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His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al –Thani

The Emir of State of Qatar



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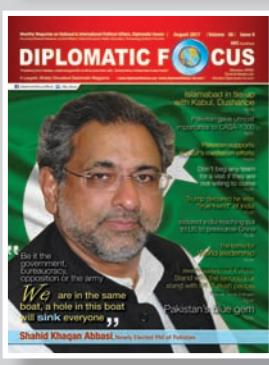
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Important Announcement

It has been announced for the general information that Mr. Mian Assad Ullah has been appointed as Editor In Chief of the Monthly "Diplomatic Focus" for the UK/EU Edition. He is entitled to participate official /non-officials diplomatic(engagements, events, national days, social evenings/gatherings, press conferences/interviews and can be contacted for all kinds of stuff including articles, supplements and advertisements etc). It is requested to all Diplomatic missions and government high officials of UK, please contact with Mr. Mian Assad Ullah on His mailing address, 4 Ipswich Road, SW17 9RH, London. Cell number:+44-7961005954/ 2087694850, Email: uk.diplomaticfocus@gmail.com, assadmian1@gmail.com



Mian Fazal Elahi

The State of Qatar is a peninsula located amid the western coast of the Arabian Gulf. Of the islands affiliated to Qatar, Halul, Shraouh and Al-Asshat are the most important.

The tiny Gulf state of Qatar is fast developing a reputation for world-class sporting, education and cultural venues housing cutting-edge and infrastructure. With a rapidly growing population, the second-highest GDP in the world and the third-largest natural gas reserves, Qatar is one of the wealthiest and fastest developing countries in the GCC.

The state has taken an arguably more measured approach to development, investing billions in establishing world-class sporting, education and cultural facilities in a bid to carve its own niche in the region. Qatar houses more higher education institutions per head of population than any other country in the Middle East. The government's commitment to positioning Qatar as a leader in scientific and cultural pursuits is reflected in its ambitious approach. Following the success of the 2006 Asian Games, Qatar has confirmed its ambition to host the world's largest sporting event - FIFA World Cup the world's most prestigious sport event - in 2022. The combined scale and ambition of these and other developments including Katara, Lusail City and Msheireb Downtown Doha, are further examples of the Qatari government's drive to position the booming peninsula state.

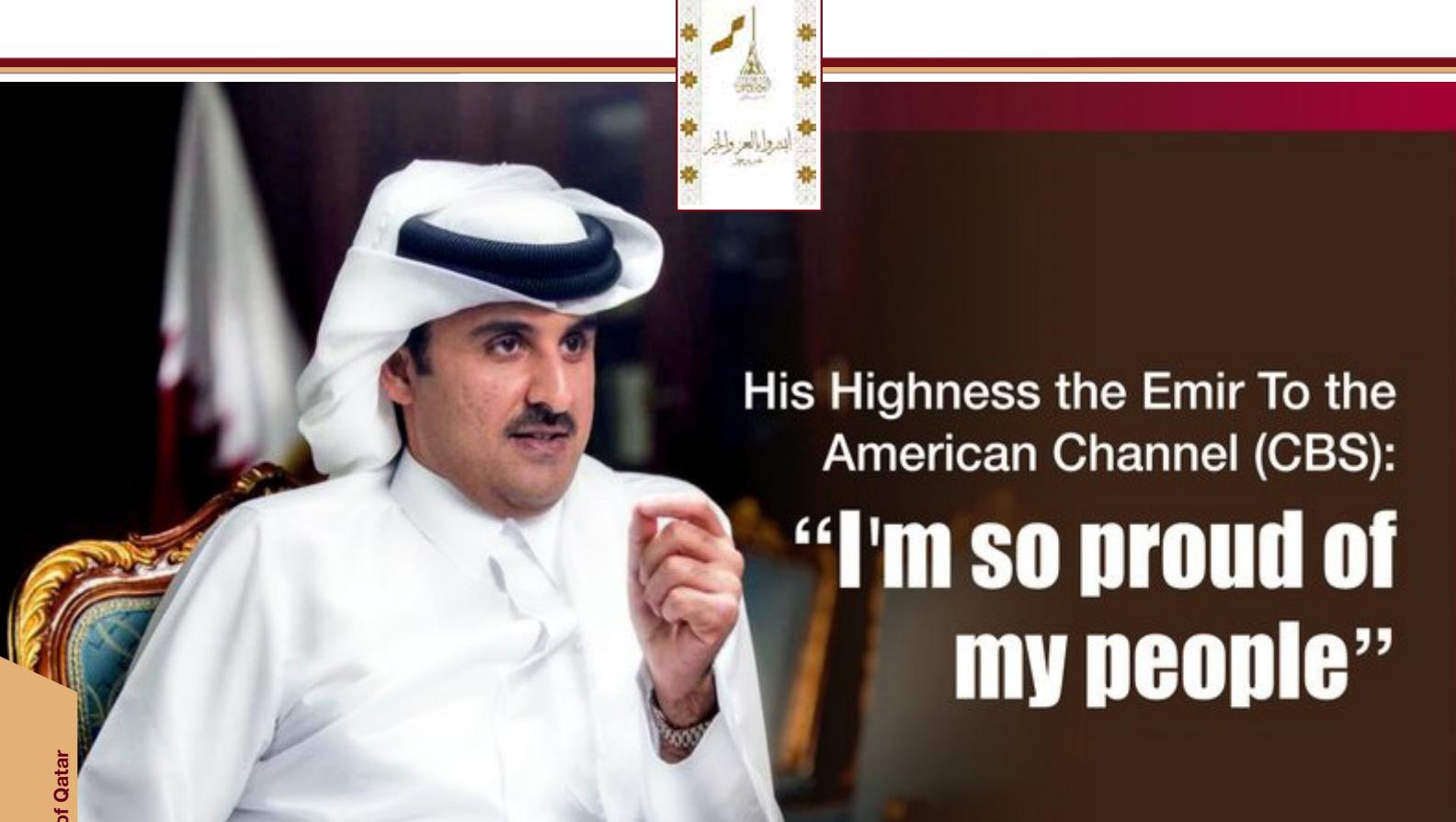
Every year on December 18th, the people of Qatar celebrate the Qatar National Day to commemorate the historic day in 1878. On 18 December 1878, Jassim bin Mohammed Al Thani succeeded his father Mohammed bin Thani as ruler of the Qatari Peninsula. He is deemed to have unified all the local tribes by combating external forces. There's a parade in the morning. Qatar celebrated its National Day, under the motto Day of Unity, Loyalty and Pride.

Congratulations Qatar!

Long live Qatar-Pakistan brotherhood relations!

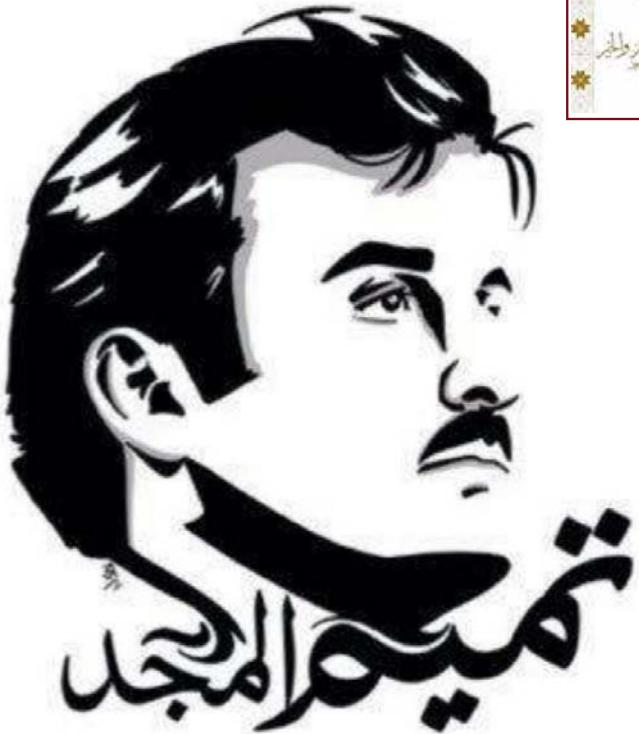
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- Absolutely, we do not support terrorism. "Our sovereignty is a red line. We don't accept anybody interfering in our sovereignty".
- They don't like our independence, the way how we are thinking, our vision for the region. We want freedom of speech for the people of the region. And they're not happy with that. And so they think that this is a threat to them.
- No, we're not gonna shut down Al Jazeera. History will write one day how it changed the whole idea of free speech in the region.
- Trump told me very clearly "I will not accept my friends fighting amongst themselves".
- The blockade countries want a regime change. It's... so obvious.





History tells us, teaches us they tried to do that before, in 1996, after my father became the Emir.

- It was a shock. It was a shock because a few weeks before that, we were meeting, all of us together, in one room, including President Trump. And we were discussing terrorism, financing terrorism. And nobody brought any concern from those countries. Nobody told me anything.
- I'm so proud of my people.
- We stood by the people during the Arab Spring. Because they were asking for freedom, dignity. And I feel that we chose the right side when we stood by the people.
- If anything happens, if any military act happens, this region will be in chaos.
- We want to end the crisis. But nothing is gonna be above our dignity, our sovereignty.



Highlights from the speech of

HH the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al –Thani At the Opening of the 46th Session of the Advisory Council



Qatar has come under an unjust blockade, during which all established values and norms -not only those prevalent among fraternal and friendly countries, but even among enemies - were breached.

It seems that the countries which imposed the blockade on Qatar have been embroiled in it. They have become captive of their own media rhetoric, as attempts made to give them a way out through mediations and dialogue as well as our declared readiness for settlement, did not succeed. It also seemed that, this has become their approach, as they became hastily in taking steps in other countries as well, without having any exit strategy from the situation they tend to implicate themselves in.

We do not fear the boycott of these countries against us; we are a thousand times better off without them. But vigilance is required. Their claims that they will not adopt boycott

are not true, as they continue to interfere in the internal affairs of our country and take collective punitive measures against the Qatari people, and practice incitement everywhere against the State of Qatar.

The Government is currently preparing for the Advisory Council's elections, including drafting legislative measures necessary to ensure that these elections are conducted perfectly well.

Qatar has pursued a policy of self-restraint, moderate response, and has risen above all wrangles and misbehavior in respect for values and norms and out of our keenness to maintain the fraternal relations among the Gulf peoples. Qatar's political approach and diplomacy have gained the respect of the whole world.

We mean what we say when we express our readiness for settlement within the framework of dialogue based on mutual respect for sovereignty and joint commitments.

The measures taken by the blockading countries were aimed at creating a political shock, affecting Qatar's stability and forcing us to accept tutelage and cede our independence. Then they have moved on to a second plan that is still being applied. It could be summed up as an attempt to harm our economy. But they have erred in their evaluation of the will of the Qatari people and the State, as well as in their estimates of our economy.

I have directed that it is necessary to upgrade our justice- system to ensure the consolidation of the independence of the judiciary, avoiding prolonged litigation (as it is said: slow justice is tantamount to injustice).

I reiterate my appreciation to our pedigree Qatari people and residents of the State of Qatar for standing up with dignity and pride against the blockade.



ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Advisory Council is the legislative body of the State of Qatar, which has 45 members, 30 members elected and 15 appointed members. This is in accordance with the Qatari Constitution that was ratified during April 2003 and orders to elect 2/3 of the Advisory Council members and appoint 1/3.

The three legislative authorities of the Advisory Council as stated in the Constitution are:

- Approve (not prepare) the National Budget.
- Monitor the performance of ministers through a vote of no confidence.
- Draft, discuss and vote on proposed legislation, which becomes law only by the voting of two-thirds majority and the ratification of H. H. the Emir of the State of Qatar.

The duties of the members of the Advisory Council that is withdrawn from the authorities given to Council itself by the constitution are as follows:

- Discussion of:
- o Proposed laws and laws with decrees.
- o State policy concerning economic, administrative and political issues.
- o All the state affairs related to social and

cultural aspect in general whether by its own initiative or referred to it by the Cabinet of Ministers.

- o The general budget for public projects.
- o The budget of the Council and its final accounts.
- Follow up on previously discussed issues referred to it by Cabinet, and track their progress.
- Forward queries with intention to clarify issues.
- Request additional detail on matters concerning government and ministerial policy.
- Propose or put forward recommendations or show intention with above mentioned issues.

Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani recently issued a decree appointing 28 new members to the Advisory Council, including four women. The Emir also chaired the 46th session of the Advisory Council that was held on Tuesday 14th November 2017.

During the session he said that the Government of the State of Qatar is preparing for the coming elections of the Advisory Council that will be held in 2018 and working also on the preparation of draft legislative instruments necessary to ensure that these elections are

conducted in full.

He also added that the aim is "to avoid the need for amendments from time to time, there are legal shortcomings and problems that we must overcome in order for the elections to the Advisory Council to be fair", assuring that the drafts will be submitted to the Advisory Council during the coming year.

Experts are of the opinion that the Emir has taken historical steps by appointing 28 new members with multiple specialties including, for the first time, 4 women to the Council. It is expected that this council will be an important nucleus for the next council that Qataris are waiting for.







Highlights from the speech of **HH the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al –Thani**

72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly

- Israel reflects the Arab Peace initiative and still stands in the way of achieving it. The international community must give high priority to the resumption of peace negotiations on the basis of ending the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories and reaching a just, comprehensive and final settlement based on international law and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with Jerusalem as its capital.
- The need to work seriously to reach a political solution to the Syrian crisis in a way that meets the aspirations of the Syrian people for justice, dignity and freedom, and maintains the unity and sovereignty of Syria, in accordance with the Geneva decisions.
- Supporting the efforts of the Iraqi government in its endeavor to achieve security, stability and unity.
- The importance of maintaining Yemen's unity, security and stability, and ending the state of infighting and war and adopting dialogue, political solution and national reconciliation as a basis for ending this crisis and implementing the Security Council resolution 2216.
- We call upon the international community to facilitate the access of humanitarian assistance to various Yemeni regions.
- His Highness the Emir renews his appeal to the Palestinian brothers to complete national reconciliation.
- Qatar will spare no effort in providing support and assistance to alleviate the humanitarian suffering of our Syrian brothers and to implement our humanitarian pledges within the framework of the United Nations.
- The importance of concerted local efforts in Libya to support the Government of national accord, which has been established with the support of United Nations, in its efforts to restore stability, counter terrorism and its grave consequences.
- We affirm the State of Qatar's support for the Iraqi government in its fight against terrorism.
- The State of Qatar supports the efforts of the UN envoy to end the Yemen crisis.
- His Highness the Emir renews the call for conducting a constructive dialogue between the GCC countries and Iran on the basis of common interests, the principle of good neighborliness, respect for the sovereignty of States and non-interference in their internal affairs in order to achieve security and stability in the Gulf region.





Special Supplement
on the National Day of the State of Qatar

H.E. Saqr Bin Mubarak Al Mansouri

Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



Message

On the occasion of the National Day of the State of Qatar

On the occasion of the National Day of the State of Qatar Which falls on the 18th of December every year, I have the honor to submit my heartiest and profound felicitations and blessings to His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir and to the Qatari nation in our beloved Homeland in this happy occasion.

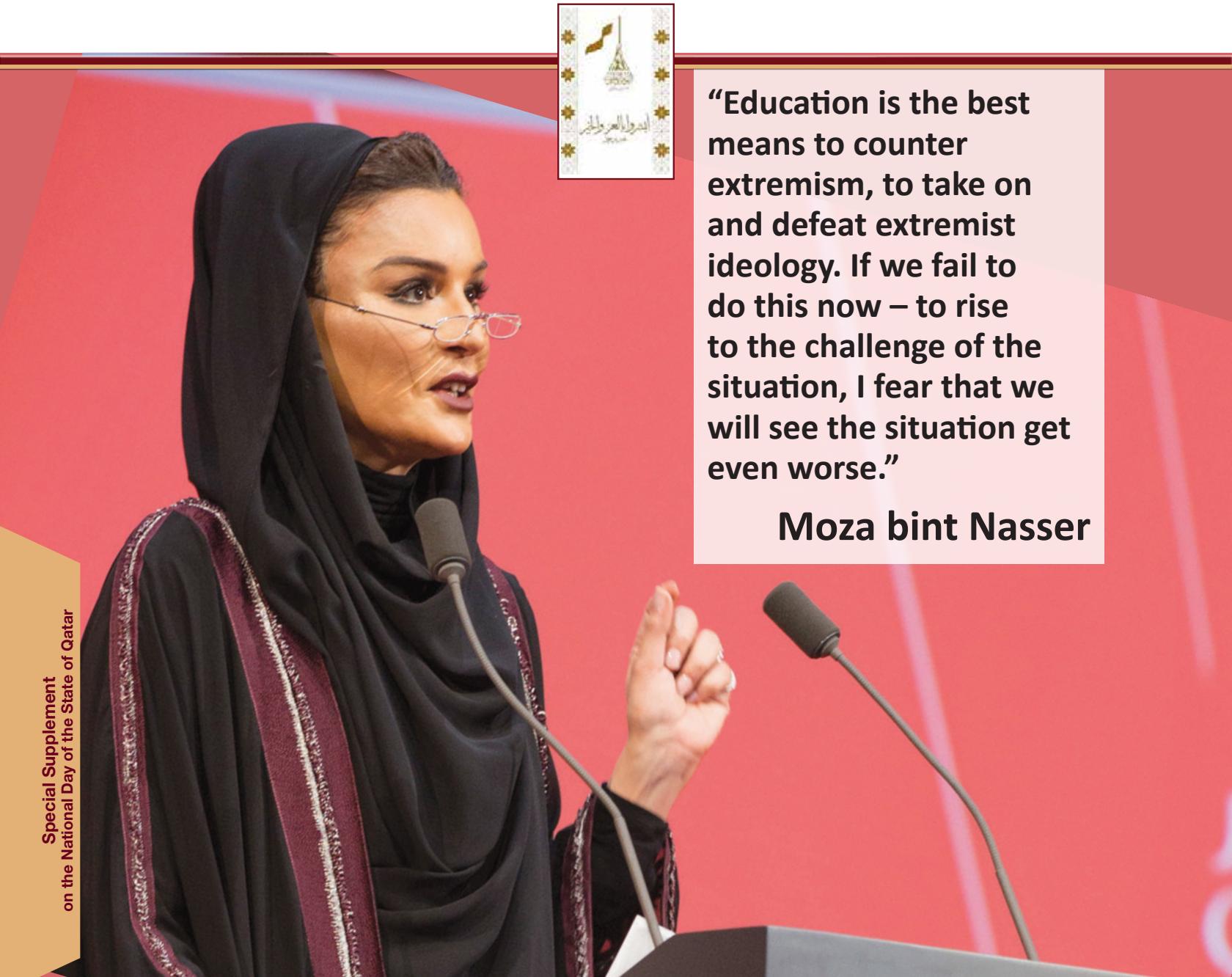
18th of December a day for Qatar to remember the transformation from tribal divided society to a distinguished unity under the identity of Qatar as a State in which men and women from all spectrums of the society are lionized for their role played in the development of this country.

The relationship between the State of Qatar, under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan under the leadership of H. E. Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Prime Minister is characterized with significant bilateral development and cooperation in all domains.

I would like to refer to the remarkable developments of this bilateral relations that is clearly reflected with the exchange of visits between high ranked civilian and military officials of both countries that promotes and supports joint unity of both sides and agreements on opinions towards bilateral, regional and international issues.

In this regard I would like to mention here the development of the mutual cooperation between the two countries in the field of energy, economy, trade, education, health... etc. There is also a new sea (Ships Serving) rout established between Qatar and Pakistan that will help improving trade between the two countries.

On the other side, the Government of the State of Qatar decided to provide Pakistani nationals a free tourist visa upon arrival to Qatar.



HH Sheikha Moza witnesses closing session of WISE 2017 Doha, Qatar

“Education is the best means to counter extremism, to take on and defeat extremist ideology. If we fail to do this now – to rise to the challenge of the situation, I fear that we will see the situation get even worse.”

Moza bint Nasser

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasseer, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, and Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of QF, witnessed the closing session of the eighth World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) 2017 at the Qatar National Convention Center. This year's global conference fell under the theme of "Co-Exist, Co-CREATE: Learning to Live and Work Together."

Over 2,000 people from over 100 countries participated in the conference, including world leaders, academics, educators and students, as well as a wide range of institutions and stakeholders from the field of education.

Over the course of two days, the conference discussed ways to respond to the most pressing problems facing the global education system and how to transform such challenges into opportunities for positive change to build the future of education. Additionally, the conference explored the impacts of education on economics, health, well-being, citizenship, integration, science, and other various aspects.



Speech The Foreign Minister **HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani** at the opening of US Islamic World Forum

Some of the just cases of peoples remain unresolved in spite of several UN resolutions, which require directing international efforts towards implementing resolutions, enforcing international legality and halting the double standards.

The international community needs a lot of channels of communication and dialogue platforms such as this forum to build bridges and establish cooperation between the peoples and countries and tolerance between believers and followers of different religions and sects and work to address the distortion caused

by the hypocrites, ignorance and extremists. Continued failure to achieve peace due to selective policies in the implementation of international legitimacy resolutions and double standards, preferring to impose fait accompli on the principles of justice and equity to achieve short-term narrow interests.

We call for the need to deepen relations based on permanent and frank dialogue and on the basis of respect and mutual understanding, which should be enshrined as principles for dealing between states.

The distinguished relationship between the Muslim world and the United States of America faces a major challenge of settling the Palestinian issue and ending the conflict in the Middle East.

The State of Qatar has always affirmed its absolute rejection of all forms of fanaticism and extremism and the resulting violence and terrorism. It also called for serious contribution within the framework of international and regional efforts to combat this dangerous phenomenon, which contradicts the values of all religions and human civilizations.



QATAR – PAKISTAN RELATIONS

Joint cooperation

The State of Qatar and Pakistan are members of different international organizations, and it is common for Pakistan from time to time to seek the support and assistance of the State of Qatar for its candidature in the counsels and international organizations of the United Nations, there is also continued coordination between both countries on the side lines of international forums and support to candidates of both countries.

MoU was signed between the foreign ministries of the State of Qatar and Pakistan during the visit of H. H. the Father Emir to Pakistan during April 1999 and according to this agreement both countries support and assist the stance of the other party.

H. H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani visited officially Pakistan during 2015, a visit that led to more improvement of the relations between the two countries and lifting it to new levels.

The year 2017 witnessed indicators to support the bilateral relations between the State of Qatar and Pakistan and there are evidences that the trade exchange and investments will increase widely to indicate the strength of the relations between the two countries. This will be through the visits of the officials of both countries and positive commitment on this regards.

Opportunities to increase cooperation:

In a joint meeting that took place in Pakistan during 2017 between the chambers of commerce and industries of both countries it was agreed that there are promising chances

for investment and joint ventures between the two countries in different fields in Pakistan, especially in energy and agriculture in a condition of betterment of security situation and stable political situation.

Qatari dignitaries visited the Islamic Republic of Pakistan during 2017

- 6th February 2017, H. E. Dr. Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al Kawari, Advisor in the Emiri Diwan
- 19th March 2017, (Personal Visit) H. H. the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani and H. E. Sheikh Hamal Bin Jasim Bin Jabar Al Thani, former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (Personal Visit)
- 14th April 2017, H. E. Dr. Khalid Bin Mohammed Al Attiya, State Minister of Defence Affairs
- 18th June 2017, H. E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al Sada, Minister of Energy and Industry
- 18th July 2017, H. E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Jassim Al Thani, Foreign Minister

Pakistani dignitaries visited the State of Qatar during 2017

- 5th March 2017, H. E. General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chief of Army Staff
- 26th April 2017, Mr. Hussain Ahmed Madani, Secretary Ministry of Provisional Cooperation
- 6th May 2017, H. E. Eng. Khurram Dastagir Khan, Minister of Trade
- 19th July 2017, H. E. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of Air Staff
- 1st August 2017, H. E. General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee
- 7th November 2017, H. E. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister of Interior



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Shared Visions

Vision of the State of Qatar towards Pakistan: The State of Qatar visualizes Pakistan as a large Islamic state with strong and close historical ties with strategic depth in the region and that is why the State of Qatar seek to strengthen its relations with Pakistan in all fields and levels”.

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Vision of Pakistan towards the State of Qatar

Pakistan look forward to strengthen its relations with the State of Qatar in its endeavor to strengthen its relations with the Gulf state, Pakistan also look forward to improve its trading, economic and investment relations with the State of Qatar, to have more cooperation between the two countries in the field of energy and others.



Pakistan President Meets Qatar's UNESCO Candidate

Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain met last night at the presidential palace in Islamabad with HE Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al Kuwari, adviser at the Emiri Diwan and Qatar's candidate for the director general post at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

During the meeting, Qatar's candidate conveyed the greetings of HH the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani to the president of Pakistan and his best wishes of more progress and prosperity to the Pakistani people.

For his part, the president entrusted Dr. Al Kuwari to convey his greetings to HH the Emir, wishing him continued good health and happiness and the people of Qatar further development and prosperity.

The president praised the strong bilateral relations between both nations, hoping for more cooperation in different fields in the future and stressing his support for the Qatari candidate.

HE Dr. Al Kuwari briefly presented his vision and plan to fight the obstacles facing the organization, and thanked the president for his time. Dr. Al Kuwari has previously met with the Pakistani adviser to the prime minister on foreign affairs, Sartaj Aziz, and presented him with his vision and answered all questions



raised by the adviser, who wished him good luck in his mission.

In addition, the Qatari candidate presented his vision to Marriyum Aurangzeb, minister of state for information broadcasting and national heritage, who praised the cultural bilateral relations, hoping to develop them further.

Aurangzeb praised Qatar's role in preserving Islamic heritage through the UNESCO, which is a vision compatible with Pakistan due to its importance and the necessity to develop it in the future.

The meetings were attended by HE Qatar's Ambassador to Pakistan Saqr bin Mubarak Al Mansouri. (QNA)



H.E Hamad Bin Abdul Aziz during Visit Pakistan along with GCC and African Diplomates and other dignities.



Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan call on His Highness

Chief of Army Staff of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan General Qamar Javed Bajwa and his accompanied delegation called on His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar on 8th March 2017 at his office in Albahr Balace this morning during his visit to Qatar. During the meeting matters related to cooperation between the two countries and ways more support and development were discussed along with number of issues of bilateral interest.



Qatar Minister of State for Defense Affairs attended a passing out parade

HE Minister of State for Defense Affairs Dr Khalid bin Mohammed Al Attiyah attended a passing out parade that took place at Pakistan

Military Academy, as part of His Excellency's visit to Pakistan. The academy offers a Bachelor of Military Arts and Sciences and is considered

one of the most prominent military institutions in the world in its field.





Pakistan Prime Minister Meets Qatari Foreign Minister

HE the Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif met here on with HE Qatar's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani on July 18, 2017.

During the meeting, they discussed bilateral relations and means to enhance them in addition to a range of topics of mutual interest.

HE the Foreign Minister briefed the Pakistani Prime Minister on the developments of the Gulf crisis and all the illegal measures taken against the State of Qatar.

Pakistani Prime Minister's Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz attended the meeting.



Qatar Minister for Commerce and Trade meet with Commerce Minister of Pakistan

H. E. Eng. Khuram Dastagir, Commerce Minister of Pakistan along with his accompanied delegation called on H. E. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Jasim Bin Mohammad Al Thani, Minister of Commerce and Trade.

During the meeting, issues related to bilateral relations were discussed along with working on bathes for better cooperation especially on commerce, trade and investments and how to develop it even more.

It is to mention that number of trade agreements were signed between the State of Qatar and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan i.e. bilateral encouragement and protection of investments that was signed on 6/4/1999 and

economic cooperation agreement that was signed on 16/4/1984.

Trade volume between the two countries in

2016 was about 2.85 Billion Riyal. Pakistan is considered the trade partner number 21 of the State of Qatar.





Qatar Chamber Reviews Trade and Investment Cooperation with Pakistani Delegation



Qatar Chamber discussed means of promoting trade and investment cooperation with a Pakistani delegation, currently visiting Doha.

Addressing the meeting, which was held at Qatar Chamber headquarters in the presence of Qatari and Pakistani businessmen, Vice Chairman of Qatar Chamber Mohammed bin Ahmed bin Tawar hailed the historic relations between the State of Qatar and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which witnessed a great development in the economic and trade field in reflection of the keenness of both governments to upgrade the bilateral relations to new prospects of cooperation at all levels.

Bin Tawar referred to the agreements signed between the two countries, such as the promotion and mutual protection of investments agreement in 1999 and the economic cooperation agreement in 1984, which paved the way for developing cooperation and increasing partnerships between businessmen in both countries.

He noted that trade exchange between the two countries reached 2.85 billion ryals (\$783

million) in 2016. Pakistan is Qatar's 21st trading partner, but Qatari businessmen aspire to double those ratios.

The Qatar Chamber vice chairman called on the Qatari and Pakistani private sector to establish effective partnerships and engage in high-value projects that contribute to advancing these relations.

He said that Qatar Chamber urges the private sector to benefit from investment opportunities in Pakistan and to partner with Pakistani business owners, especially in the food, pharmaceutical, telecommunications, agriculture and other sectors, stressing its readiness to provide all necessary data and information in this regard.

Bin Tawar expressed hope that the meeting will contribute to enhancing economic cooperation between businessmen from both countries to serve the common interests of both countries.

For his part, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Zubair Tufail, stressed the importance of promoting mutual cooperation between the

Pakistani and Qatari businessmen.

He called on Qatari businessmen to visit Pakistan in order to identify the investment opportunities available in his country, noting that there are many sectors that Qatari businessmen can benefit from by entering into constructive partnerships with their Pakistani counterparts.

Tufail stressed the importance of investment in the energy sector, especially as Qatar supplies large quantities of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Pakistan, which plays a major role in reducing the energy shortage in the country. He also highlighted the importance of investment in other sectors such as the iron and steel industry, construction of airports and ports, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, services and other sectors serving mutual investment.

He underlined that Pakistan enjoys an attractive investment environment with many opportunities. It has large markets with a population of more than 200 million and has substantial reserves of natural gas, iron ore, copper, limestone and agricultural lands.



Forth meeting of the Qatar Pakistan Joint Ministerial Commission

The 4th session of the Qatar Pakistan Joint Ministerial Commission was held on 22nd December 2016 in Islamabad, the Qatar side was chaired by the Minister of Energy and Industry, Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al Sada and the Pakistani side was chaired by the Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi.

The meeting focused on bilateral economic cooperation in various sectors including Commerce, Banking & Finance, Energy Investment, Industry, Civil Aviation, Defence Production, Education, Ports & Shipping, Manpower and Science & Technology.

The Qatar Co-chair also called on the President of Pakistan. In his welcome remarks, Pakistani Co-chair warmly welcomed the Qatari Delegation and appreciated the Qatari Government for successfully signing the contract for import of LNG. He highlighted that Pakistan has embarked upon a major reform program that aims at fiscal stabilization, mobilizing domestic resources and restructuring the power sector, which makes Pakistan an attractive destination for investors from Qatar.

The head of Qatari delegation, Minister of Energy and Industry of the State of Qatar, thanked the Pakistani side for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to their delegation and highlighted the longstanding relations between Qatar and Pakistan, characterized by a spirit of brotherhood and solidarity. The Qatar Co-chair emphasized on the need to expand the economic ties between the two countries. He also underlined the need to expedite the efforts from both sides on implementation of the agreed arrangements.



Handing of 10 Ambulances, gifted by H. H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar to Baluchistan Pakistan

H. E. Mr. Saqr Bin Mubarak Al Mansori, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, handed over 10 State of the Art Ambulances to H. E. Mr. Abdul Qadir Baluch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions, elected member of Federal Parliament from Kharan, a gift from H. H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar to

the residents of Baluchistan Province to help elevating the level of health services in the province in general and Kharan & Washuk in particular. The event of the handing over was organized at the Baluch house in the Federal Capital, Islamabad. During the event, H. E. the Qatari Ambassador, praised the brotherly relations between the two nations and the

eagerness to develop it even more in different fields. From his side, H. E. the Minister Mr. Abdul Qadir Baloch, expressed thanks and appreciations for the gift of H. H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, that will have a good bestead that will reflect on developing the health services in the province.



Activities of the Embassy

During the month of Ramadan, the Embassy of the State of Qatar Purchased and distributed Ramadan baskets and participated in providing food for those who were fasting in number of hospitals, universities and deferent institutes.

The Ramadan baskets contained food items sufficient to cover the needs of an average family for one month and it was distributed to many Pakistani families who were in need.

The Embassy also arranged Iftar for those who were fasting in deferent places such as International Islamic University in Islamabad.

The Embassy also distributed large number of Islamic books and copies of Quran that was donated by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of the State of Qatar.

Books and copies of the Holy Quran were distributed among number of universities,

educational institutions, Islamic offices and parties ... etc.

Within the framework of the Qatar Education Support Program in Pakistan, school bags were distributed to students in number of schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhawah.

Pakistan International Human Rights Organization distributed school bags to students in some schools in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region in northwestern Pakistan. The Pakistan International Human Rights Organization received the bags from the Embassy of the State of Qatar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as a part of the Qatar Education Sector Support Program.

The distribution of school bags is part of the humanitarian efforts provided by the State of Qatar to the Pakistani people and within the programs of development support implemented by the State of Qatar in the friendly Islamic Republic of Pakistan, especially in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa affected by terrorism. This assistance underlines the efforts and programs that reflect the positive role played by the State of Qatar in standing with the peoples affected by terrorism, especially in support of the education sector which comes within the framework of building societies.



Visit of a tribal delegation from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to the Embassy of the State of Qatar to submit their support to the State of Qatar and wishes to solve the issue through dialogue.





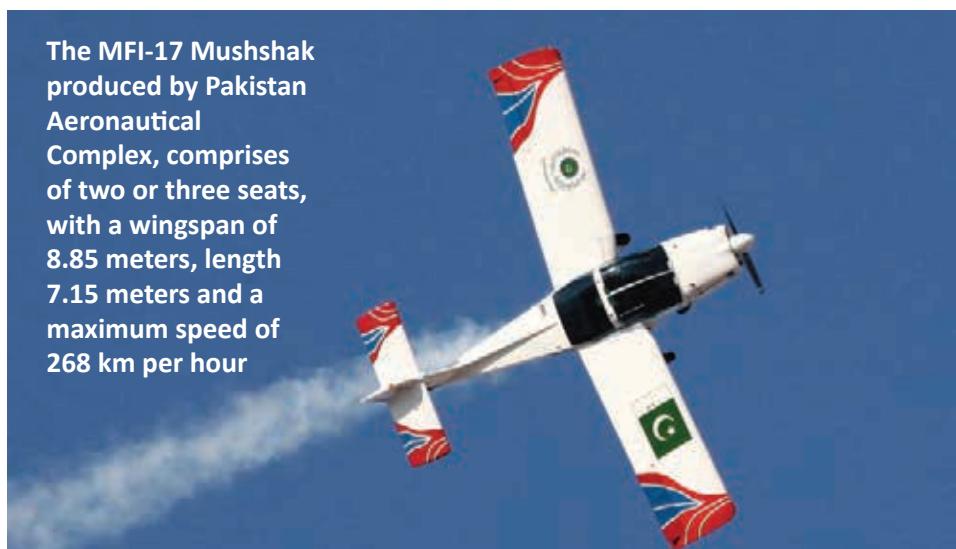
Qatar receive Super Mushshak aircrafts from Pakistan

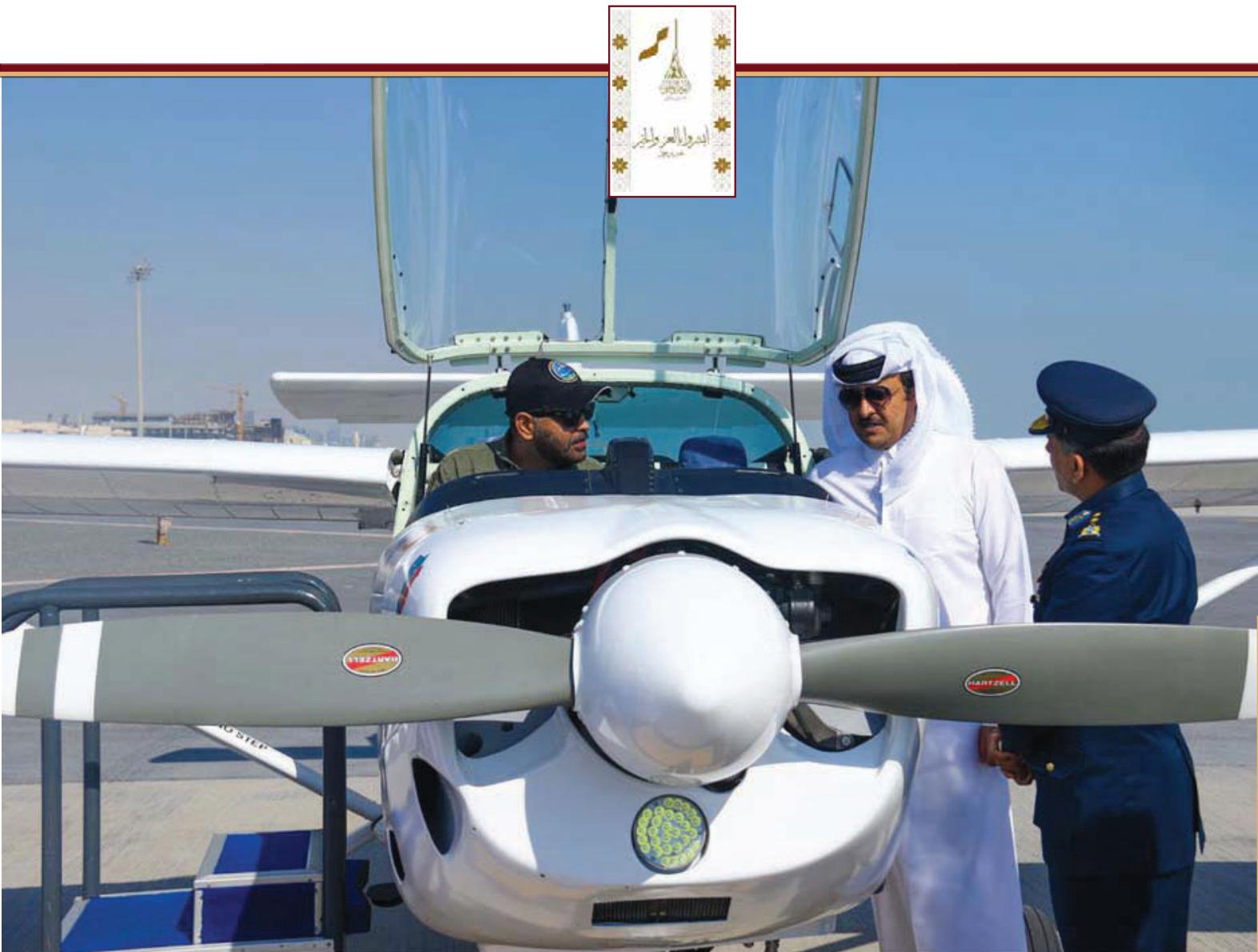
The first batch of Pakistani primary trainer aircraft – Super Mushshak – has arrived in Doha during 2017. An event was organized at Al Zaeem Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al Atiyah Air College, Qatar, where the announcement took place.

The occasion saw participation from Qatar Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Major General Ghanim bin Shaheen Al Ghanim, Major General Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Malki, Deputy Commander of the Emiri Air Force.

Several high level delegates from Pakistan were also present to witness the moments event unfold. It included Officers from the Pakistan Air Force, several members of the embassy and the Pakistani military attaché. The Commander of the college, Brigadier Salem Hamad, expressed

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his gratitude towards Pakistan and said that Super Mushshak's are a quality addition to the training aircraft fleet in the college.

Brigadier Salem further added "these aircraft will be utilized to provide training support to the pilot candidates of the college as these

turbofan engine planes are used in primary and fundamental military air training, in addition to parades and night flying".

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length 7.15 meters and a maximum speed of 268 km per hour.

Souvenirs were exchanged at the end of the event between both sides and the delegation was honored with a tour of the facilities, training rooms, simulation systems and airfields.





Inauguration of the Office of the Qatari Military Attaché in Islamabad

Under the patronage of HE Dr. Khalid bin Mohammed Al Attiyah, Minister of State for Defense Affairs and in the presence of Brigadier Staff (Pilot) Salem Hamad Al Sharqi Al Marri, Military Attaché at the Embassy of the State of Qatar in the Republic of Pakistan, the Office of the Qatari Military Attaché was inaugurated in the Pakistani capital Islamabad during the month of August 2017.



Qatar & Pakistan Launch New Direct Maritime Route

Mwani Qatar announced the launch of a new route between Hamad Port and the Port of Karachi in the Republic of Pakistan. Hamad port welcomed the container vessel Libra, marking the first call of the weekly direct service.

The new service is under PGS (Pakistan Gulf service) provided by Wan Hai line in partnership with Simatech Shipping. A statement released to the press today from Mwani Qatar said that the new shipping line reinforces the objectives of the independence of Hamad Port by receiving containers and goods directly from its sources, within the framework of the Ministry of Transport and Communications plan aimed at strengthening Hamad Port status regionally and internationally.

It will boost trade between Qatar and Pakistan and offer fast and secure solutions for importers and exporters from both countries with a transit time of only 6 days from Hamad Port to Karachi and 8 days in turn. The Wan Hai and Simatech Shipping lines plan to operate two vessels of 1200 TEUs on the new route with one ship for each one.

Thanks to their extensive services, which include many ports in Asia, Europe and USA, exporters and importers will be able to ship their goods regularly to and from Qatar via Karachi.

Commenting on the announcement, Director of Hamad Port Abdul Aziz al Yafei said that "we are delighted to announce the inauguration of Hamad Port-Karachi new service. The new line will be an important addition to the previously launched lines, which are part of the strategy to stabilize domestic market and transform Hamad Port into a transshipment hub in the region."

He added that the "new shipping line provides more options for customers, exporters and importers from both countries, covering a new important ports from around the world, which will play an important role in supporting trade between Qatar and its partners of the world."

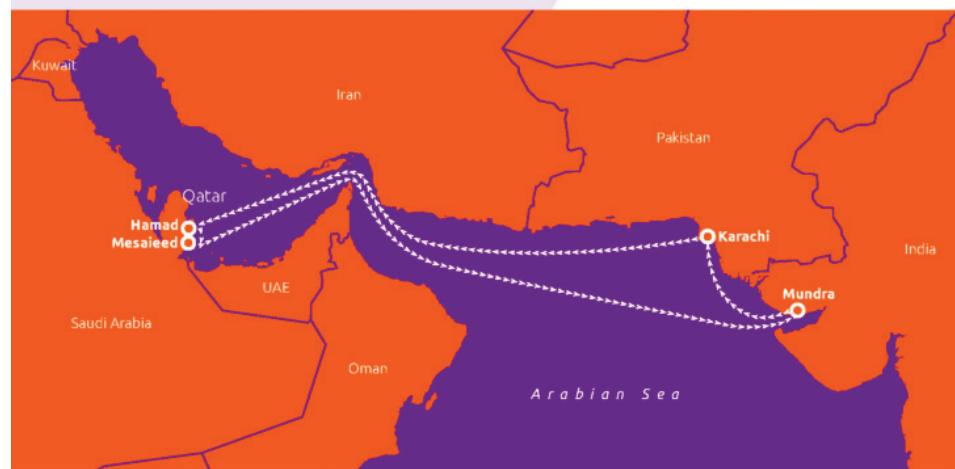
He also said that the launch of the new line comes within the framework of a comprehensive plan aimed at eliminating the intermediate ports by 100 percent, adding that Mwani Qatar as the exclusive operator of the state's commercial and touristic ports is implementing this plan in cooperation with its partners from around the globe, which will support economic diversification and contribute to Achieve Qatar National Vision 2030.



PAKISTAN QATAR EXPRESS SERVICE (PQX)



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PORT ROTATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	TRANSIT (DAYS)
HAMAD, QATAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	00
MESAIEED, QATAR	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	00
MUNDRA, INDIA	MONDAY	TUESDAY	05
KARACHI, PAKISTAN	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	07
HAMAD, QATAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	04

SERVICE ADVANTAGES	SERVICE PROFILE
Fast 4 days transit time directly from Karachi to Hamad	Number of Vessels 2
Short delivery time for perishables and other essential foodstuff from Pakistan	Number of Reefer Plugs 300
2nd weekly sailing at Mundra – enhanced transshipment options to/from Qatar	Name of Vessel HANSA OFFENBURG HANSA NEUBURG
Faster direct service from Qatar to Karachi and Mundra without transshipment	Nom. Capacity 1,700 TEU

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Qatar Welcomes

ILO's Decision to

Close Complaint

The State of Qatar welcomed the announcement by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) that it will close its 2014 complaint against Qatar.

Qatar's Government Communication office said in a statement today that the announcement was an acknowledgement of the important steps the government of Qatar has taken to develop a modern labor system that is fair to employers and employees alike.

The statement noted that Qatar National Vision 2030 recognized the need to improve the living and working conditions of its migrant labor force well before contractors broke ground on World Cup sites.

Recent years saw Qatar's Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs initiated a sweeping new program to upgrade workers' housing by creating modern accommodations for the nations migrant laborers. A total of nine new labor accommodations that will house more than 340,000 guest workers are close to completion at sites throughout the country.

The statement highlighted that the government of Qatar also increased health care facilities with the construction of three modern hospitals and four new health centers for the nations migrant workers. Additionally, the government inaugurated a new labor contract



system, with a Wage Protection System put in place to facilitate electronic transfer of workers' pay. The Government has also engaged with NGOs like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the International Trade Union Confederation to establish best practices for labor policies and has pledged to implement the highest standards for migrant labor in the

region.

The Government Communication Office expressed appreciation to the insights of all those who have provided their international expertise and helped shape Qatars legal and procedural developments. Qatar will continue to work closely with them to ensure that workers rights are not only guaranteed but



developed in parallel with international standards and best practice.

The statement then said that the State of Qatar developed a comprehensive programme of technical cooperation to ensure the reforms aligned with ILO best practice, in light of the latter's complaint. October of this year saw Qatar committed to the next stage of these reforms, and is developing a timeline for their full implementation.

The Government Communication Office expressed The State of Qatar's enormous gratitude to the millions of workers who have helped build the country's infrastructure and who staff Qatar's service industries. The statement stressed that the Government will continue improving their living and working conditions in the years ahead, as Qatar pursues the goal of setting the highest standard for workers' rights, and human rights in the region.



FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar



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The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to be the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup, the quadrennial international men's football championship contested by the national teams of the member associations of FIFA. It is scheduled to take place in Qatar in 2022. This will be the first time the World Cup will be held in the Middle East, and in an Arab and a Muslim country. Provided the current

format is not changed for this tournament, it will involve 32 national teams, including the host nation.

This will also mark the first World Cup not to be held in June or July, the tournament is instead scheduled for late November till mid-December. It is to be played in a reduced timeframe of around 28 days, with the final

being held on 18th December 2022, which is also Qatar National Day.

Following the recent opening of the Khalifa International Stadium, construction is advancing rapidly across all of the tournament stadium sites ahead of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar. Seven more stadiums are currently in different stages of construction, with Al Wakrah





Stadium set to be one of the next venues to be completed at the end of next year.

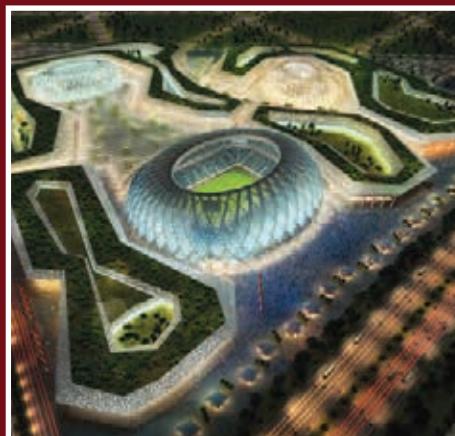
The stadium's progress has already seen 80 per cent of the concrete poured and 100 per cent of the columns in level two completed. The Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor City has seen over 70 per cent of precast elements completed, while 94 per cent of the foundations are in place at

the Al Rayyan Stadium.

Qatar Foundation Stadium in Doha's Education City is scheduled for completion at the end of 2019, while Al Thumama Stadium will be completed in 2020. Construction work is also underway at both the Lusail Stadium and Ras Abu Aboud Stadium.

"We are moving ahead rapidly with construction

across all of our stadium and infrastructure sites for the tournament", SC Competition Venues Executive Director Ghanim Al Kuwari said. "The recent opening of Khalifa International Stadium signified a major milestone and the first venue to be completed, and we are now seeing continuous construction advances across the other seven stadium sites currently underway across the country."





Qatar launches design of sixth proposed 2022 FIFA World Cup Stadium

The Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) on Sunday revealed the design for Al Thumama Stadium the sixth proposed 2022 FIFA World Cup venue.

Designed by Qatari architect Ibrahim M. Jaidah, Chief Architect of Arab Engineering Bureau (AEB), the stadium is inspired by the 'gahfiya' headdress.

Hassan al Thawadi, SC Secretary General, said, "We've always been very careful to combine the past with the future in our designs. The gahfiya is a continuation of that theme. It's a blend of our heritage and culture, and a commitment to the future." Thawadi went on to say the Al Thumama project would shine a light on Qatari talent.

"Our vision with this World Cup was always to complement and assist in developing local talent, and shed a light on local industry," said Thawadi.

"Ibrahim M. Jaidah is a very well-known architect in Qatar and we believe he has the talent, the passion and the commitment for this project."

Thumama Stadium will be built on pitches currently used by the Qatar Football Association. The Al Thumama district is located in Doha's southern suburbs, 12km from Hamad International Airport.

The stadium will seat 40,000 fans in 2022, with the capacity reduced to 20,000 in legacy mode and the excess seats donated to a nation in need of sporting infrastructure.

Construction work has already begun, with the stadium due to be completed in 2020.

The main contractor is a joint-venture between Qatari company Al Jaber Engineering and Turkey's Tekfen Construction.

AEB, the company responsible for the schematic design, is the oldest architectural and engineering firm in Qatar. Its extensive portfolio includes the Embassy of Oman in Qatar.

Jaidah believes the stadium will symbolise Qatar's emergence as a global sports hub.

"The design is a nod to the past, while offering an exciting glimpse into Qatar's tomorrow," he said.

"In Qatari culture, the gahfiya forms an important part of every young boy's pathway to adulthood."

He added: "This rite of passage inspired my vision for the stadium's design. It is an arena that symbolises Qatar's youth and its emergence as a major player on the global sporting scene, ready to welcome the world in 2022."

The stadium, which fans will access via dedicated bus services from a nearby metro stop, will feature state-of-the-art cooling technology and world-class accessibility facilities.

Post-tournament, it will house a range of

amenities, including a boutique hotel and branch of Aspetar Sports Clinic.

The stadium precinct will become a community hub featuring facilities for numerous sports, including handball, tennis and swimming, among others.

Engineer Hilal al Kuwari, Chairman of the SC's Technical Delivery Office, believes the design highlights the historical bonds that unite the Arab world.

"This design is a welcome reminder of the historical bonds that unite the Arab world as one people

"Given its rich cultural inspiration, this is another fantastic design that everyone in Qatar will be proud of," said Kuwari.

"This design is a welcome reminder of the historical bonds that unite the Arab world as one people. The SC, along with the main contractor and numerous stakeholders, will work tirelessly to ensure this stadium captures the imagination and leaves a strong legacy for the people of Al Thumama."





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The New Hamad Port

During the month of August 2017, the Pakistani container vessel Libra reached the new Hamad Port, officially launching the new direct maritime route from Karachi to Doha that will help developing the trade relations between the two countries.

Developed in multiple phases, the New Hamad Port comprise of three container terminals with an eventual combined annual capacity in excess of six million containers. The 19 billion Qatari Riyal project will not only cater to the expected growth in container traffic, but also accommodate:

- general cargo traffic,
- vehicle imports,
- livestock imports,
- bulk grain imports,
- offshore support vessels,
- coast guard vessels, and
- a marine support unit.

Naval Base

The New Hamad Port will also be a center for Qatar's Maritime security. A new base for the Qatar Emiri Naval Forces will be built offshore of the New Port, providing berthing for Qatar's Navy and visiting naval vessels from around the world. The Base will offer technical support, comprehensive logistic facilities, material support accommodation and recreational services.

Qatar Economic Zone 3 Canal

The Qatar Economic Zone 3 (QEZ3), a self-contained development with industrial and residential facilities, will also be located adjacent to the New Hamad Port. As an essential element of Qatar's development goals and objectives, the QEZ3 will be an important gateway into Qatar, providing an economic hub around the Port for manufacturing, logistics and trade across a number of industrial sectors and in turn fostering import and export synergy.





New Hamad Port Project Facts and Figures

The New Hamad Port Project site stretches over 26km².

Capacity of Multi-Use Terminals:

- General Cargo - 1.7 million tons per year.
- Grain Facility - 1 million tons per year.
- Vehicle Terminal 500,000 vehicles per year.
- Livestock

The port basin is approximately 3.8km in length, 700m wide and 17m deep. In total, 70 million m³ of granular material was excavated; enough to fill 25,000 Olympic-size swimming pools.



Qatar National Library

About the Library

Qatar National Library (QNL), a member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, acts as a steward of Qatar's national heritage by collecting, preserving and making available the country's recorded history. In its role as a research library with a preeminent heritage collection, QNL fosters and promotes greater global insight into the history and culture of the Gulf region. As a public library, QNL provides equal access for all Qatari residents to an environment that supports creativity, independent decision-making, and cultural development. Through all its functions, QNL provides leadership to the country's library and cultural heritage sector.

QNL also supports Qatar's transition from a reliance on natural resources to become a diversified and sustainable economy by providing support to students, researchers, and the public to promote life-long learning and empower individuals and communities for a better future.

In addition to full-text online resources, QNL currently has around one million books in its collections, more than 500,000 ebooks,

periodicals and newspapers, and special collections. The renowned Heritage Library was integrated with the library in the summer of 2011. Our qualified librarians are experts in teaching, research skills, literacy, programs, and knowledge management. Combining all

these skills together with QNL's strong service ethic, the Library offers many activities and opportunities for the local community to do, learn, and discover.

The QNL project was announced on 19





November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation.

Vision and Mission

Vision

To be one of the world's preeminent centers of learning, research, and culture; a guardian of the region's heritage; and an institution that promotes discovery and the nourishment of the human spirit.

Mission

The Qatar National Library's mission is to spread knowledge, nurture imagination, cultivate creativity, and preserve the nation's heritage for the future.

QNL will achieve its mission by creating and sustaining an intuitive and trusted information environment in a culturally and technologically superior setting and by developing innovative programs and services.

The Library Building

The 45,000 square meters state-of-the-art library building is designed to encourage library



visitors to explore the progression of knowledge from the past to the present. It is designed to achieve balance between content availability and accessibility, on the one hand, and content preservation and security, on the other.

To achieve that, the building houses the following:

- Secured and humidity-controlled display cases that are well-distributed in the heritage area, as well as on the bridge to showcase the collection and draw visitors' attention to explore more about it
- Conservation Laboratory that will be used to conserve and restore the collection for future generations
- Digitization Laboratory that will work as the National Digitization Center and will use state-of-the-art technology for digital preservation of the collection

Cutting-edge technology is a prominent part of the building; it is used not only to make the building user-friendly but also user-attractive. This cutting-edge technology will include the following:

- The "Radio Frequency Identification" (RFID) book sorter system will enable the library visitors to use self-check in/out stations for a faster and more convenient use of the library collection. It also provides good functions of the library management such as security and better collection and inventory management.
- The "People Mover" system will provide a platform to transport library users in the

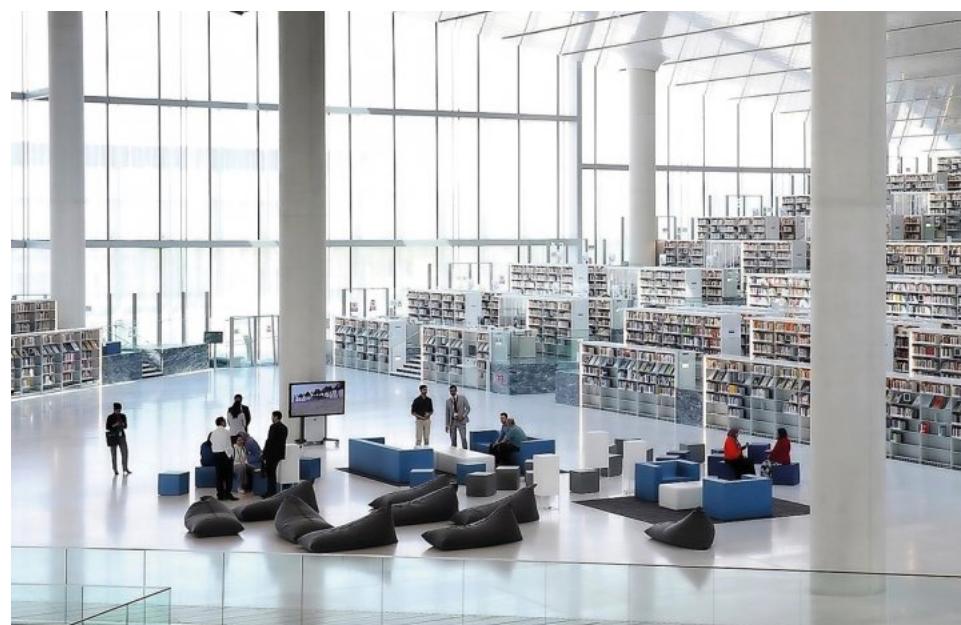
tiers area providing convenience, as well as a pleasant experience to the visitors.

- A wide range of computer systems, tablets, interactive screens, and audio visual equipment is provided and are well-distributed in different areas of the building to fit different users' needs and improve their experience.

The building will also have facilities for individual and group study and research. These facilities will be suitable for different age groups and demographic features of the Qatar community. This includes:

- Assistive technology area with all equipment and specialized software applications to enhance the experience of users with special needs
- 686 square meters children's section
- Dedicated area for teens and young adults
- 6 instruction / tutoring rooms
- 21 various size individual and group study rooms
- 27 student and faculty carrels in different locations in the building
- 2 multimedia rooms
- Auditorium with about 120 seats

Finally, the building will house a specially designed restaurant, a café, and a special events area to enhance the social and recreational aspect of visitors' experience.





Doha Metro

A project of Qatar Rail

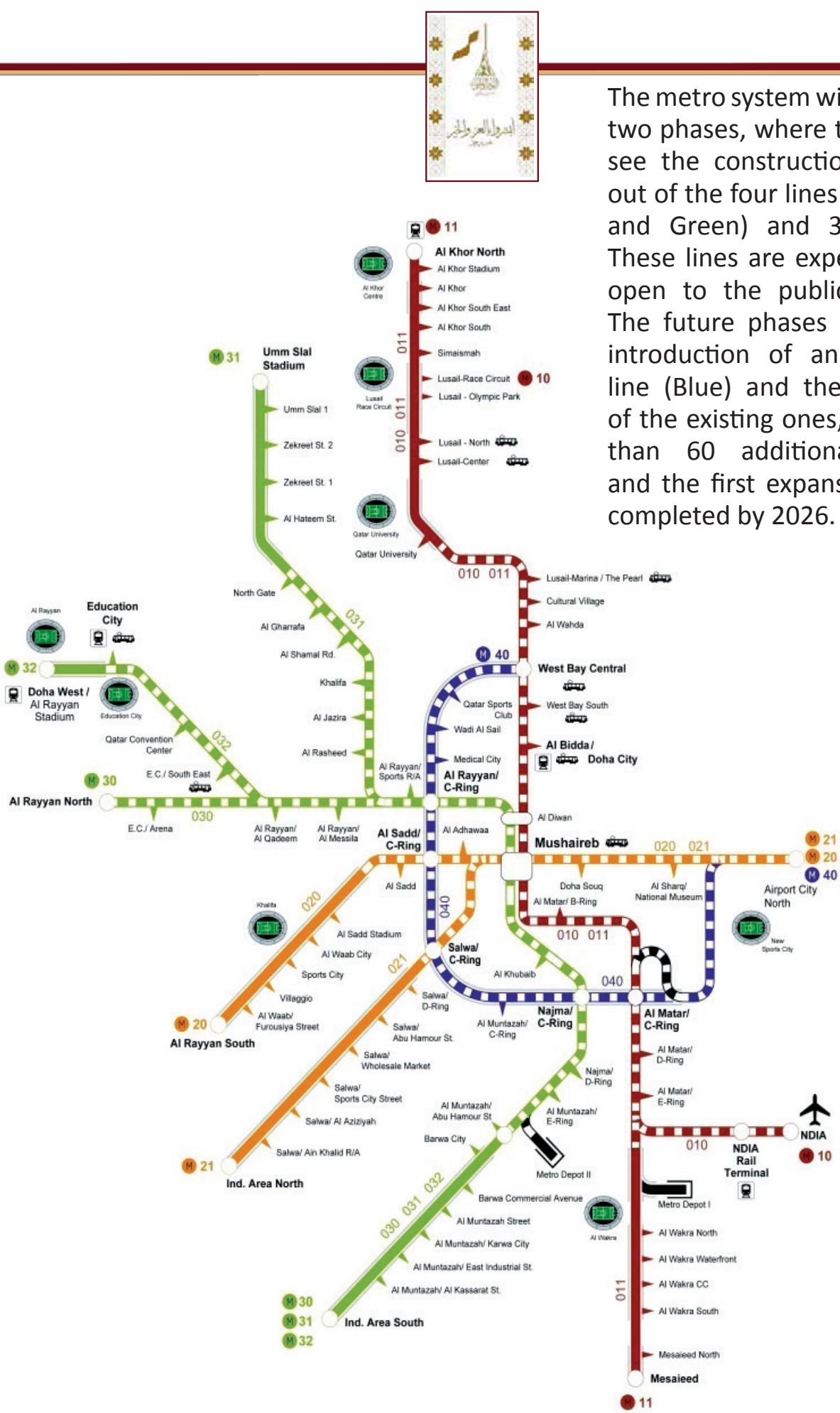
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The Doha Metro is our most prominent and visible project. It will serve both the capital and the suburbs with all major locations within easy and convenient reach. Most of the Doha Metro lines will be underground, so tunneling plays a major role in construction. We are using specialized equipment known as tunnel boring machines (TBMs) to dig the underground sections. This means that there is very little disruption to life on the surface.





The metro system will be built in two phases, where the first will see the construction of three out of the four lines (Red, Gold, and Green) and 37 stations. These lines are expected to be open to the public by 2020. The future phases involve the introduction of an additional line (Blue) and the expansion of the existing ones, with more than 60 additional stations and the first expansion will be completed by 2026.



Stations play an important part – both practically and culturally – of any metro system. Architecturally, the stations will reflect the heritage of the country, with a ‘vaulted spaces’ design inspired by traditional Bedouin tents. The largest station, Msheireb, will fall at the heart of the Doha Metro with the Red, Green and Gold lines all meeting at this point.





Qatar Warmly invite you visit country. You will discover a land of contrasts, dynamic and exciting, yet with a sense of timeless serenity and tradition.





Qatar brings together old world hospitality with cosmopolitan sophistication, the chance to enjoy a rich cultural tapestry, new experiences and adventures. Absorb the unique ambience and explore the possibilities of unexpected Qatar. You're sure to be captivated.

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Hamad International Airport

A new era for aviation in Qatar

Hamad International Airport represents a new era for aviation in Qatar and for the nation. While we're just 4 km from Doha International – the airport that has admirably served the country since the 1960s – this is effectively a total change in size, scope and standards. Here's the story of how this transition was planned and achieved.

The need

As Qatar has grown so has its airline – and demand at its airport. Ten years ago just over 5 million people a year passed through. Now that's closer to 25 million and likely to continue rising rapidly. Even with frequent expansion and refurbishment it has long been evident



that Doha International Airport couldn't be the answer the nation needed.

This is also because Qatar has a spirit of not just delivering but of exceeding. While a new airport with more capacity was the obvious answer it wasn't the chosen one. Instead a

plan was created for a new airport that could do more, that could define the future.

Driven by the combined vision of HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and Akbar Al Baker, Group Chief Executive of the airport, an ambitious and exciting blueprint was drawn up,



Doha itself, that would be purpose-built for the world's largest aircraft, that would be designed to provide the ultimate passenger experience and that would serve the nation and region for generations to come.

The design

Spacious and stunning Hamad International Airport is all about flow. The flow of passengers, smooth and seamless. For that reason the airport has an aquatic theme. Many buildings feature a water motif, such as the passenger terminal's wave-styled roof. The surrounding landscaping uses desert plants irrigated with recycled water and the private Amiri terminal resembles a billowing sail.

Other landmarks are the Islamic crescent-shaped control tower, visible from Doha and the mosque, with its towering minaret and awe-inspiring glass dome that resembles a water droplet.

The main terminal is designed in an oval shape to minimize the distance passengers need to travel – to connect, to board, to disembark, to shop, dine or indeed use any facilities. Despite the huge scale – for example, check-in and retail areas are both around 12 times the size of Doha International Airport – everything is under one roof and cleverly designed to be accessible. Space and light are maximized through skylights and arched columns. There are multiple levels, three concourses and – throughout – a standard of outstanding finish commensurate with Qataris' love of perfection and quality.

Next to the airport 100 hectares have been set aside for an Airport City – with future commercial development opportunities available such as a free trade zone, office and Business Park, hotels and a retail mall.



The project

Construction began in 2006. The undertaking was immense. For example 60% of the site is land reclaimed from the Arabian Gulf. This involved moving and desalinating 6.5 million cubic meters of waste material for landfill – the largest environmental project the region has ever seen. The first two phases opened in 2014. The third and final phase is now underway.

The future

Hamad International Airport will continue to grow and develop. Once complete, phase 3 will boost our capacity from the current 30 million passengers a year to 50 million.

In addition the Airport City project will extend and diversify the site's role within aviation generally.





Katara: The Valley of Cultures

An innovative interpretation of the region's architectural heritage

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The Idea of Katara

Katara was born out of a long held vision to position the State of Qatar as a cultural beacon, a lighthouse of art, radiating in the Middle East through theatre, literature, music, visual art, conventions and exhibitions.

This village shall be a glimpse of the future of a world where people of different cultural backgrounds overcome their national boundaries and embrace common causes to promote a united humanity.

Katara is where the grace of the past meets the splendor of the future.

A dream long envisioned by HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar



The cultural village was constructed on reclaimed coastal land on the eastern coast between the pearl and west bay to north of Doha and was soft-opened in 2010 on the occasion of the Doha Cultural Capital of the Arab World year. The valley of cultures is conceptualized to replicate the Qatari culture through conventional architecture that contains lots of activities.

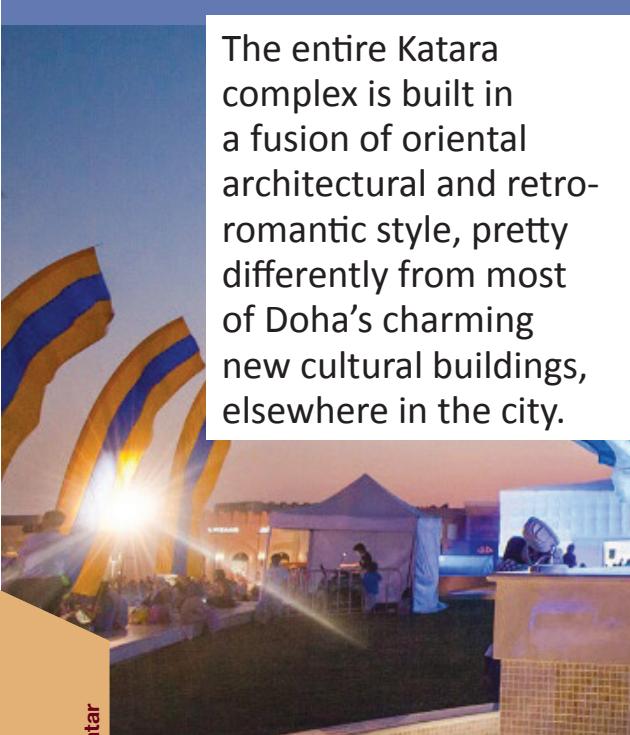


The meaning of the name Katara

Since the year 150 AD, “Catara” was the first and most ancient name designated for Qatar Peninsula in geographic and historical maps.

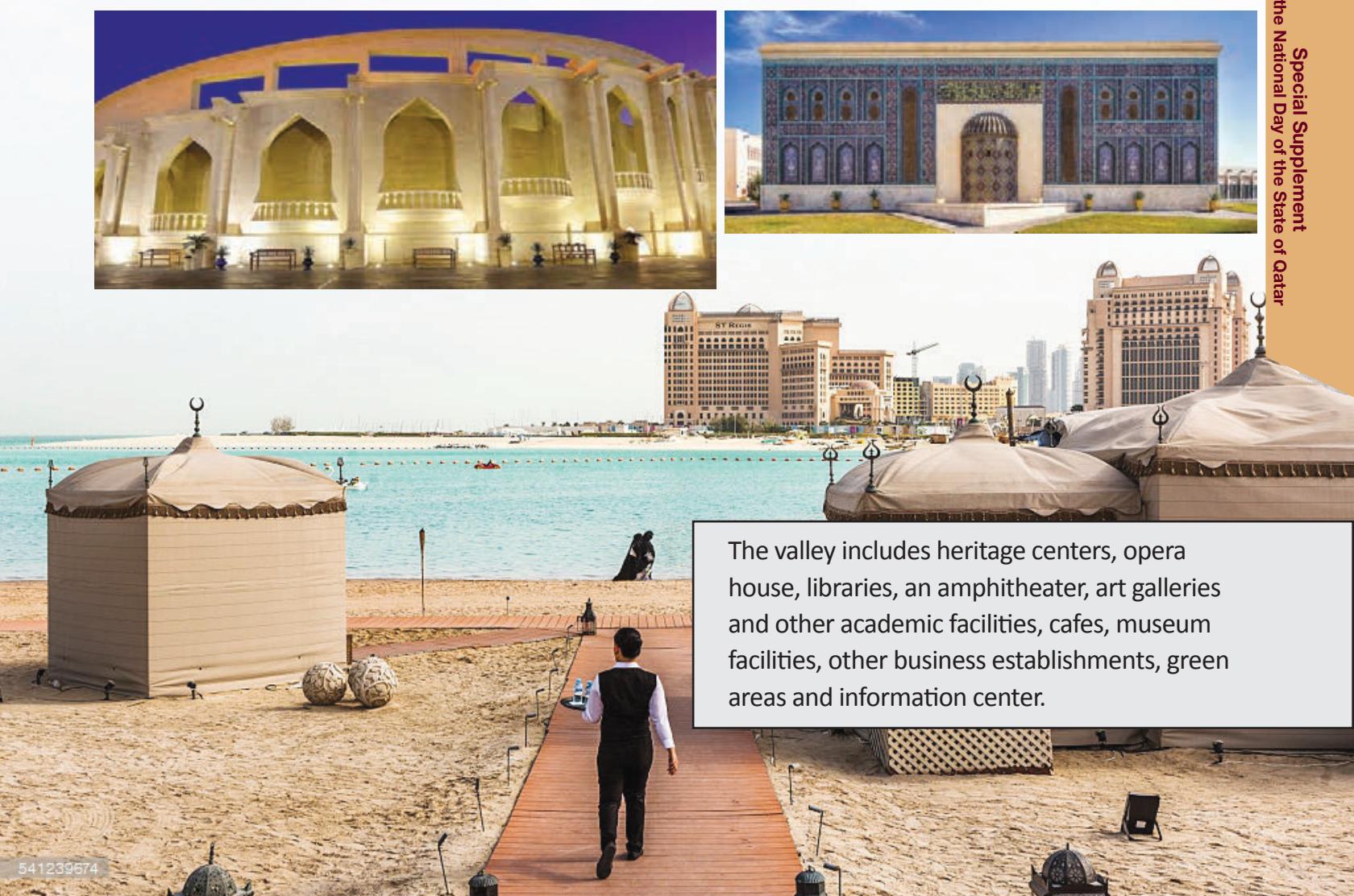
It was decided to revive Qatar’s olden name to uphold our connection to ancient heritage and to honour Qatar’s distinguished position since the dawn of history.

The entire Katara complex is built in a fusion of oriental architectural and retro-romantic style, pretty differently from most of Doha's charming new cultural buildings, elsewhere in the city.



Katara's design makes it a proper environment for cultural, creative intellectual and artistic activities through carnivals, social events, symposiums, exhibitions, concerts and all kinds of artistic expressions.





The valley includes heritage centers, opera house, libraries, an amphitheater, art galleries and other academic facilities, cafes, museum facilities, other business establishments, green areas and information center.



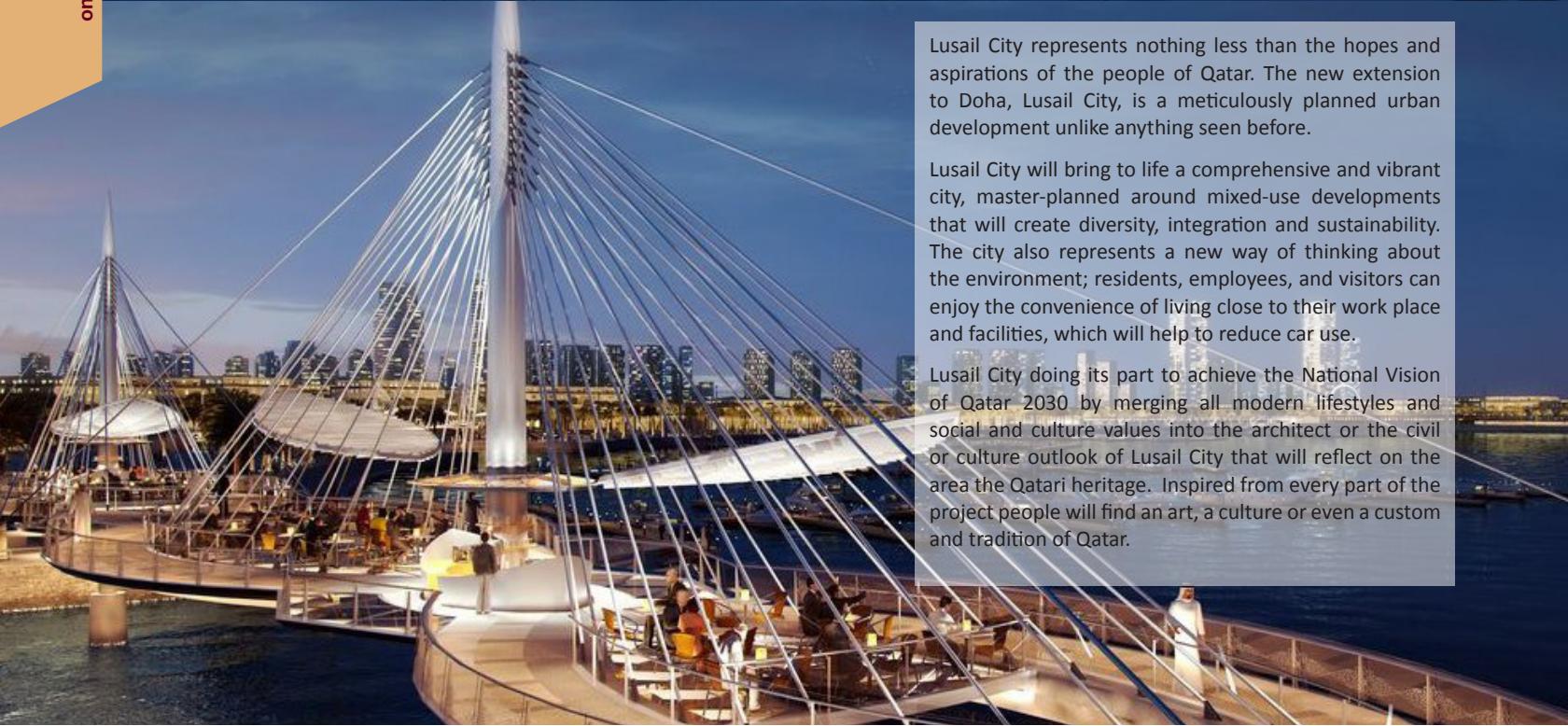
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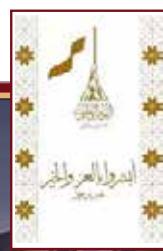


Lusail City represents nothing less than the hopes and aspirations of the people of Qatar. The new extension to Doha, Lusail City, is a meticulously planned urban development unlike anything seen before.

Lusail City will bring to life a comprehensive and vibrant city, master-planned around mixed-use developments that will create diversity, integration and sustainability. The city also represents a new way of thinking about the environment; residents, employees, and visitors can enjoy the convenience of living close to their work place and facilities, which will help to reduce car use.

Lusail City doing its part to achieve the National Vision of Qatar 2030 by merging all modern lifestyles and social and culture values into the architect or the civil or culture outlook of Lusail City that will reflect on the area the Qatari heritage. Inspired from every part of the project people will find an art, a culture or even a custom and tradition of Qatar.





Msheireb Downtown Doha

The World's First Sustainable Downtown Regeneration Project that will transform the center of the capital city, recreating a way of living that is rooted in Qatari culture

Explore Msheireb Downtown Doha

Msheireb Properties' flagship project, Msheireb Downtown Doha is the world's first sustainable downtown regeneration project, designed to regenerate and preserve the historical heart of Doha.

A New Architectural Language

Msheireb's architectural language was developed as three year collaboration by some of the world's leading architects, academics and urban planners.

Way of Life

Whether one lives at Msheireb, or is simply visiting for the day, the way of life on offer will be simply second-to-none.

Msheireb Enrichment Centre

A landmark destination serving as an educational portal to showcase Qatar's glorious past and soaring ambitions for the future.

Sustainability

Sustainability is central to the Msheireb ethos, both in the conservation of resources and the inherent quality of design that will benefit the generations to come.

Regeneration

Msheireb Downtown is a regeneration initiative that aims to unite the Doha of yesterday with the vision of Doha tomorrow.





Qatar was willing to make investments in CPEC projects

Prince Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al Thani, Chairman of Al-Mirqab Capital expressed the hope that they would do more projects with China and Pakistan.

He also said that Qatar was willing to make investments in CPEC projects. The Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi thanked the Prince Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al Thani for gracing the inauguration event of two

power plants at Port Qasim with his presence. He said the Port Qasim Coal Power Plant was a proof of Pak-China friendship.

One unit of the 1,320 megawatt coal-fired power plant at Port Qasim project has been jointly sponsored by Chinese and Qatari firms.

Earlier, Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al-Thani called on

Prince Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al Thani expressed tremendous confidence in Pakistan and expressed his desire for more investment in the country.



former prime minister Nawaz Sharif at his Jati Umra residence to discuss investment opportunities and mutual relationship. Prince Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al Thani lauded Pakistan's economic policies and said these had driven Qatari investments to Pakistan, appreciating the country's business-friendly environment.

Mr. Nawaz Sharif thanked the visiting dignitary for investments in power projects at a time when Pakistan was facing an energy crisis.

Prince Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al Thani, who arrived at the head of a 13-member delegation in Lahore, also met CM Punjab Shahbaz Sharif in Model Town, where he assured the Punjab chief minister that Qatar would invest in health and education projects.

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Qatar Charity Pakistan

About Qatar Charity

Qatar Charity is one of the largest charities in the Gulf. Its activities are covering more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe through its registered field offices in various countries or local civil societies as implementing partners. QC is an INGO in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is a signatory to the code of conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and INGO in Disaster Relief. The major source of funding is Qatari people who keep a deepest and utter empathy for the poor communities all over the world.

Qatar Charity in Pakistan

Qatar Charity has been introduced to the humanitarian scene in Pakistan in early 1992. During the initial years, the focus of Qatar Charity remained on charitable and social protection issues, later on Qatar Charity expanded its scope of work and emerged as one of the mainstream development organization in Pakistan.

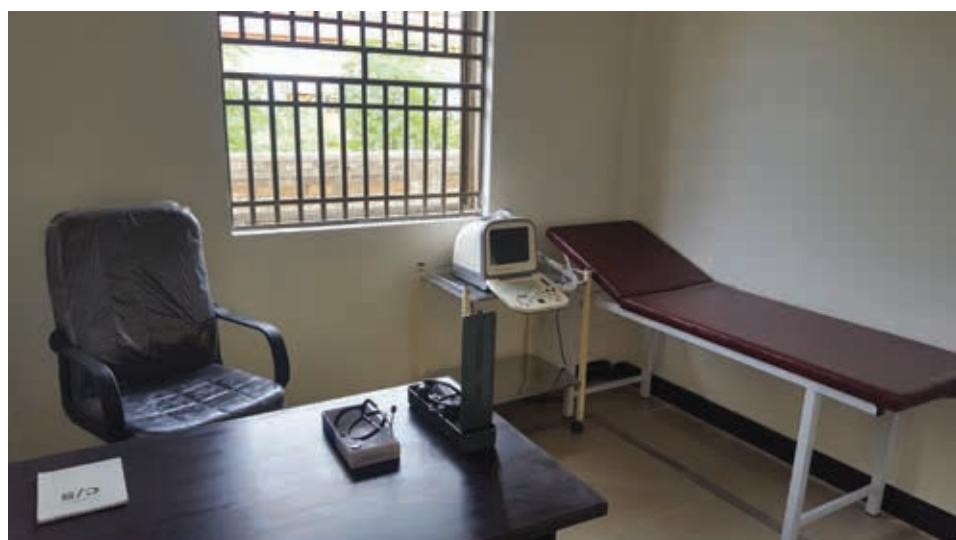
In Pakistan Qatar Charity is among the pioneers INGOs, who signed MOU with Government of Pakistan under new National Action Plan enacted by Government of Pakistan. The signing of MOU reflects high level of government confidence in Qatar Charity's work in Pakistan.

The following pages elaborate the details of work of Qatar Charity, its thematic domains and the geographical locations in Pakistan & AJK; where QC projects are being implemented.



Water and sanitation schemes:

Qatar Charity (QC) has continuously strived to improve community's health through increased access to safe drinking water along with sanitation facilities. QC has successfully implemented a range of water and sanitation schemes in different parts of Pakistan. These interventions have resulted in increased access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. These interventions comprise of drinking water schemes which include digging of boreholes with installation of hand pump and electrically driven pressure pumps.





Human waste often results in contamination of drains, rivers, fields and agriculture lands, maximizing the risk of health hazard and the spread of diseases. In order to overcome this issue, QC has constructed Twin Set Latrines and hand washing facilities in different parts

of Pakistan in schools, health centres and communities.

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) schemes:

In the year 2017, QC has focused on the

improvement of community physical infrastructure facility in different parts of the country. Those schemes were implemented with active participation of the local communities aiming at the utmost benefit of extremely vulnerable groups. This includes construction of mosque and basic health facilities etc.

Income Generation interventions:

In Pakistan, Qatar Charity is facilitating the vulnerable/low income communities to up-lift their livelihoods through extended support for establishing and strengthening small businesses.



S.NO	Project Type	Location	Beneficiaries coverage		Project Cost PKRs
			Projects	Beneficiaries (individuals)	
1	Drinking water provision and construction of twin set latrines	TMK, RJ, Swat, Mardan, kohat, Bannu, karak, Lakk, Quetta, Qilla Saifullah, Qilla Abdullah, Khuzdar	713	176,500	103 million
2	Construction of Mosque	TMK, Bagh, Swat, Mardan, Rajapur, Khusab	8	6,958	23 million
3	Construction of Health center	Attock	1	56,000	10.7 million
4	Income Generation	TMK, Rajapur, Swat, Mardan,	39	985	3.7 million
Grand Total Projects			761	240,443	140.4 million



WASH Project Mirpur Khas, Sindh

Qatar Charity has successfully completed implementation of the WASH Project in District Mirpur Khas Sindh. This project was a joint venture of Qatar Red Crescent & Qatar Charity. The main focus of this particular project was to ease the suffering of the local needy communities by providing them access to clean drinking water and raise the level of their awareness about diseases related to water and hygiene. An estimated 35,000 persons benefitted from this intervention. This project is a combination of various activities focusing on structural and social aspects of the local communities.

Social Mobilization

To ensure community ownership and sustainability of WASH interventions, social mobilization remained a key component of this project. A total of 50 village sanitation committees (VSCs) were formed for community participation, ownership and sustainability.

Construction of Water Ponds

Mirpurkhas District is challenged with acute shortage of clean drinking water. In most parts of District, the underground water is brackish and not fit for human consumption. In order to ensure that the needy masses of the area have a permanent and sustainable access to clean drinking water, QC has constructed a total of 09 water ponds in different localities of the district. Those water ponds function on slow sand filter

mechanism aimed to provide clean drinking water. Lead hand pumps have been installed for providing clean drinking water to the local communities at their doorstep by taking water from Ponds.

Construction of Pour Flush Latrines

To address the sanitation needs of the target population, A total 278 pour flush latrines has been constructed in different parts of MPK. This

facility comprises of PF latrine, bathing space and washing station.

NADI Filters Installation

Qatar Charity has used bio-sand filter technology (NADI) Filters in order to ensure the availability of clean drinking water at household level and has installed 440 Nadi Filters.

Health & Hygiene Component





Health & hygiene campaign remained an integral part of project activities. An extensive campaigning, 350 hygienes kits were also distributed at village level.

Disaster Risk and Reduction (DRR) Trainings

Mirpurkhas is a disaster prone area which face, floods, droughts & extreme summer seasons are the frequent hazards. As a part of project activity , a total of 35 DRR trainings were conducted at community level.

S.No.	Activity	Target
A	Social Mobilization	
1	Formation of VSCs	50
2	PRA Exercises / Pre KAP Baseline	50
3	DRR Training & risk Maping	35
B	Clean drinking Water	
1	Communal Water Ponds	09
2	Installation of Nadi Filters	440
C	Sanitation	
1	Construction PF Latrines	278
D	Hygiene Promotion	
1	Hygiene Kits Distibution	350
2	Hygiene Session Street Thearter	65
3	Hygiene Events WWD, WTD, GHWD	06
4	Mass Media Documentary	01
5	Project Review Workshops	03

Social Protection Program

Social Protection is one among the core programs of Qatar Charity in Pakistan implemented since 1992. This program comprises of;

- Orphan Care & Welfare
- Family Support
- Support to Persons with Disabilities
- PWDs
- Students Stipend
- Teachers' Support

Orphan children are the main focus of this distinguished program with aiming to provide a conducive environment to destitute and deserving orphan children from backward and poor zones. This support is not only in the form of financial support to the orphans and their families, but as well Qatar Charity arranges different co-curricular, healthcare,



Program in the following two ways;

- 1) One to One or Direct Sponsorship: those children who reside along with their families are provided financial support for their nutrition, education and the fulfillment of related needs. In Pakistan , the Districts of Dir Lower, Swat, Peshawar, Attock,



The Following Table explain the areas and number of beneficiaries for Qatar Charity Social Protection Program

S. No.	Category	Number of Beneficiaries 2017	Funds Provided in 2017 Amount in (PKRs)
1	Orphans	4016	201,061,912
2	Family Support	146	12,949,884
3	Students	37	2,280,938
4	Disabled	14	828,882
5	Teachers	6	429,182
Total		4,219	217,550,798

and other psycho-social support initiatives for the sponsored orphan children in order to provide a healthy and positive situation to those children where they can express their talents and abilities in different fields, bring forth their issues and pursue a working solution to their issues. In Pakistan, Qatar Charity is implementing the Orphan Care & Welfare

Rawalpindi, Islamabad are covered for One to One or Direct Sponsorship while from Azad Jammu & Kashmir , the districts of Hayyan, Muzafarabad, Bagh and Rawlakot are covered under One to One or Direct Sponsorship supervised by Qatar Charity with assistance from concerned line departments and local communities





2) Support to Orphan Care and Welfare Institutions: Qatar Charity is supporting 07 well-reputed and experienced Orphan Care & Welfare Institutions in Pakistan. This include Khpal Kor Foundation Swat, Pawarish Organization Swat, Markaz Al Islah Mardan, Ummah Welfare Trust Nowshehra, Al Khidmat Foundation Attock, Muslim Hands International Peshawar and Wazirabad and SHER Society Khushab Punjab. Qatar Charity Pakistan maintains a regular follow-up program about the standards maintained at those sponsored institutions in favor of the selected orphan children.



Balochistan Relief:

In Balochistan, the poverty is more rampant than any other part of the country. Access to the basic life necessities i.e potable water, health care and adequate nutrition are among the major issues faced by the poverty stricken communities. In order to ease the sufferings of local neediest communities in the month of Ramadan, QC launched a food package

distribution and Iftar project in 04 districts namely Kharan, Washak, Besima and Mashkel of Balochistan province. The core objective of this project was to facilitate the neediest masses of the area for better nutrition and lessen their economic burden. A total of 4000 food packages were distributed among 4000 families. The project cost was approx. 21 million PKR.

Cooked Food for Iftar:

Qatar Charity, with support from community volunteer groups, organized iftar meals for vulnerable groups during the month of Ramadan 2017. QC provided cooked food to 80,000 poor individuals for the entire month and project cost was approx. 26 million PKR.

Balochistan Relief - Ramadan (Iftar) 2017

S.No.	Project	Location	Beneficiaries coverage	
			Description	Beneficiaries
1	Food Packages	Kharan, Washuk, Besima, Mashkel	Food Items	4000 families
2	Iftar	(Kharan, Washuk, Besima, Mashkhe, Lasbella)	Cooked Meals	80,000 individuals



Seasonal Programs

Seasonal Projects are also part of Qatar Charity Social Protection Program in Pakistan. Under these projects i.e. Iftar us Saim (Ramazan Food Packages) , Zakat ul Fitr, Aazahi (Qurbani Program) and Eid Gifts are materialized for the benefit of the vulnerable and needy groups in order to provide them a chance to access adequate nutrition and ease their economic burden in the time of need and despair.

Other than Qatar Charity's registered beneficiaries, this support is extended to the Extremely Vulnerable Families (EVFs) and Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs) in areas affected by rampant poverty, natural and otherwise disasters and conflicts. Those families headed by widows, elderly persons or disabled are the prime targeted beneficiaries of the seasonal programs implemented by Qatar Charity in different parts of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir. Qatar Charity Pakistan implements the Seasonal Programs through its Field Offices in Tando Mohammad Khan, Mirpurkhas in Sindh, Rajanpur and Multan in Punjab, Swat in KP and while in Rawalpindi and Peshawar, Attock , Dir Lower and Bannu the Country Office supervises the implementation through personnel from Social Protection Department and with assistance from local NGOs and Community Volunteer Groups.

Special Support Initiatives

Alongside financial support to the orphans, Qatar Charity maintains an annual Activity Calendar that comprises of different psycho-social, healthcare, educational and recreational and capacity-building initiatives for the children. This includes but

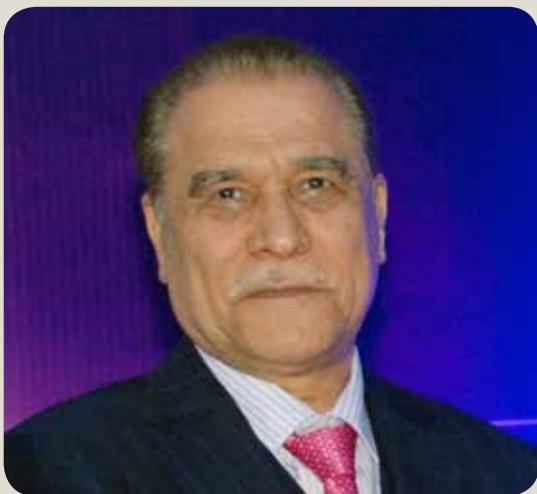
not limited to arranging medical camps, fun galas and recreational events for the sponsored children. Every year, along with their health diagnosis, orphan children are provided with health & hygiene kits for better hygiene and developing good healthy habits among the children. Similarly, if the family of a sponsored child has a small running business, Qatar Charity provides financial and material support in order to strengthen their economic power for a better and dignified living. Furthermore, in the year 2017, Qatar Charity has started the construction of small houses for 07 extremely vulnerable orphans in Pakistan and Azad Kashmir.

Alongside this, families capable of earning through a skill like tailoring are supported and assisted by providing tools and equipment like sewing machines in order to enable them for earning a respectable earning and getting rid of poverty.



Table details the provision of assistance to the beneficiaries under the Seasonal Projects 2017

S.No.	Category	Project	Number of Beneficiaries	Funds Utilized PKRs	Remarks
1	Orphans and Families	Iftar us Saim (Ramazan Food Package Program)	10,700	3,885,219	Implemented in 2017
2		Zakat ul Fitar (Fitran Program)	7,875	1,027,455	
3		Aazahi (Qurbani Program)	36,120	2,902,500	
4		Eid Gifts	1,600	1,197,300	
Total			56,295	9,012,474	



Mr. Said Gul

Managing Director of Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Ltd
Pak-Qatar General Takaful Ltd

Mr. Gul is a prominent Pakistani businessman in the State of Qatar. He is working also as Executive Director of Eurotec Projects Development for Oil & Gas (a Trading and Consultancy Enterprise). Earlier, he had been associated with Qatar Petrochemical Company as Head of General Services for a period of 17 years. Thereafter, he was Director Operations at Al-Muftah Projects & Industrial Services for 14 years. Mr. Said Gul is a very simple and straight-forward person despite his accomplishments including leading the group in achieving break-even in just a short span of time of one year. He believes in hard work, honest deliverance of responsibilities and ultimate faith in Allah for success. His professional approach can be summed up in his view that with power comes responsibility and that is the first professional quality he looks for in people exhibiting leadership qualities. He has successfully exhibited a merger of Islamic and professional excellence during his illustrious career. In addition to his contribution to the economies of both Qatar and Pakistan, he has also played a pioneering role in promoting friendship between the two countries and their business communities. Mr. Said Gul is in the board of Executive Members of the Pak-Qatar Business Forum and among founding leaders of the Pakistan Welfare Forum in Doha. He has also contributed to spreading awareness about Takaful through articles in leading international professional publications. Mr. Gul has represented Pak-Qatar Group at various prestigious international forums. During his tenure, Pak-Qatar Takaful Group has taken gigantic strides and emerged as the market leader of Pakistan's industry.

PAK-QATAR FAMILY TAKAFUL LIMITED

Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited (PQFTL), the first and largest dedicated Family Takaful Company in Islamic Finance industry. PQFTL is a progressive and a technology-driven Shari'ah Compliant company providing innovative Takaful solutions in Pakistan since 2007. PQFTL is the fastest growing Family Takaful operator in the country.

Incorporated in 2006, and beginning operations in 2007, the company is registered with, and supervised by, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). An independent Shari'ah Advisory Board chaired by Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani certifies all products and operations for Shari'ah compliance. The company is rated "A" (having Positive Outlook) by JCR-VIS Credit Rating Co. Limited and Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA).

PQFTL has a vision of providing financial protection through Takaful to everyone. The company's shareholders include some of the strongest financial institutions in the state of Qatar such as Qatar Islamic Insurance Company (QIIC), Qatar International Islamic Bank (QIIB), Masraf Al Ryan with a combined asset base of more than US\$37 billion and equity over US\$5 billion. The company is further strengthened by its Re-Takaful arrangements with Munich-Re and Hannover Re. Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited has strategic BancaTakaful alliance with FWU AG, a leading life insurance company based in Munich (Germany), for distribution of Takaful policies through banking channels.

Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited has one of the largest Takaful branch networks across Pakistan (over 60 branches in 41 cities). With more than 550,000 covered members and over 1100 corporate clients, the company believes in technological advancement and has presence on all digital mediums thus enabling the customers to keep in touch 24/7 via modern web portals and mobile applications.

Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited is recipient of several domestic and international awards and nominations including 'Best Takaful Operator in Pakistan' award at the 10th International Takaful Summit London 2016, 'Best Takaful Company in Pakistan' for the year 2015 at 'Islamic Banking Awards' ceremony and won IFN Service Provider awards under category 'Best Takaful Provider' for the year 2016.

PAK-QATAR GENERAL TAKAFUL LIMITED

Pak-Qatar General Takaful Limited (PQGTL) is one of the leading General Takaful companies in Pakistan. The company commenced its operations in 2007. Pak-Qatar General Takaful Limited offers comprehensive General Takaful (Non-Life insurance) products' portfolio for corporate customers as well as individual clients. Incorporated in 2006, and beginning operations in 2007, the company is registered with, and supervised by, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). An independent Shari'ah Advisory Board chaired by Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani certifies all products and operations for Shari'ah compliance. The company is rated "A" (Single A) with Stable Outlook by PACRA and 'A-' (Single A Minus) with 'Stable' Outlook by the JCR-VIS Credit Rating Company Limited

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Pak-Qatar General Takaful Limited has presence in major cities of the country. Pak-Qatar General Takaful Limited by adhering to the only best practices set down in the Islamic Shariah and Pakistani law is engaged in providing need-based, practical and profitable financial services to its members and participants throughout Pakistan.

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