitalise an old friendship and renew the greatest civilization in human history."

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said he could see why Rubio's appeal to a common legacy had drawn applause.

"Is it going to change our strategy? Of course not. Because, you know, what we're hearing today, we heard already in the past," Barrot said.

Navalny's death was caused by dart frog poison, European allies say

Five European allies yesterday blamed Russia for killing late Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny using toxin from poison dart frogs while he was held in an Arctic penal colony two years ago, Reuters reported from London. In a joint statement, Britain, France, Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands said analyses of samples from Navalny's body "conclusively" confirmed the presence of epibatidine, a toxin found in poison dart frogs in South America and not found naturally in Russia. The Russian government has repeatedly denied any responsibility for Navalny's death. Its embassy

in London did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. Britain yesterday said the poisoning demonstrated "an alarming pattern of behaviour". The country held a public inquiry into the poisoning in Britain of Russian double agent Sergei Skripal in 2018. It concluded last year Russian President Vladimir Putin must have ordered the Novichok nerve agent attack. The British government did not immediately respond to a Reuters query about how the samples from Navalny's body were obtained or where they were assessed. Foreign minister

Yvette Cooper told reporters that "UK scientists worked with our European partners to pursue the truth" on Navalny's death. Russian opposition leader Navalny died in an Arctic prison colony in February 2024, after being convicted of extremism and other charges, all of which he denied. His death was announced minutes before the opening of the Munich Security Conference in 2024. In response, the conference made a rare schedule adjustment to allow his widow, Yulia Navalnaya, to address the conference and she called for Putin to be held accountable.

Indian writer Roy pulls out of film festival over Gaza stance

AFP
Berlin

Award-winning Indian writer Arundhati Roy said Friday she was withdrawing from the Berlin Film Festival over jury president Wim Wenders's comments that cinema should "stay out of politics" when asked about Gaza.

Roy said in a statement sent to AFP that she was "shocked and disgusted" by responses from Wenders and other jury members to a question about the Palestinian territory at a press conference on Thursday.

Roy, whose novel *The God of Small Things* won the 1997 Booker Prize, had been announced as a festival guest to present a restored version of the 1989 film *In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones*, in

which she starred and wrote the screenplay. However, she said that the "unconscionable" statements by Wenders and other jury members had led her to reconsider, "with deep regret".

When asked about Germany's support for Israel at a press conference on Thursday, Wenders said: "We cannot really enter the field of politics", describing filmmakers as "the counterweight to politics". Fellow jury member Ewa Puszczyńska said it was a "little bit unfair" to expect the jury to take a direct stance on the issue.

Roy said in her statement that "to hear them say that art should not be political is jaw-dropping".

She described Israel's actions in Gaza as "a genocide of the Palestinian people by the State of Israel".

"If the greatest filmmakers and artists of our time cannot stand up and say so, they should know that history will judge them," she said.

Relatives of Venezuela political prisoners begin hunger strike after 17 others freed

AFP
Caracas

Relatives of political prisoners in Venezuela launched a hunger strike yesterday outside a prison in Caracas after 17 other detainees were freed, as talks drag on over the adoption of a promised amnesty law.

Wearing face masks, the group of about 10 women lay down in a line at the entrance to a national police facility known as Zone 7.

Many women were sleeping, with one telling AFP, on condition of anonymity: "Sleeping eases the hunger."



Relatives of detainees begin a hunger strike following Venezuela's National Assembly's postponement of the debate on an amnesty bill, outside National Police Zone 7 detention centre, in Caracas, yesterday.

"The pressure has worked; we hope to stay here until everyone is released," Evelin Quiaro, 46, an immigration official and the

mother of a political prisoner, told AFP.

Quiaro, whose son has been in detention since November on

terror-related charges, said she had eaten her last meal at about 1:00 am. In the early hours of the morning, National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez had announced the release of 17 prisoners in a post on social media, without naming them. He called for Venezuelans to "continue this path of peace for the construction of democratic coexistence."

The historic amnesty is the centerpiece of the reforms undertaken by acting President Delcy Rodriguez since the capture by US special forces of the country's longtime leader Nicolas Maduro in a deadly January 3 raid on Caracas.

Assailants kill at least 30 in northwest Nigeria villages

Reuters
Maiduguri

Armed assailants on motorbikes killed at least 30 people and burned houses and shops during raids on three villages in northwest Nigeria's Niger State early yesterday, residents who escaped the violence told Reuters.

The attacks on villages in the Borgu Local Government Area, near the border with Benin Republic, are part of a surge in attacks blamed on "bandits", who have carried out deadly assaults, abductions for ransom, and displaced communities across northern Nigeria. Insecurity is a pressing concern in Nigeria and

the government is under mounting pressure to restore stability.

Wasiu Abiodun, Niger State police spokesperson, confirmed the attack in one of the villages.

"Suspected bandits invaded Tunga-Makeri village... six persons lost their lives, some houses were also set ablaze, and a yet-to-be ascertained number of persons were abducted," Abiodun said.

He added that the assailants had moved on to Konkoso village, while details of other attacks remained unclear.

Jeremiah Timothy, a resident of Konkoso who fled to a nearby locality, said the attack on his village began in the early hours with sporadic gunfire.



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All-in on AI: what TikTok creator ByteDance did next

After soaring to global attention with its hugely popular TikTok app, Chinese tech giant ByteDance is now positioning itself as a major player in the fast-evolving AI arena. While the Beijing-based company has been embroiled in a range of legal and privacy rows linked to the social media app for years, its team has been busy branching out developing new cutting-edge products.

Among them is China's most popular artificial intelligence chatbot, Doubao, which has built up more than 100mn daily users since its inception in 2023. That makes it one of the world's largest processors of AI queries, alongside OpenAI and Google. Meanwhile, the cinematic clips created by its latest video generator, Seedance 2.0, have further raised the company's international profile.

But like TikTok, ByteDance's AI services could face trouble in overseas markets owing to issues from data privacy to fierce competition in the sector. Since OpenAI's ChatGPT revealed the powers of AI on its 2022 debut, ByteDance has believed the technology "would become an even more important application than web search", CEO Liang Rubo said last month.

"ByteDance's shift reflects a deliberate evolution from social media toward an AI native model," Charlie Dai, vice-president and principal analyst at Forrester, told AFP. Regulatory and political pressure on ByteDance's enormously popular video-sharing app TikTok has fuelled the pivot, he said. This month, the European Commission said TikTok's "addictive features" breached online content rules, and told it to change its design or face a fine amounting to up to six percent of ByteDance's annual global revenue.

Chinese tech giant ByteDance is now positioning itself as a major player in the fast-evolving AI arena

The United States had threatened TikTok with a total ban over concerns the platform could be used to harvest Americans' data or spread propaganda. After lengthy top-level talks over a TikTok divestiture deal, a majority-American-owned joint venture was established in January to operate the app's US business, with ByteDance retaining a stake of less than 20 percent.

Rocky Lee, who uses TikTok and other sites to sell Chinese digital gadgets and pet products to buyers overseas, was relieved by the US deal. "I can now tell other traders that 'you can go ahead and don't have to worry about it anymore'" Lee, who runs a chat group for cross-border sellers, told AFP.

Lee uses Doubao and other AI tools for various tasks including product selection, market research and sales script-writing. "We used to have more than a dozen people in our team. Now I reckon maybe four to five people are sufficient," the veteran seller from Xi'an said.

ByteDance was US chip titan Nvidia's largest Chinese client in 2024, and it plans to spend billions of dollars on purchasing AI microchips and building AI infrastructure in 2026. Though less prominent internationally than domestic competitors such as DeepSeek and Qwen, Doubao models process more than 50tn tokens, or units of text, daily. Google said in October that it handles more than 1.3 quadrillion tokens monthly, which is roughly 43 trillion daily.

ByteDance's focus on AI is "a well-considered decision in response to the evolving circumstances", said Chen Yan, an AI industry analyst at research firm QuestMobile. "They need to seek out the next generation of productivity," with strong growth for TikTok becoming more difficult given its already huge user base.

Shen Qiajin is founder of ideaFlow, an interactive content generation platform that is a heavy user of ByteDance AI models. "They are taking the all-in approach with AI, and they are the most aggressive player in the market," he told AFP. ByteDance, which has the biggest AI team in Chinese tech, sometimes pays salaries two or three times the market average to recruit top talent, said industry headhunter Shen Wei.

"From a headhunter's perspective, ByteDance's advantage lies in its willingness to spend big," he said.

ByteDance has not hidden its intention to replicate TikTok's international success with its AI ventures.

The Doubao team is now led by Alex Zhu, who co-founded the lip-syncing app Musical.ly that later merged with TikTok. — AFP

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Why Japan's emboldened PM won't toy with risks of a weak yen

- Takaichi vows to boost investment in 'proactive' fiscal policy
- Premier has chance to fill BoJ board openings with reflationists
- Weak-yen risk to keep PM from getting in the way of rate hikes
- Market betting on chance of another rate hike by April

Reuters
Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's landslide election win has given fresh impetus to her economic stimulus agenda but the risk of destabilising yen declines remains one firm check on her push for low interest rates. The emphatic victory last weekend has emboldened her mandate to boost investment and lower taxes to rev up the economy, all of which could heighten the hurdle for the Bank of Japan to further raise borrowing costs.

The dovish premier may also seek to influence the BoJ's policy debate by filling bank board seats opening this year with like-minded reflationist candidates, some analysts say, in line with her past calls for the BoJ to keep rates low. Still, the risk that fresh yen selling could fire up imported inflation, reviving political headaches, is now one of the few barriers to her administration getting in the way of BoJ rate hikes, sources and analysts say.

"A weak yen and subsequent inflationary risks would be potential triggers for a faster-than-expected rate hike," said former BoJ executive Akira Otani. He currently expects the BoJ to hike at its July meeting but also sees a good chance of earlier action in April or June.

"If government executives don't give negative comments about rate hikes and instead say they are leaving monetary policy up to the BoJ, that could be a sign the government and BoJ have laid the groundwork for pushing up rates," said Otani, who is currently

managing director at Goldman Sachs Japan.

Takaichi is sensitive to how markets react to her decisions, particularly yen and bond yield moves, two sources said.

Stubbornly high food prices, blamed in part on the weak yen, have hit households and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's approval ratings, costing former premier Shigeru Ishiba his job. "What's most important for the BoJ is to avoid drawing political heat for causing unwelcome yen declines, which work to accelerate inflation," a third source said. "Yen moves will be key to how soon the BoJ pulls the trigger," the source said. The sources all spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter.

YEN IS CRITICAL TO TIMING OF NEXT BOJ HIKE

Under Japanese law, the BoJ nominally enjoys independence although that has not shielded it from past political pressure to expand monetary support for a moribund economy. The most extreme intervention came in 2013, when former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe hand-picked Haruhiko Kuroda to overhaul the BoJ's caution over ramping up stimulus. While the BoJ has left few clues on the next rate-hike timing, markets have priced in roughly an 80% chance of a hike by April.

The BoJ holds its next meeting on March 18-19, around the time Takaichi is expected to visit the US to meet President Donald Trump, who favours a weak dollar. It will review its growth and price forecasts at a subsequent meeting on April 27-28. "The BoJ probably wants to raise rates again around



Japan's PM Sanae Takaichi smiles as she enters the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo earlier this week. (AFP)

April, June or July," said Naomi Muguruma, chief bond strategist at Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities. "The exact timing will depend on how the yen moves."

TAKAICHI'S AVERSION TO MARKET SHOCKS

Armed with a supermajority in the powerful lower house, Takaichi said she will focus on propping up growth by boosting investment through "proactive" fiscal policy. But she also said the administration must be mindful of market moves in guiding policy, highlighting its sensitivity to the risk of renewed yen falls that push up import costs. The BoJ, too, has signalled that yen moves would be key to its rate-hike timing. In January, the BoJ raised its price forecasts and said a weak yen could push up underlying inflation by prodding firms to pass on rising costs.

At their January meeting, BoJ policymakers debated mounting price pressures from a weak yen with some warning of the risk of being "behind the curve" in dealing with too-high inflation, a summary of opinions showed. Sharp yen declines allowed the BoJ to hike rates to 0.75% in December with little pushback from the government. When Governor Kazuo Ueda pre-announced the move, the finance minister said she had no problem with his comments.

To be sure, there is uncertainty on how much Takaichi is clinging to her initial enthusiasm for low interest rates, and to what extent she could meddle in monetary policy. The first test would come in her choice of nominees to fill two seats opening in the BoJ board this year. One succeeds Asahi Noguchi, whose term ends in March. Once known as a dove, he voted for the BoJ's past two rate hikes. Another joins when Junko Nakagawa sees her five-year term expire in June.

A choice of doves could complicate the BoJ's efforts to lift still-low rates by shifting the balance in the nine-member board, which is divided between those who see conditions ripe for steady rate hikes, and others who want to tread cautiously. It would also send a message to markets that Takaichi may tap reflationist candidates to fill two more board seats opening in 2027, and then Ueda's post when his term ends in 2028.

"If the yen stabilises, there are few reasons for the BoJ to rush," Muguruma said. "With the personnel appointments looming, the BoJ may not push too hard in getting a hike done early."



A Japanese flag flutters atop the Bank of Japan headquarters in Tokyo in a file photo. (Reuters)

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Mazzraty showcases integrated dairy model, health-focused innovation

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The Mazzraty pavilion at the exhibition.

Mazzraty has highlighted how its integrated agricultural model is strengthening food security while expanding exports and launching new health-focused dairy innovations during the 13th Qatar International Agricultural Exhibition (AgriteQ 2026).

Adel Aboulaila, general manager of the Dairy Division at Al Mana Holding Group, said that Mazzraty used its golden sponsorship platform to reinforce the message that "Qatar's agricultural sector is not only growing - it is evolving".

He described Mazzraty as a fully integrated operation spanning cow and goat farms, processing factories, agri-farms for grasses and vegetables, as well as poultry, fertiliser and animal feed divisions.

"We are participating with all our divisions: poultry, dairy, agri-farm, fertiliser, and animal feed," Aboulaila said.

He stressed that exhibitions such as AgriteQ provide both B2B (business to business) and B2C (business to consumer) opportunities, strengthening supply chains while opening export doors.

"For B2B, many suppliers are coming here; we can make some good deals for our raw materials," Aboulaila said. "And also some people who are coming from abroad. It's also a good chance for exporting our products."

He said that Mazzraty products are already available in Oman and Bahrain, with further export channels in progress.

The participation also supports engagement with HORECA (hotel, restaurant and café/catering) clients and enhances consumer awareness.

"For B2C, it's a good chance to create awareness about our products," Aboulaila said.

"Some of our new products were launched during the exhibition."

Among the highlights was the launch of Mazzraty's new "Pro Line", which focuses on high-protein, low-fat dairy, and hydration solutions.

"This is mainly for the healthy products," Aboulaila said.

The line includes Greek-style drinkable yoghurt, stirred yoghurt in plain and vegetable varieties, as well as electrolyte dehydration drinks.

"Importantly, the products contain no added sugar. The sweeteners are coming from the fruits itself," he noted, citing strawberry and beet variations.

The new portfolio introduces children's desserts, including chocolate pudding, vanilla pudding, cream caramel, and pistachio pudding.

Beyond product launches, Aboulaila reflected on Qatar's agricultural progress.



Adel Aboulaila

"There has been a lot of developments that have happened in Qatar in the last few years, including many projects and Qatari companies," he added.

Qatari companies in focus at AgriteQ

By Joseph Varghese
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A large number of visitors are thronging the beachfront area of the Katara Cultural Village to visit the Qatar International Agricultural Exhibition, (AgriteQ) 2026, with the local companies attracting huge interest from visitors.

Qatari establishments, such as Hassad Food, Baladna, and Mazzraty, are displaying many of their products at prominent locations at the exhibition area.

Major farms and plant nurseries in the country are also participating in the exhibition.

Bringing together leading companies, global experts, startups, investors, and government entities, AgriteQ showcases the latest technologies, products, and solutions shaping the future of the agricultural sector.

The exhibition aims to advance Qatar's agricultural development by providing a dynamic platform that brings together global innovators, industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders for shaping the future of sustainable agriculture.

With a huge stall at the entrance of the exhibition, Hassad Food displays all their services and products providing a glimpse of Qatar's efforts at food security.

They also highlight some of the advances that have been made in food security highlighting its national and international projects.

The Baladna station located inside the exhibition area showcases many of their products and lures the visitors with their quality products.

They include many of their milk and dairy products, various varieties of cheese, and juices, among others.

The Mazzraty pavilion offers an immersive experience for the visitors, providing them with a huge display of their products.



Visitors at the exhibition stalls.

Left: The Baladna pavilion.

Right: A display at the exhibition.

Below: The Farmers Market.

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Mazzraty's booth also showcases many of the technologies used in their farm and provides a comprehensive view of their production methods as well as the products.

The exhibition is dedicated to showcasing cutting-edge technologies, modern farming solutions, and environmentally responsible practices that support Qatar's national vision for food security and long-term resilience.

It also aims to empower farmers, inspire innovation, and promote investment opportunities that drive sustainable growth across the agricultural sector.

The exhibition has a station named "Farmers Market", where local agricultural products are sold.

A favourite area of many of the visitors, people can get fresh local agricultural products at a very affordable price from the Farmers Market.

Many of the leading farms in the country are also participating in the exhibition, showcasing their products and services.

Designed to foster collaboration

and drive industry transformation, AgriteQ offers a comprehensive experience covering every dimension of agriculture, from plant production, livestock, and fisheries to food processing, smart farming, and environmental sustainability.

AgriteQ 2026 also presents a wide range of supporting activities designed to enrich the visitor

experience and enhance exhibitor visibility across all sectors.

These activities include Live-stock Zone and Auction Stage, Live Cooking Stage, Kids Workshop Area, Zoo Tent, Food and Beverage Area, and Qatar Lens, an exhibition of photographs depicting the beauty of Qatar's agricultural landscape.



Snapshots from the MoECC's pavilion at AgriteQ 2026

MoECC highlights protection of local environment

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) is taking part in the 13th Qatar International Agricultural Exhibition (AgriteQ 2026), organised by the Ministry of Municipality at Katara the Cultural Village until February 16.

The MoECC is taking part through a dedicated pavilion that showcases its efforts in promoting environmental awareness, supporting sustainability concepts, and protecting biodiversity, reaffirming its role in encouraging environmental innovation and sustainable practices.

Dr Farhoud al-Hajri, the director of public relations and communication at the MoECC, said that the participation represents an important opportunity to strengthen engagement with the community and highlight its environmental initiatives.

This, he said, contributes to spreading a culture of sustainability and reinforcing awareness about the importance of protecting natural resources and biodiversity in Qatar.

Dr al-Hajri said that the ministry's pavilion features a variety of wild and invasive plants, along with an introduction to the "Seed Scattering" initiative aimed at supporting natural vegetation cover, and the "Wild Meadows Fencing" initiative, which seeks to protect natural areas and enhance their environmental sustainability.

The pavilion also highlights the national campaign to remove the invasive Ghaif tree as part of the ministry's efforts to limit the spread of non-native species and preserve ecological balance.

In addition, an interactive digital screen displays a map of Qatar showing whale congregation areas, turtle nesting sites, and habitats of dugongs, as well as information about nature reserves, islands, and coral reefs, helping to enhance public awareness of the country's environmental and marine diversity.

Wildlife Department director Khalid al-Mohannadi noted that the ministry's pavilion reflects its ongoing efforts to protect wildlife and terrestrial and marine ecosystems through initiatives and projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and sustaining natural habitats in line with national environmental strategies.

He stressed that the MoECC's participation aligns with its vision of strengthening community engagement, highlighting its environmental protection efforts, and encouraging individuals to adopt eco-friendly behaviors that support sustainable development for current and future generations.

Al-Mohannadi added that the pavilion showcases the latest environmentally friendly technologies that contribute to achieving sustainable development goals and reinforce Qatar's position as a leading regional platform in environmental and agricultural work.



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