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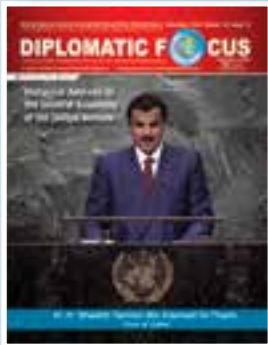
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Pakistan enjoys deep-rooted ties of friendship and fraternity with Qatar and relations between the two countries have been rapidly improving in all fields. While bilateral visits add a major impetus to relations between Pakistan and Qatar, both countries also closely coordinate and cooperate on regional issues.

On matters pertaining to regional and global affairs both Countries have always been on the same page. Pakistan places considerable importance on its relation with Qatar which is based on strong foundations of common faith and culture. However there is a need to strengthen these relations through enhanced bilateral economic cooperation and boost interaction between the private sectors of both countries.

The signing of a long-term agreement to import about 3.5 million tons of LNG annually from Qatar marked a new beginning of the economic partnership between the two brotherly countries. This came to underscore the deep relations between the two brotherly countries and people and as an attempt from the Qatari Government to support Pak government facing the severe energy crisis. In addition to that, a Qatari private company Al Mirqab has invested 49% in establishing a coal-fired power plant with a production capacity of 1320 MW.

Pakistani Business men and professionals are playing a major role in banking, medical and construction sectors of Qatar. Recently an agreement has been reached to increase the Number of Pakistani blue collar workers in Qatar to 100,000.

His Highness the Amir of Qatar, following his last visit to Pakistan, directed to support the Pakistani economy with 3 billion dollars in the form of deposits and direct investments to underscore the strength of bilateral relations and express the confidence of the State of Qatar in the strength of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's economy. The economic ties between the State of Qatar and Pakistan have recently witnessed a remarkable development, as bilateral trade exchange has reached two billion dollars, and there are about 1400 joint companies operating in various fields, as well as 7 companies completely owned by Pakistanis. Qatar encourages the businessmen of both countries to contribute to the development of bilateral trade cooperation and seeks to bring the Qatari companies and their Pakistani counterparts closer to cooperate in the interest of both countries.

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HH The Amir's Speech At The 75th Session Of The United Nations General Assembly

Your Excellency, President of the General Assembly,

Your Excellency, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I congratulate His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir on assuming the presidency of the Seventy-Fifth Session of the General Assembly, wishing him every success and favorable outcome. I also thank His Excellency Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the previous session, for the appreciated efforts he exerted during his tenure, and I avail myself of this opportunity to commend the role of His Excellency the Secretary-General. Mr. António Guterres in promoting the role of the United Nations and achieving its goals.

Mr. President,

The convening of this session comes as we celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, and it is opportune on this occasion to remember that it is an institutional expression of our awareness that we belong to one humanity. There are many historical experiences that substantiate this fact and prove the risk of underestimating it. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has reminded us that we live on the same planet, and that multilateral cooperation is the only way to address the challenges of epidemics, climate and the environment in general, and it's also preferable to remember this when dealing with the issues of poverty, war and peace, and realizing our common goals for security and stability.

Based on this understanding, and after the State of Qatar hastened to take all preventative actions and measures to protect the citizens and the residents on its territory, it has not seen any contradiction between its duty in this respect and providing aid to more than 60 countries and five international organizations, and participating actively in the international efforts to mobilize resources and potentials to address this epidemic and its repercussions, as well as supporting research centers in several countries to limit the serious negative ramifications of this pandemic and to expedite the development of a vaccine for this virus.

Mr. President,

After more than three years since the start of the unjust and illegal blockade on the State of Qatar, we have continued the march of progress and development in various fields.

Despite the blockade, Qatar has strengthened its effective participation in the multilateral international action to find solutions to other crises.



And during the unjust and unlawful blockade it is going through it also has securely established its policy founded on respecting the rules and principles of international law and the United Nations Charter, especially, the principle of respecting the sovereignty of states and rejecting intervention in their internal affairs.

And based on our moral and legal responsibilities towards our peoples, we have affirmed, and we will continue to reaffirm, that unconditional dialogue based on common interests and respect for the sovereignty of states is the way to solve this crisis which had started with an illegal blockade, and whose solution starts with lifting this blockade.

On this occasion, I reiterate my deep appreciation for the sincere efforts of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the sisterly State of Kuwait, and to commend highly the endeavors of brotherly and friendly countries to bring this crisis to an end.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There is an international consensus on the fairness of the Palestinian cause, but despite this consensus, the international community stands helpless without taking any effective steps vis-à-vis the Israeli intransigence and persistence in occupying the Palestinian and Arab lands, besides imposing a stifling siege on the Gaza Strip, continuing a policy of expanding settlements, imposing a fait accompli policy in a flagrant violation of international legitimacy resolutions and the two-state solution agreed upon by the international community.

A just and desired peace can only be achieved through Israel's full commitment to the terms of reference and decisions of the international legitimacy accepted by the Arabs and upon

which the Arab Peace Initiative is based, while Israel tries to circumvent it and acts as if the Palestinian cause does not exist.

Any arrangements that are not based on these terms of reference will not achieve peace, even if they are called peace.

It may have intents other than the just solution to the Palestinian cause, and other than achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

The lingering of the Palestinian cause without a just solution, and Israel's continued settlements and creation of pretexts on the ground without being deterred pose the biggest question mark on the credibility of the international community and its institutions.

We call on the international community – especially the Security Council – to assume its legal responsibilities to obligate Israel to lift the siege on Gaza Strip, put the peace process back on track through credible negotiations based on the international resolutions and not on force, to address all final status issues, ending occupation within specified timeframe and establishing an independent Palestinian state within 1967- borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, and to end the Israeli occupation of all Arab territories.

And in the context of our endeavor to prepare the appropriate conditions to reach peace and to respond to the economic and humanitarian difficulties facing our brothers in Palestine, we, in coordination with our international partners, have continued providing humanitarian and developmental aid to cater for urgent and long-term needs in the besieged Gaza Strip, in addition to increasing our contributions to UNRWA.



Mr. President Based on our firm belief in resolving disputes by peaceful means, and with the grace of God and thanks to Him, the State of Qatar's mediation efforts have culminated in signing a peace agreement between the United States and the Taliban movement, in Doha, on February 29, 2020, and was able to make an exchange of prisoners between the government of Afghanistan and the Taliban movement a success during the discussions held in Doha last month.

Our efforts, along with our international partners, to convene the Intra-Afghan peace negotiations which began on the 12th of this month, in Doha, have culminated in success, and its ensuing success now depends on the Afghan brothers themselves.

We will exert our efforts in cooperation with the international community to facilitate the dialogue, in the hope that peace and stability will soon prevail across Afghanistan, if everyone decides to completely renounce violence, and accept diversity, difference and equal citizenship in this country.

Mr. President,

After more than nine years since the Syrian crisis which witnessed unprecedented humanitarian tragedies, whose serious negative impacts are year after year, it is still impossible to reach an end to this crisis due to the intransigence of the Syrian regime and the inaction of the international community, especially, the Security Council, in assuming its duty to maintain international peace and security and protect civilians.

The Syrian regime still obstructs even the process of drafting a new constitution, proposed by Russia, which, unfortunately, is all that was left of the international efforts to realize some sort of a peaceful solution.

The regime deals with this effort with the same strategy of keeping up pace with the international community that it followed by ostensibly participating in negotiations to gain time without intending to make any change.

On this occasion, I reiterate the firm stance of the State of Qatar that the only way to end the Syrian crisis is a political solution based on the Geneva Communiqué (1), and the implementation of Security Council Resolution 2254. The State of Qatar also affirms that it will continue, with the international community, to support efforts to realize justice and holding accountable the perpetrators of atrocities, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Syria.

In the humanitarian field, we will continue to provide all forms of support and assistance

to the brotherly Syrian people in areas of displacement and refuge till the end of this crisis.

As for the raging war in sisterly Yemen which is still demolishing the urban buildings in Yemen, wiping out the necessities of life, and threatening security in the region, we affirm that the only way to resolve this crisis is through negotiation between the Yemenis in accordance with the outcomes of the National Dialogue, the Gulf initiative, and the relevant Security Council resolutions, particularly, resolution 2216. We affirm our firm position on the unity of Yemen and its territorial integrity.

As for the brotherly Sudan, we value the signing of a peace agreement in Juba, between the Transitional Government in Sudan and a host of armed movements, and we express our appreciation to the state of South Sudan for sponsoring the signing of this agreement, and we look forward to the rest of the factions to join the peace process.

We stress the firm stance of the State of Qatar beside the brotherly Sudanese people to successfully pass through this transitional period and achieve their aspirations for stability and development.

We reiterate the call on the relevant countries to facilitate the efforts of the brothers in Sudan to remove the name of Sudan from the list of states sponsoring terrorism, as the difficulties and hardships they are facing have taken their toll on them.

In this context, Qatar stood with the brothers by providing them with support to counter the flooding that severely inflicted serious damage to facilities and the people as well, and we call upon the international community to provide them with all kinds of necessary support to counter the natural disasters.

Regarding the Libyan issue, we reiterate welcoming the ceasefire agreement and activating the political process in accordance with the Skhirat Agreement and all its outcomes, to achieve a comprehensive political settlement that will maintain Libyan sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence, and stem the bloodshed of its people and preserve its wealth. It is beneficial for all to understand the impossibility of imposing a military regime by force in Libya.

We were pained by what Lebanon went through in the aftermath of the explosion at the port of Beirut.

We stood beside our Lebanese brothers without conditions. It is not our habit to impose political conditions to show solidarity during disasters.

But in the end, it will be incumbent on the Lebanese themselves, and not by a dictation, to find agreed upon ways for reform to fulfill the aspirations of an entire generation for a state based on citizenship rather than any other affiliations. This, incidentally, is an aspiration shared by the younger generation across the entire region.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Terrorism remains one of the most prominent challenges facing the world as it poses a real threat to international peace and security, and impedes achieving sustainable development for peoples.

We in the State of Qatar spare no effort to actively participate in international and regional efforts to address this phenomenon and tackle its roots, especially by supporting education for millions of children, youth and women and creating job opportunities for young men.

In this context, Qatar is strengthening the strategic partnership with the relevant United Nations agencies. I am referring here to the opening of a program office of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office in Doha next May to implement behavioral insights on combating terrorism and violent extremism.

Mr. President,

In the field of development assistance to developing countries and the least developed countries, and to support countries affected by the negative impacts of climate change, Qatar has fulfilled its pledge by providing a contribution of \$ 100 million to support the Least developed countries and Small Island Developing States to deal with climate change.

We are pleased to host in Doha next March the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. We are confident that this conference will support their march towards achieving their development for the next decade in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In conclusion, we affirm the State of Qatar's commitment to the declaration adopted by the General Assembly on September 21st with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and in which the State of Qatar assumed – in partnership with the Kingdom of Sweden – a role in facilitating the international negotiations for its adoption. We will continue to work with the United Nations to achieve its goals and address the common challenges to maintain the interest of our peoples and the good for humanity.

Thank you, and may God's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.



His Highness Speaks At The Global Vaccine Summit 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen,
I extend my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, for organising and hosting this important conference.

The COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an unprecedented challenge and threat to all humanity at all levels.

In the absence of an effective vaccine or cure, some countries and societies have found themselves faced with the choice between two options both of which are bitter to swallow: either to seek prevention by lockdowns that may cripple the economy, or put the lives of people at risk by opting not to sacrifice the economy.

Some countries have chosen compromising solutions by combining continuing to coexist with the pandemic and fighting it at the same time.

This crisis has shown that there is no alternative to international cooperation and exchange of experiences, which

necessitate the redoubling of the joint efforts to eliminate COVID-19 with effective vaccines and cures, and preparations for confronting new epidemics in the long run.

The State of Qatar has spared no effort to enhance the rapid response to counter the serious repercussions of the crisis, and has promptly taken all preventive procedures and measures to reduce its impact, and protect the citizens and residents on its soil.

Based on human solidarity we have provided medical assistance to more than 20 countries around the world in terms of supplies of medical equipment and construction of field hospitals.

In addition to providing \$140 million dollars' worth of financial contribution for multilateral health care institutions working to develop vaccines and ensuring the efficiency of health care, especially in the least developed countries.

In this context, we call upon the international community to work jointly to ensure fairness in providing necessary medicines and medical equipment to all countries.

The State of Qatar reiterates its support to the World Health Organization (WHO) for its coordinating efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and to promote global readiness to confront infectious diseases in the future.

I would like to announce a new \$20 million dollar pledge from the State of Qatar to "GAVI" alliance.

In conclusion, I reiterate my thanks to the United Kingdom for organising this conference, hoping that it will achieve its desired objectives.

May the Peace, Mercy, and Blessings of God be upon you



His Highness Speech at the Opening of the 49th Advisory Council Session

Brothers and Sisters Members of the Advisory Council,

It pleases me to extend to you my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the opening of the new session of your esteemed Council, wishing you success and rectitude.

I would like on this occasion to commend your efforts and the parliamentary tasks you carried out at the local and international levels during your previous session, one of the most important of which was organizing the 7th Conference of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption held in Doha.

It pleases me also to congratulate your esteemed Council for unanimously electing His Excellency Brother Ahmed bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, as chairman of that organization for the next session, and to express our sincere appreciation for your fruitful efforts in reaching the agreements concluded with the United Nations on establishing the Office of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism for Parliamentarians, and selecting Doha to host its headquarters.

Brothers and sisters,

Our meeting today comes while we are still facing, together with all humanity, the dangerous COVID-19 pandemic, which has put everyone against difficult tests and choices.

It has become obvious that a full lockdown only postpones the spread of the pandemic, and at the same time harms the economy. Yet, ignoring the pandemic and pursuing the concept wrongly dubbed “herd immunity” – aside from the dangerous risking of the lives

of people (who are not a herd) – it has become evident that immunity isn’t guaranteed after contracting the disease. However, Qatar has opted for carefully considered partial and interim lockdowns while stressing precautionary measures and maximum readiness to isolate and treat those infected after the assessment of cases, in addition to the State’s intervention in supporting the economic facilities affected by the pandemic. The correctness of our resilient choice, which sacrifices neither people’s health nor the economy, became clear.

Our health system has proven its reliability in dealing with the pandemic, so our country, by the grace of Allah, has remained as one of the world’s least affected countries. The results of our health policies and persistent investment in developing the health system and medical staff, including prevention, daycare centers and hospitals have been evident.

It must be underlined that the pandemic is still raging at its height in different parts of the world, and we are still facing it in Qatar, and it is necessary not to be complacent in order to avoid a second wave of pandemic, and to comply with the instructions, especially social distancing, wearing masks and adhering to home quarantine when necessary. And as I previously said we would not hesitate to take strict preventative measures in the event of a new pandemic outbreak.

Realizing the importance of international cooperation in addressing the pandemic, we have supported the efforts of the international community and provided necessary assistance to more than seventy countries and international organizations. We will continue

to support international efforts to accelerate the development of a necessary vaccine and make it affordable in a fair way to the neediest countries.

There are lessons learned from this pandemic regarding the significance of the public health sector and the importance of synergy between the role of the State, community and the individual in disease prevention, and how the economy and the educational process continue despite everything, as well as the importance of social solidarity, and appreciation of the role of workers in vital areas who extend services to quarantined people in their homes, such as the provision of food, health services, security, police, transportation, etc.

Brothers and sisters,

On the global level, the pandemic has inflicted heavy damage on most of the economic activities, as well as the movement of funds and people. As a result, forecasts regarding growth on the global level this year envision an economic recession that may reach 5%.

It is normal that an economic deflation results in a decline in energy prices. Accordingly, oil and gas exporting countries were hit by a double crisis due to a drop in prices on the one hand, and the impacts inflicted by the pandemic on the local economic activity on the other hand.

The State has taken two-tier swift measures: first, to support the private sector and maintain the integrity of the financial and banking markets and the Qatari riyal. Second, to maintain the general State’s budget. In this regard, we have directed to provide 75 billion Qatari riyals in support to the private sector affected by the measures taken by the State to limit the pandemic outbreak, as well as removing all obstacles facing this sector to maintain its business continuity and enhancing the ability of small and medium enterprises to

face these ramifications.

A set of facilities and exemptions from customs duties on food and medicine, and on electricity fees and other services fees have also been approved.

As a result of these procedures, we were able to maintain the integrity of the monetary, banking, and fiscal position. So, the official reserves continued to grow in the current year and the diverse range of sources and deposits of the financial sector has expanded. The Qatari riyal also proved its strength and potential against external crises as it preserved its value and exchange freedom.

The State has also taken urgent and necessary measures to mitigate the negative effects of low oil and gas prices on the general budget. The preliminary results showed that the budget deficit during the first half of this year reached about 1.5 billion riyals only, although deficit projections were much higher. This was achieved due to the rationalization of government spending associated with raising the efficiency of the public sector. Despite cuts, the budget continues to concentrate spending on health, education, and major infrastructure projects.

Out of our keenness to avoid the negative economic effects resulting from the market fluctuations in the oil prices, we have directed that the drafting of the general State's budget be based on the price of oil at \$ 40 per barrel, which is lower than the expected price.

The energy sector in the State was able to overcome the repercussions of this pandemic with minimal detriments. Production and export operations haven't been affected, and Qatar Petroleum has continued to fulfill its obligations towards all contracting parties. Also the workflow proceeds unhindered in the main energy projects, namely, the liquefied gas production expansion project, in addition to projects overseas.

Brothers and sisters,

Our efforts for achieving Qatar's national vision goals continue, especially in the field of realizing food security, encouraging investment by issuing a series of legislations stimulating investment and enhancing business environment, particularly the law organizing public-private partnership.

These laws and procedures are beginning to bear fruits, as from the outset of this year the number of established factories and the volume of investments and the number of employees therein have increased considerably.

There has also been a notable increase in establishing foreign companies and the volume of foreign investment.

In the field of environment protection, we have started to develop a national network for air quality monitoring at various locations in the State, formulating a program for marine

environment monitoring, and programs to respond to emergencies resulting from oil spills, hazardous and radioactive materials.

And by the grace of Allah Almighty, and in light of our long-term vision of the future of our country and planning for it, we have been able to overcome developmental obstacles and challenges we came through in the

last few years. As a result, Qatar has maintained its credit rating as per studies conducted by the international rating agencies in 2020. These agencies have unanimously affirmed a high credit rating for the State of Qatar with a stable economic outlook.

This indicates confidence in the strength of Qatar's economy and its ability to absorb major economic crises, including the current pandemic crisis, and its resilience, and even its development in spite of the blockade.

However, this should not lead us to slackness and complacency. There are still great challenges ahead of us in achieving the goals of our long-term vision. To accomplish that, it is inevitable to accelerate minimizing dependency on the volatile revenues of oil and gas due to their price fluctuations and decline in price ceiling over time, as revealed by the recent crisis. This can only be achieved through enhancing economic diversification and proceeding towards increasing the productivity and efficacy of labor in the public sector and encouraging private sector investment.

The State should exert its utmost effort to diversify its income sources through investment in its sovereign fund for future generations, etc. But diversification of income sources also depends on the community, and the economic and service sectors, where the community members work, by resorting to saving, private initiatives, investment and relocating from consumer mentality to the mindset of productive community. The way must be cleared for that end.

As for the government sector, it is necessary to emphasize that development programs and projects must be implemented with utmost precision and efficiency. I reiterate that jobs in various sectors of the State are not just an entitlement, but rather a duty and a responsibility. Therefore, wages and promotion must be linked to excellence and productivity and to apply that, without exception, on all employees in the State. And just as no private sector investor tolerates that individuals be paid without work and real return, we should not expect otherwise from the State.

Brothers and sisters members of the Advisory Council,

Our Arab ummah lost this year two of the greatest men in the Gulf, namely, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, the builder of modern Oman, who maintained a mutual relation of fraternity and cordiality with Qatar, and His Highness Sheikh Sabah, who acted with all his strength

to reconcile between Arab countries and to heal the rift in the Gulf, and whose positions with us we will never forget. We hope that the GCC countries will inspire from the moderation and wisdom of the two late leaders the right exhortations and examples for the future of their inter-relations.

As for our foreign policy, and despite the continued unjust blockade for more than three years, Qatar's international status is being strengthened by the intensification of our activity on issues of concern to the international community, such as climate change, combating poverty, fighting terrorism, etc., and because of adopting, at the same time, wise, responsible and principled policies, and contributing to resolving many conflicts peacefully through dialogue.

Concerning our region, we reaffirm our steadfast position regarding the just Palestinian cause and the legitimate rights of our Palestinian brothers, including the establishment of their independent state on the basis of 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and a just solution to the refugees issue, under international legitimacy resolutions.

Brothers and sisters,

Preparations for the Advisory Council elections are about to reach their culmination, and the elections will be held in October next year. These elections will take place, God willing, in accordance with the constitution on which a referendum was held in 2003 and was promulgated in 2004. Thus, we are taking an important stride to strengthen the traditions of the Qatari Shura and developing the legislative process through a wider participation of citizens.

We have our well-established system which is rooted in and intertwined with the structure of our community. It is not a multiparty

system, but rather an amirate system based on well-established traditions

of fair and rational governance which is connected with the people through the pledge of allegiance, loyal relations, mutual trust and direct communication between the system and community.

Elections are not a criterion of national identity. This identity has crystallized over time and best manifested in the form of solidarity and cohesion of our community with its forbearing moral values and love for its country, as revealed in challenging the blockade.

In conclusion, I wish you a fruitful legislative term, as you have always done.

May Allah grant you success, and may Allah peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you.



Inauguration of the International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism Carries Great Significance

HE the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani said Monday that the inauguration of the International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism in Doha is an important occasion that carries great significance.

His Excellency added that the hub is the first of its kind in the region and the world. It was one of the outcomes of the agreements signed on the sidelines of the Doha Forum in the attendance of the UN Secretary-General.

His Excellency stressed, in a speech given as part of the inauguration ceremony today, that Qatar's hosting of the hub reflects the strong cooperation with the United Nations in achieving its goals. His Excellency said that HH the Amir stressed that sentiment in the UN General Assembly speech.

His Excellency also noted that inaugurating the hub in Doha today shows that the State of Qatar delivers on its commitment, and is set to strengthen its partnership with the UN. His Excellency added that the State of Qatar will

continue its active participation in international counter-terrorism efforts.

His Excellency confirmed that the commitment of the State of Qatar to hosting the hub stems from its policy that is based on the Islamic culture of rejecting violence in all forms regardless of the motives and reasons, in addition to its belief that counter-terrorism cannot be done without a comprehensive regional and international framework that deals with the root causes of terrorism.

His Excellency said that, as a result, the hub will focus on children and youth given they serve as the fuel for extremist groups, something that requires focusing attention on that segment of society in all national and international programs in order to build societies immune to extremist ideas.

His Excellency stressed that the State of Qatar is focused especially on violent extremism, and has worked on a national level and as part of the UN to protect children and youth from extremism.

Qatar led the efforts to hold a high-level

General Assembly meeting in 2016 on children and youth affected by violent extremism. In that context, His Excellency said that the State of Qatar is optimistic regarding the role the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism and reiterated Qatar's commitment to supporting the office, saying that the State of Qatar is proud to be one of its donor states.

His Excellency also expressed the State of Qatar's deep appreciation for the efforts of HE Under Secretary General for Counter-Terrorism Vladimir Voronkov and his cooperation with the State of Qatar's permanent envoy and the National Human Rights Committee in order to launch the hub.

His Excellency also praised the efforts of HE Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani and the policy of the State of Qatar under the wise leadership of HH the Amir that looked to enhance ties with the United Nations to serve the goals of the international community.



Doha Negotiations Seeks to Reach a Solution that Achieves Peace for Afghan People and Fulfills its Aspirations

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani underlined that in implementation of the wise directives of H.H. the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, the State of Qatar has continued its efforts to commence the intra-Afghan negotiations, in order to reach a political solution that ensures the achievement of peace for the Afghan people and fulfills its aspiration for stability and prosperity, extending thanks to the United States for its cooperation and appreciated efforts to facilitate the convening of these negotiations.

H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed the State of Qatar's pride for hosting these important historic negotiations, which follow the conclusion of the peace agreement between the United States and the Taliban in Doha in February.

This came in the speech of HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs at the opening of Afghanistan Peace Negotiations in Doha on Saturday. At the outset of his speech, HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani conveyed the greetings of HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani to the heads and members of the negotiation delegations from the sisterly Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and HH the Amir's wishes that these negotiations will be a success and achieve their desired goals.

H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed the State of Qatar's deep appreciation to all parties for answering the call to hold these negotiations, which reflect the keenness and the full awareness of the importance of ending the war and achieving lasting peace in Afghanistan. HE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh

Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani noted that in the lives of peoples, decisive days leave immortal imprints in the records of history, and generate traces that time cannot erase, because they constitute a turning point in their path. From this standpoint, those who are characterized by wisdom and insightful vision, when facing turning points in their destiny, must assume responsibility and make fateful decisions that commensurate with the challenges of the situation, and to rise above all forms of division, fulfill the aspirations of their peoples for unity, and stop their pain by reconciliation on the win-win principle.

H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs added that the lessons and experiences of history have proven that military force cannot resolve any conflict in Afghanistan, and that the only way to do so is to immediately and permanently cease fire and open avenues for constructive dialogue through the negotiating table, in order to achieve a comprehensive political settlement among all spectrums of the Afghan people.

"Is any spectrum of the fraternal Afghan people still not believe that building bridges of understanding and coexistence is the only sure guarantee for the sustainability of peace, stability, and building the rule of law and development in Afghanistan?" H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs wondered. These negotiations constitute an important and crucial stage for the Afghan people to find solutions to all controversial issues, he stressed.

H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs underlined the need to overcome the unfortunate past and focus on the future and its hopes while not forgetting the lesson learnt from the past. This requires

everyone to embark on the future with a steadfast spirit and firm belief in the right of the Afghan people to enjoy security, stability and unity, and to catch up with progress and never be left behind.

H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani praised the cooperation among the parties to the negotiations, expressing his confidence that they will value the responsibility entrusted to them, and will put the interest of the Afghan people in mind as a beacon for their dialogue and negotiation, in order to fulfil the aspirations of the Afghan people for peace to be an alternative to a war that lasted nearly forty years, and for security and stability to prevail in all parts of Afghanistan. H.E. also pointed to the vital role entrusted to the surrounding regional countries, looking forward that they will play a constructive and supportive role.

He indicated that the challenges hindering the achievement of the desired peace in Afghanistan are well known, calling on the international community to intensify regional and international efforts to seize this long-awaited historical opportunity for the success of these negotiations, achieving the desired peace and ending the suffering of the brotherly Afghan people.

In conclusion, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani reiterated that the State of Qatar will spare no effort in cooperating with the international community to achieve the desired goals of these negotiations, and to fulfill the aspirations of the brotherly Afghan people for security, stability and peace.



Qatar Adopts Foreign Policy Based on Strengthening International Cooperation for Effective Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

The State of Qatar has affirmed that it views international solidarity and cooperation as indispensable principles for strengthening national efforts and helping governments to carry out their duties and responsibilities to implement human rights, especially the right to development, noting in this regard that it has adopted over the past months a foreign policy based on strengthening international cooperation to ensure an effective response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This came in the State of Qatar's statement delivered by Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office in Geneva Mohammed Abdullah Al Buainain during the panel discussion on "the right to development" within the work of the forty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council.

Taking into account the biggest challenge that our world is witnessing today, which is the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic with its great impact on all walks of life, the State of Qatar, Al Buainain said, has over the past months adopted a foreign policy based on strengthening international cooperation to ensure an effective response to this pandemic.

He added that despite the unjust blockade imposed on Qatar for more than three years and the closure of the land, sea and airspace by the blockading countries, the State of Qatar has responded to the global appeal launched by the



United Nations Secretary-General to confront the humanitarian effects of this pandemic, and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to provide support for the delivery of humanitarian and medical supplies.

Al Buainain explained that the Qatari support provided was not limited to government

agencies, but included many charitable and non-governmental institutions, as Qatar Charity provided aid to UNICEF and the High Commissioner for Refugees.

He highlighted Qatar's participation in the launch of many international initiatives, the most important of which were the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security to Combat Coronavirus pandemic, and the Group of Friends of the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility, known as "COVAX", and worked with the United Nations Development Program in the innovation lab to discuss solutions to address the negative consequences of the epidemic, especially in developing countries.

He said, "We look forward to knowing the opinion of the discussants about the role that the Human Rights Council can play in supporting the achievement of the final goal of the sustainable development goals related to strengthening the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development, especially in facing global crises such as the current pandemic."



UN Adopts Resolution Presented by Qatar and Monaco, Considers Sport as Global Accelerator of Peace and Sustainable Development

The United Nations General Assembly adopted at its 75th session a resolution by consensus that considers “Sport: a global accelerator of peace and sustainable development,” a resolution that the State of Qatar and the Principality of Monaco presented in their capacity as co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Sport for Sustainable Development.

The resolution was adopted by 95 countries. The General Assembly reaffirmed that sport is an important factor in achieving sustainable development. It recognizes the growing contribution that sport is making to achieving development and peace, given its role in promoting tolerance and respect and its contribution to empowering women, youth, individuals and communities and achieving the desired goals in the areas of physical and mental health, education and social integration. Since the adoption of the resolution coincided with the repercussions of the Covid-19 pandemic on the world, the General Assembly considered that the pandemic has greatly affected all aspects of sport, as it disrupted sport events and affected the sports supply chains related to the working conditions of athletes, management of sport events, mass gatherings and the occupational safety and health. On the other hand it restricted access to physical activity and education, which pose major challenges to the physical and mental health and well-being of individuals, families and their communities.

The General Assembly encouraged the Member States to include sport and physical activity in their post-COVID-19 recovery plans, integrate sport and physical activity into national sustainable development strategies and make effective use of all opportunities and values offered by sport in implementing the 2030 Agenda. And in order to implement the sustainable development goals, the United Nations system is encouraged to support Member States in these efforts.



In its resolution, the General Assembly called on the United Nations system to strengthen the provision of capacity development services, technical cooperation and financial assistance to support the formulation and implementation

of national policies and approaches to maximize the contributions of sport to development, peace and sport for everyone.



Message of H.E. Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Pakistan on the occasion of Qatar's National Day 2020

On the occasion of the National Day of the State of Qatar, I am honored to extend my sincere greetings to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, to His Highness The Father Amir, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, and to all citizens and residents of the State of Qatar.

This day is a milestone in our history as it marks the starting of a modern state. It is a day to cherish the past of this country, to pride in its prosperous present, and to be optimistic about its promising future. Celebrating this day is an opportunity to evaluate the achievements of the country in all

fields and at all levels. We are proud of the unprecedented development that our country has witnessed, so that the State of Qatar has rightly become a role model.

On this happy occasion, I also wish to express my gratitude and appreciation for the people of Pakistan, who share the joy of the this occasion with Qatar, cherished by the historic bilateral relations between the two countries.

This year, we are celebrating this occasion in exceptional circumstances, as the Covid – 19 is still spreading around the world, threatening the human life as well as economies, social values and traditions.

Qatar playing its humanitarian role towards brotherly and friendly countries during Covid – 19

Besides taking measures to control its domestic situation and protect it from Covid – 19 and its repercussions on various sectors, the State of Qatar has not forgotten its humanitarian duty towards brotherly and friendly countries, as Qatar affirmed its solidarity and standing by them during this crisis and harnessed all its efforts to provide aid and support to them. Qatar's aid to combat the Covid -19 in the world amounted to more than 88 million US dollars .Since the beginning of the spreading of Covid – 19 the State



of Qatar has provided urgent medical aid to more than 78 countries as well as various international organizations in order to help them confront this crisis, thus reducing its consequences while expanding the circle of combating the virus, around the world.

Qatar's support for Pakistan against Covid- 19

The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Islamabad, has played its part and provided medical and preventive aid from Qatar Charity to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in order to support Pakistan's efforts in facing the outbreak of the Covid – 19. This came as a demonstration of the State of Qatar's standing and solidarity with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and as an affirmation of the friendly relations Between the two countries.

Qatar – Pakistan Relations

The Bilateral relations are witnessing continuous development in various fields, and Qatar is keen to support and further consolidate these ties for the benefit of both countries. This is reflected in the care, follow-up and mutual visits, including the visit of His Highness the Amir of Qatar to

Pakistan, which hugely strengthened the cooperation between the two countries in various fields, especially in the economy, trade, investment, energy, tourism and education. Qatar is also exploring the opportunities to promote bilateral cooperation with Pakistan in the fields of agriculture, food industries and livestock, in addition to housing, tourism and services sectors.

Cooperation in the social fields:

The State of Qatar looks forward to expanding cooperation with Pakistan at all levels and has taken practical steps in this regard. Qatar has been contributing since 2018 to educating one million out of school children in Pakistan and supporting efforts to eradicate polio. This is in addition to the contributions of "Qatar Charity" through its various programs throughout Pakistan to address the most important humanitarian and development challenges faced by people.

Economic Ties:

The bilateral trade has risen to about \$ 2.6 billion, as Qatar has undertaken many economic reforms that are

a strong motivation for Pakistani businessmen. These reforms have a real impact on the ground where there are about 7 Pakistani companies with 100% ownership in the Qatari market, as well as about 1400 joint companies. The launch of the direct shipping line between Karachi port and Hamad port in Doha has greatly helped to increase trade exchange between the two countries.

2022 World Cup projects and recruitment of labor:

The State of Qatar continues to bring Pakistani manpower to work on various projects within the framework of Qatar's preparations for hosting the 2022 World Cup, and has doubled the number of Pakistanis working in Doha. The opening of 2 Qatar Visa Center in Islamabad and Karachi has facilitated the issuance of visas to Pakistanis. The State of Qatar is keen to diversify prospects of cooperation with Pakistan in the future, and we hope that coming days will witness further consolidation and development in the existing bilateral cooperation between the two brotherly countries in all aspects of life.



Pakistan and Qatar enjoyed excellent relations in all areas of mutual interest

By Bilal Zafar

President Dr Arif Alvi has said that Pakistan and Qatar enjoyed excellent relations in all areas of mutual interest and Pakistan wants to further strengthen and broaden bilateral cooperation with the brotherly country. He made these remarks while talking to the visiting Commander of Qatar Air Force, Major-General (Pilot), Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet, who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today. The meeting was also attended by Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan and Qatar's Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Saoud Abdulrehman Al-Thani.

The President said that Pakistan and Qatar had great scope for cooperation in the areas of defense and military training and Qatar needed to benefit from defense expertise and training facilities of Pakistan. He also highlighted anti-terrorism efforts made by Pakistan that resulted in defeating militancy and terrorism.

The President said that Pakistan's economy was improving despite the Covid-19 pandemic. He said that Pakistan offered enormous investment opportunities and Qatar could benefit from Pakistan's investment-friendly environment in various sectors. Major General (Pilot), Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet appreciated the professionalism of Armed Forces of Pakistan and underlined the need for enhanced defense cooperation between the two countries.

Major General (Pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail



Major General (Pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet, Commander Qatar Emiri Air Force (QEAF), called on General Nadeem Raza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee at Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawalpindi



Commander Qatar Amiri Air Force, Maj Gen (pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet met with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi at Naval Headquarters.

Al-Nabet, Commander Qatar Emiri Air Force (QEAF), who is on official visit to Pakistan, called on General Nadeem Raza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee

at Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawalpindi. Matters of bilateral professional interest, regional security environment, and further strengthening of security & defence



cooperation between the two countries were discussed during the meeting.

Commander QEAF lauded the professionalism of Pakistan Armed Forces and acknowledged their sacrifices in fight against terrorism.

Major General (Pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet, Commander Qatar Emiri Air Force called on General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

During the meeting matters of mutual & professional interest and regional security

situation were discussed. COAS said that Pakistan values its brotherly relations with Qatar and Pakistan Army also looks forward for enhanced defence and security cooperation with Qatar Armed Forces.

The visiting dignitary appreciated contributions of Pakistan Army for regional peace & security and role in training of Qatar's Armed Forces.

Commander Qatar Amiri Air Force, Maj Gen (pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet met with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral

Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi at Naval Headquarters. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, regional security & bilateral collaboration were discussed.

HE Staff Maj Gen (Pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet, Commander Qatar Amiri Air Force, visited Air Hq, Islamabad. He was received by HE Air Chf Mshl Mujahid Anwar Khan, Chief of Air Staff, Pak Air Force. During the meeting, both agreed to further augment the existing cordial ties.





Activities of the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Islamabad

His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani was accorded at the Presidential Palace in Islamabad On 29/9/2020, an official reception ceremony, upon the appointment of His Excellency as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

In a Separate meeting on this occasion, H.E. Ambassador conveyed the greetings of H.H. the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani to H.E. the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and H.H. the Amir's wishes to H.E. the President of health and well-being, and to the government and people of Pakistan continuous progress and prosperity. For his part, H.E. the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan entrusted H.E. the Ambassador to convey his greetings to H.H. the Amir, and his wishes to H.H. the Amir of health and happiness, and to the State of Qatar constant progress and prosperity.

H.E. President wished H.E. Ambassador success in his duties, assuring him of providing all support to promote the bilateral relations to a closer cooperation in various fields.



His Excellency Imran Khan, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, received His Excellency Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at PM Office, Islamabad.

His Excellency the Ambassador conveyed to His Excellency Prime Minister of Pakistan greetings of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar and His Highness' wishes for His Excellency the Prime Minister's health and well-being and for the prosperity and development of the brotherly people of Pakistan.

For his part, H.E. the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan entrusted H.E. the Ambassador to convey his greetings to H.H. the Amir, and his wishes to H.H. the Amir of health and happiness, and to the State of Qatar constant progress and prosperity. His Excellency the Prime Minister congratulated His Excellency Sheikh Saoud bin Abdul Rahman



Al Thani, upon his appointment as Ambassador to Pakistan, wishing him success in his duties in Islamabad.

His Excellency the Prime Minister also appreciated the level of the

distinguished relations between the State of Qatar and Pakistan; expressing his country's keenness to strengthen these relations in the future in all fields.

Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Asad Qaiser met with H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. They discussed bilateral relations and means of developing them, in addition to other issues of common interest.



Minister for Interior Brigadier (retd) Ijaz Ahmad Shah, met with H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. They discussed bilateral relations and means of developing them, in addition to other issues of common interest.



Special Assistant to Prime Minister Pakistan, Mr. Syed Zulfikar Abbas Bukhari, met with H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. They discussed bilateral relations and means of developing them, in addition to other issues of common interest.



His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani received in his office at the Embassy H.E. Ambassador of Sultanate of Oman Al Sheikh Muhammad Omar Ahmed Al-Marhoon. During the meeting, cordial conversation was exchanged, and issues of common concern were discussed.





H.E. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, received H.E. Ambassador of the State of Qatar at Joint Staff Headquarters. Bilateral ties and ways to develop them, cooperation in military & defense fields as well as other issues of common interest were discussed.

H.E. COAS, General Qamar Javed Bajwa received H.E. Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Pakistan, at GHQ Rawalpindi. Bilateral relations, ways of enhancing them as well as regional and international issues of common interest were discussed



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi met with H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, at Naval Headquarters. They discussed bilateral relations and means of supporting and developing them, in addition to matters of common concern

Minister of State / Chairman Pakistan Board of Investment H.E. Mr. Atif Bokhari received at his office, H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. They discussed bilateral relations and means of developing them, as well as matters of common concern.





His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani visited the open air school Mohammad Ayub Khan, known

as Master Ayub, has been running in Sector F-6, Islamabad and distributed Laptops, school bags and other school items among the students studying in this school.

His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, participated in a tree plantation drive organized by H.E. Dean of Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador Atadjan Movlamov, in collaboration with the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI).





Hamad International Airport, Qatar, Becomes First Global Entity to be Verified by BSI for its COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol Implementation

Hamad International Airport (HIA) is proud to announce that it is the first entity in the world to achieve independent verification from BSI (British Standards Institution) for its implementation of COVID-19 ICAO Aviation Health Safety Protocols. The verification was conducted following successful audits for Compliance to International Civil Aviation Organization Civil Aviation Recovery Taskforce ICAO CART.

Qatar's airport received the verification certificate during an official handover ceremony attended by Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, Mr. Jon Wilks, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Qatar, H.E Mr. Abdulla bin Nasser Turki Al-Subaey, President of the Qatar Civil Aviation

Authority, HIA's Chief Operation Officer, Engr. Badr Mohammed Al-Meer, Mr. Jamal Dalli, Business Development Manager at BSI, among other BSI officials and executives from MATAR Qatar Company for Airports Management and Operation.

This important achievement marks the State of Qatar as the first country in the world to be verified by BSI for its COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol Implementation. It is also a significant testament to the efforts implemented by Qatar's gateway to the world, HIA, that helped successfully restore passenger confidence and boost air travel, even during the most turbulent of times.

This Verification of Compliance is a testament to the airport's commitment to maintaining

business efficiency during the COVID-19 pandemic while implementing unprecedented measures to protect its staff and passengers in compliance with guidelines issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Civil Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART).

The airport was awarded based on a compliance verification audit conducted by BSI to assess guidelines implemented by the airport during the pandemic and will be maintained via a continued verification that will be conducted to ensure this compliance is maintained over time. Qatar's state-of-the-art hub demonstrated industry best practices, having implemented innovative measures for transferring, departing, and arriving passengers.

The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Islamabad donated medicines and medical equipment for combating COVID-19 to Pakistan Thalassaemia Center. On this occasion, Mr. Masoud Talib Al-Athbi, 2nd Secretary at the Embassy, visited Pakistan Thalassaemia Center in Islamabad, where he was received by Air Vice Marshal ® Mr. Aftab Hussain, The Chief Administrator. During the visit, various departments of the center were inspected, and a quantity of medicines for patients and medical equipment for combating Covid-19 were donated.





Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, H.E. Syed Shibli Faraz, met with H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. They discussed bilateral relations and means of developing them, in addition to other issues of common interest.



His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani met with H.E. Iranian Ambassador Syed M. Ali Hosseini and discussed issues of common concern. H.E. the Ambassador expressed Qatar's condolences and condemnation of the assassination of the Iranian scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh.

His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani met with H.E. Hamid Abbas Lafta, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq in Islamabad. During the meeting, they exchanged cordial conversation and discussed issues of common interest.



His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani met with H.E. Palestinian Ambassador Mr. Ahmed Rabei at the Palestinian Embassy in Islamabad. During the meeting, they had cordial conversation and discussed issues of common interest.





Qatar Embassy in Islamabad celebrated Qatar's National Day

The Embassy of the State of Qatar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan held a reception hosted by H.E. Sheikh Saoud bin

Abdulrahman Al Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Pakistan on the occasion of Qatar National Day. Qatar Embassy in Islamabad

celebrated Qatar's National Day with active participation of Members of diplomatic mission and embassy staff.



The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Islamabad provides medical and preventive aid from Qatar Charity to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to combat the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19).



H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, delivered medical aid provided by Qatar Charity, to support efforts to limit the spread of the Coronavirus. The aid was received by H.E. Maj. Gen Safdar Abbas, Executive Director of Pakistan Air Force Hospital.





Qatar Participates in 47th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC

The State of Qatar participated in the 47th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) that was held in Niamey, the Republic of Niger.

Qatar's delegation was headed by HE Director of the International Organizations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Yousef Sultan Larem.

Speaking at the session, HE the Director of the International Organizations Department said that the State of Qatar continues its active role within the framework of international efforts to confront terrorism and participate in international mechanisms to coordinate efforts to combat terrorism and its financing, especially in partnership with the United Nations.

His Excellency pointed out that at the national level, the State of Qatar has carefully developed the legislative and regulatory framework for combating terrorism and its financing, and

has prepared a national strategy to combat terrorism.

He added that it was important to keep pace with emerging threats and conflicts such as the link between terrorism, religious intolerance, escalating xenophobia, hate speech and misleading information, in addition to the issue that the OIC plays an important role in monitoring and addressing it, which is Islamophobia. In this regard, he underlined the importance of serious and collective work to confront escalation against Islam, the Prophet Mohammed, Peace Be Upon Him, and the Muslims.

His Excellency said that this meeting is being held at a time when the world is facing many challenges that require strengthening solidarity and cooperation between the OIC members and all countries of the world, especially as the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has affected everyone, and this pandemic has imposed itself as a top priority.

His Excellency pointed out that this pandemic has changed the features of societies and the activities of states and individuals everywhere, and highlighted the importance of ensuring stability, strengthening security and development and consolidating human rights so that international peace and security are not affected by any urgent threats.

He said that the State of Qatar has assumed its shared responsibility towards this pandemic by cooperating with the United Nations and providing governmental and non-governmental humanitarian aid to many countries around the world.

It has also established many field hospitals in the affected countries and has spared no effort in providing urgent medical aid as it supported the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization and health care organizations working to develop vaccines and health care resilience with \$140 million.

HE the Director of the International

Organizations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that working within an international and pluralistic framework is not only necessary to address emergency crises but rather is essential to address common risks such as combating terrorism and extremism, eradicating poverty, and addressing the misuse of technology for illegal purposes as well as addressing development challenges and climate change.

He continued by highlighting the contribution announced by HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani with an amount of \$100 million to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing countries.

Realizing the role it has always played and in support of the international efforts, the State of Qatar will host the Fifth Conference on the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states in January 2022, he said.

His Excellency noted that while we are talking about the need for a collective approach and collective frameworks to address the common challenges, the State of Qatar still faces unjust blockade and unilateral coercive measures imposed on it unlawfully and without justification and in violation of the United Nations Charter, international law, international norms and the principles of the friendly relations among the states, especially those brought together under one organization, such as this.

Although more than three years of the insistence on these unilateral policies have passed, the State of Qatar continues to adhere to its principles based on reducing tensions and resolving crises through dialogue, and in accordance with the principles of the peaceful settlement of disputes and respect for international law, he said.

Therefore, the State of Qatar has resorted to the international legal frameworks, foremost among which were the International Court of Justice, to confront the measures targeting it in violation of the United Nations Charter, international law, international conventions and charters, and human rights.

His Excellency also pointed out that the Palestinian cause is still the central issue for the State of Qatar, reaffirming Qatar's principled position in support of all sincere efforts aimed at reaching a settlement to the Palestinian cause by achieving a two-state solution in accordance with the terms of reference of



the peace process, international legitimacy decisions and the Arab Peace Initiative, in a manner that guarantees the establishment of the independent state of Palestine on the basis of the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the settlement of all final status issues.

He added that this settlement requires ensuring that the Palestinian people enjoy their inalienable rights, pulling an end to the Israeli occupation of the occupied Arab lands, including the Syrian Golan, ending the illegal settlement activity and the attempts to annex lands illegally, stopping the measures aimed at changing the character, legal status, and demographic composition of Jerusalem, and stopping all other practices against the Palestinian people that violate international law and human rights. His Excellency stated that what causes concern is that the Palestinian economic situation is deteriorating, especially in the Gaza Strip, which is under constant blockade that has caused great human suffering.

Within the framework of Qatar's endeavor to play a constructive role to create an appropriate environment to reach the peace and respond to the economic and humanitarian difficulties facing the Palestinian people, he said, it continued to provide humanitarian and development support to address urgent and long-term needs in areas including education, power supply, infrastructure, maintenance and construction of housing and financing job opportunities, in addition to enhancing

its contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

HE the Director of the International Organizations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it is regrettable that many crises and threats to international peace and security are affecting OIC member states and affecting their brotherly peoples. In Syria, the crisis has caused countless suffering to the Syrian people and it is a serious threat to regional and international peace and security.

His Excellency stressed that attempts to impose a solution militarily will only lead to more atrocities and humanitarian disasters, noting that what Syria needs is serious work within the framework of a meaningful political process sponsored by the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General to reach a solution leading to a political transition in accordance with the Geneva declaration and the implementation of Resolution 2254 with all its elements, in a manner that meets the legitimate aspirations of the Syrian people and preserves the unity, sovereignty and independence of Syria.

Concluding, His Excellency expressed the State of Qatar's support for efforts to reform the work of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, including the assumption of high-ranking positions on the basis of equitable geographical rotation, and it is also committed to cooperating with member states in order to achieve the desired common goals for the benefit of the Islamic Ummah and its peoples.



FIFA World Cup™ stadium located in Al Rayyan to be inaugurated on Qatar National Day

The Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) has announced its latest milestone achievement on the road to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™. The inauguration of the stadium located in Al Rayyan will take place on 18 December – Qatar National Day – exactly two years before the country hosts the FIFA World Cup final.

The stadium – which will become the new home of Al Rayyan Sports Club – is the fourth Qatar 2022 tournament venue to open following Khalifa International, Al Janoub and Education City. Earlier this year, it was announced the venue would host seven matches up to the round of 16 stage during the World Cup. The 40,000-capacity stadium is adjacent to the Mall of Qatar and within walking distance of Al Riffa Station – on Doha Metro's Green Line. The stadium's most striking feature is a glowing façade, comprised of patterns that characterise different aspects of Qatar: the importance of family, the beauty of the desert, native flora and fauna, and local and international trade. A fifth shape – a shield – brings together all the others, representing the strength and unity that is particularly relevant to the city of Al Rayyan.

H.E. Hassan Al Thawadi, Secretary General of the SC, said: "The inauguration of this stadium is another major milestone on the road to 2022. This stunning venue and the surrounding precinct will leave a fantastic legacy for Al Rayyan Sports Club and everyone who lives in this proud city."

"This event also marks the two-year countdown to the biggest match in Qatar's history: the FIFA World Cup final," added Al Thawadi. "We are

proud that our World Cup preparations remain on track, with 90% of infrastructure projects completed. We look forward to unveiling more stadiums next year as we ensure that all tournament venues are delivered well in advance of the big kick-off." Engineer Hilal Al Kuwari, Chairman of the SC's Technical Delivery Office, described the stadium's completion as a massive achievement on the road to the first FIFA World Cup in the Middle East and Arab world.

"Five stadiums have now been completed, including Khalifa, Al Janoub, Education City, Al Bayt and Al Rayyan. The remaining three will be delivered in the near future in order to give us plenty of time to test our operational plans," said Al Kuwari. He added: "The successful delivery of the stadium in Al Rayyan – on time and within budget – is testament to the outstanding collaboration of the SC team, our numerous contractors and valued stakeholders. We are incredibly excited to launch this venue on Qatar National Day, exactly two years to the day before everyone focuses on our country for the World Cup final."

Considerable sustainability and efficiency measures have been embedded in the design to reduce the stadium's carbon footprint, including the use of recycled building materials and retaining trees from the surrounding environment. Many of the recycled materials used in the new stadium complex came from the deconstructed Ahmed Bin Ali Stadium that once occupied the site.

As a result, the stadium was awarded the following Global Sustainability Assessment

System (GSAS) ratings: GSAS Design & Build Certification (four-star rating), GSAS Construction Management Certification (Class A*) and a GSAS Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) Compliance Certificate.

"The building of this stadium, which incorporated the careful deconstruction of Ahmed Bin Ali Stadium and the reuse of materials from that structure in the new project, is an outstanding achievement for the SC," said Engineer Yasir Al Jamal, Vice Chairman of the SC's Technical Delivery Office. "From the beginning, sustainability was at the forefront of this project, amid the unique challenges we faced during the development. I'm very proud of the SC team and our valued stakeholders for delivering this outstanding venue."

After Qatar 2022, the modular upper tier of the stadium will be removed, with the seats being repurposed into sporting facilities in Qatar and overseas. The surrounding precinct will also be transformed into a regional sporting hub, where locals will have the opportunity to experience many other sporting facilities that spring up as part of the complex.

Six football training pitches, a cricket pitch, horse riding track, cycling track, gym equipment and an athletics track are just some of the facilities that the community of Al Rayyan can look forward to using. Further details about the Amir Cup final, including ticket, travel and social distancing requirements, will be communicated in due course.



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MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT, LABOUR & SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Qatar's efforts to protect the interests of employers and employees alike

In furtherance of Qatar's efforts to protect the interests of employers and employees alike, the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs (ADLSA) has today taken a major step forward in its labour reform programme, introducing a non-discriminatory minimum wage and removing the No-Objection Certificate requirement to change jobs for employees.

According to, Law No. 17 of 2020 on Setting the Minimum Wage for Workers and Domestic Workers sets the minimum wage for all private sector workers, including domestic workers, at QAR 1,000 per month as a basic wage, as well as QAR 500 per month allocated by the employer for accommodation expenses and QAR 300 per month for food, unless the employer already provides adequate food or accommodation for the employee or domestic worker.

ADLSA will be working with employers to update all employment contracts where workers earn less than the amount established by the new Law, which will come into force after 6 months of its publication in the official gazette.

The minimum wage was decided following extensive consultations with a specialised national committee composed of relevant authorities in Qatar to consider the matter. The law is the first of its kind in the Middle East

and will provide additional stability to Qatar's labour market.

In light of the above, a Minimum Wage Committee will be formed and tasked with frequently studying and reviewing the minimum wage of workers and domestic workers.

The government also introduced Decree Law No. 18 of 2020 amending some provisions of Labour Law No. 14 of 2004 and Decree Law No. 19 of 2020 amending some provisions of 2004 Law No. 21 of 2015 regulating the entry and exit of expatriates and their residence, which protects the rights of both employers and employees and facilitates the employer change process. This will drive greater competition in Qatar's labour market by allowing employees to change employers and allowing employers to attract the best talent on the local market.

As part of our efforts to boost the effectiveness of the Wage Protection System, the new amendments to the Labour Law prescribe stricter penalties for employers who fail to pay their workers' wages and introduce penalties for employers who fail to provide adequate accommodation for their workers, in line with the standards established by the Ministry.

The new amendments also include increasing the number of labour dispute resolution

committees in an effort to tackle the number of labour disputes, facilitate workers' access to the rights, and expedite legal proceedings.

HE Yousuf Mohamed Al Othman Fakhroo, Minister of Administrative Development, Labour & Social Affairs, said:

"The State of Qatar is committed to creating a modern and dynamic labour market. In line with Qatar Vision 2030, these new laws mark a major milestone in this journey and will benefit workers, employers, and the nation alike."

Attracting the desired combination of migrant workers, protecting their rights, and ensuring their safety is part of the human development goals of Qatar's 2030 National Vision. With today's announcement, Qatar delivers on its promise to expand the labour market in a manner that drives competition, boosts investment in the local economy, and drives economic growth in Qatar.

To ensure compliance with the changes, ADLSA is working with competent authorities to upgrade the Wage Protection System, strengthen the capacity of inspectors, and apply stricter penalties to companies that violate the law.





Qatar National Vision 2030



During the reign of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, May God Protect Him, Qatar National Vision 2030 has been launched to serve as a clear roadmap for Qatar's future. It aims to propel Qatar forward by balancing the accomplishments that achieve economic growth with the human and natural resources. This vision constitutes a beacon that guides economic, social, human and environmental development of the country in the coming decades, so that it is inclusive and helpful for the citizens and residents of Qatar in various aspects of their lives.



Economic Development

Economic development is an essential part of the Qatar National Vision 2030, as the engine that drives progress by providing better opportunities and a better way of life for the country's citizens. Achieving that objective hinges on Qatar's ability to create a balance between an oil-based and a knowledge-based economy, helping diversify the country's economy and guaranteeing a stable and sustainable business environment. The Qatar National Vision 2030 will also guide the wise management of the Qatari economy, helping increase competition, attracting more investments, and stimulating growth.

Sound Economic Management

- Reasonable and sustained rates of economic growth that secure a high standard of living for this generation and for future generations.
- Financial and economic stability characterized by low inflation rates, sound financial policy and a secure and efficient financial system.
- A stimulating business climate capable of attracting foreign funds and technologies and of encouraging national investments.
- Open and flexible economic structures capable of competing in a changing world.
- Coordination with Gulf Cooperation Council states and with Arab and regional economic organizations to establish trade, investment and financial ties.

Responsible Exploitation of Oil and Gas

- Optimum exploitation of hydrocarbon resources, establishing a balance between reserves and production, and between economic diversification and the degree of depletion.
- A vigorous oil and gas sector that generates advanced technological innovations and contributes to the development of human resources and economic capacities throughout Qatar.
- A fully developed gas industry that provides a major source of clean energy for Qatar and for the world.
- The long term maintenance of strategic reserves of oil and gas to meet the needs of national security and sustainable development.

Suitable Economic Diversification

- A diversified economy that gradually reduces its dependence on hydrocarbon industries, enhances the role of the private sector and maintains its competitiveness through:
- Expansion of industries and services with competitive advantages derived from hydrocarbon industries.
- Design and development of economic activities in which Qatar can specialize, including the technical and human requirements of these activities.
- A knowledge-based economy characterized by innovation; entrepreneurship; excellence in education; a world-class infrastructural backbone; the efficient delivery of public services; and transparent and accountable government.

Social Development

Social development under the Qatar National Vision 2030 encompasses a system dedicated to social welfare and protection for all citizens and to bolstering women's role in society and empowering them to be active community members. Social advancement also means equal educational, employment and career opportunities for all citizens, regardless of their background or gender and a tolerant and fair society that embraces Islam's values of peace, welfare, justice and community. Under the QNV 2030, Qatar will serve as a regional and global example with an increased role in the Middle East and the world.



Social Development

Strong cohesive families that care for their members, and maintain moral and religious values and humanitarian ideals. An effective social protection system for all Qataris that ensures their civil rights, values their contribution in developing their society, and ensures an adequate income to maintain a healthy and dignified life.

A Sound Social Structure

Effective public institutions and strong and active civil society organizations that:

- Preserve Qatar's national heritage and enhance Arab and Islamic values and identity.
- Provide high quality services that respond to the needs and the desires of individuals and businesses.
- Establish a secure and stable society operating on the principles of justice, equality and the rule of law.
- Enhance women's capacities and empower them to participate fully in the political and economic spheres, especially in decision-making roles.
- Develop a spirit of tolerance, constructive dialogue and openness towards others at the national and international levels.
- International Cooperation

Qatar will continue to build upon its role in the international community in the following areas:

- An increased regional role economically, politically and culturally, particularly within the framework of the Gulf Cooperation Council the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Conference.
- Intensification of cultural exchange with the Arab peoples in particular and with other nations in general.
- Sponsorship and support of dialogue among civilizations, promoting coexistence between different religions and cultures.
- Contribution towards international peace and security through political initiatives and developmental and humanitarian assistance.





The national vision aims to transform Qatar into an advanced country by 2030, capable of sustaining its own development and providing a high standard of living for its population and future generations.

The state of Qatar aims to achieve this through the following four pillars.



A Capable and Motivated Workforce

Increased and diversified participation of Qataris in the workforce through:

- Broad investments in certification and training programs by public and private institutions
- Incentives for Qataris to enter professional and management roles in business, health and educational sectors
- High quality training opportunities for all citizens, corresponding to their ambitions and abilities
- Increased opportunities and vocational support for Qatari women
- Targeted Participation of Expatriate Labor
- Recruitment of the right mix of expatriate labor, protecting their rights, securing their safety, and retaining those who are outstanding among them.

Qatar opens up real estate sector to foreign investors

The Council of Ministers has issued Decision No. (28) of 2020, outlining areas in which non-Qatari citizens may own and use real estate in Qatar



THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO OWNING AND USING REAL ESTATE FOR NON-QATARIS HAS INCREASED TO 25



NON-QATARI CITIZENS MAY OWN DETACHED UNITS IN ONE OF THE DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL COMPOUNDS



OWNERS OF PROPERTY OF ABOVE \$1,000,000 IN VALUE WILL RECEIVE PERMANENT RESIDENCY BENEFITS, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND INVESTMENT IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES



OWNERS OF PROPERTY OF ABOVE \$200,000 IN VALUE CAN OBTAIN A RESIDENCY PERMIT FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY WITHOUT A SPONSOR



NON-QATARI CITIZENS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO OWN DETACHED UNITS (OFFICES AND SHOPS) IN SHOPPING MALLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

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Qatar Charity Pakistan Program



In Pakistan Qatar Charity (QC) started its operations in 1992, with major focus on charitable and social protection issues. From 2006 onwards, Qatar Charity expanded its scope of work and emerged as one of the mainstream development & humanitarian

organization of Pakistan. QC works on the basis of integrated and holistic development approach with multi sector interventions including; Social Protection Water Sanitation & Hygiene, Livelihoods, community physical infrastructure development and

relief & recovery. QC approach towards implementation of its programs & projects is purely based upon strong social mobilization and participation of local communities.



More than 123,300 individuals facilitated from COVID-19 response program

Pakistan like other countries in world was adversely affected by the on-going pandemic of coronavirus disease. Pakistan was ranked with 6th highest number of cases in Asia and 16th highest number of cases across the World. Qatar Charity, in close coordination with government, worked in the front lines to reach poor and marginalized communities that were directly affected by the emerging coronavirus. Following are some of details of interventions by QC:

Qatar Charity distributed 4,000 No of hygiene & cleanliness kits in the following government institutions;

- 1) Government Health Facilities
- 2) Quarantine Centers
- 3) Government Hospitals

The lockdown during corona pandemic has severely affected the livelihoods of the poor segment of society. Due to situation and lock down, the daily wagers and low income class is suffering badly of basic needs of life and going below the poverty line. To support the Government initiative, Qatar Charity Pakistan

Qatar Charity Pakistan distributed Personal protection equipment (relief items) to Rescue-1122, (a Government institution with mandate to carry out relief & rescue operations during emergencies). Rescue-1122 is front line Govt. department dealing directly with Corona patients and ranges their domain of work from staff duties in hospitals (Corona Wards), evacuation and transportation of patients to designated hospitals and also providing services till the burial of dead bodies in grave

yards.

The current COVID-19 outbreak also badly affected the afghan refugee population settled in camps. Qatar Charity implemented the project in close collaboration with Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, established by government of Pakistan for Afghan refugee. The situation further aggravated due to limited access to health facilities in camps. Qatar Charity distributed 1700 dry food packages and 1700 hygiene kits.

Qatar Charity is implementing WASH (COVID-19) Emergency Response in Jhang & Faisalabad districts of Punjab, This is a four year project covering 100,000 beneficiaries in context of COVID response.



Qatar National Day 2019 was celebrated with Orphans in Islamabad

Youth Leadership & Social Protection Program

The first support initiative that Qatar Charity carried out was to support only 50 orphans in Pakistan. This support grew larger gradually and with the passage of time, it reached to thousands in numbers of the supported orphans.

Along with other relief and development initiatives, Social Protection is among the largest and long-run core programs of Qatar Charity implemented since its inception in Pakistan.

Orphan Care and welfare

In Pakistan, Qatar Charity is among the frontrunner organizations working for the welfare of destitute children like orphans. Those children are provided with financial support through their guardian (mothers) for better nutrition, access to education and healthcare opportunities for their orphan children. A registered orphan child is entitled

to benefit from this support up to the age of 18 years.

By December 2020

**7,120 orphans
are registered
under orphan
sponsorship
Program**

Family Support - Extremely Vulnerable Families (EVFs)

The key beneficiaries of EVF are the families who cannot afford a decent living because of having lost their earner i.e. husband/father, affected by diseases, disability and natural or other form of calamity. Such families are left vulnerable to further deprivation due to lack of income and other financial support. Qatar Charity supports them to enable them for a dignified living and help them sail out of their poverty by educating their children, access better nutrition and protect themselves from natural hazards and diseases.

Assistance to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

Qatar Charity has initiated a program of financial assistance for PWDs. This support is provided in the form of financial assistance on quarterly basis in order to provide them with a chance to avail a decent living, access medical care and easy movement.

Students Sponsorship - Educational Assistance

In order to cater for the academic needs of the ex-sponsored orphans as well as other needy college or university level students, Qatar Charity has piloted a program of extending financial support to college or university level students to assist them in meeting the costs of their academic endeavors.

Calendar Activities

Besides extending financial assistance, Qatar Charity engages its registered beneficiaries, specially orphan children, in calendar activities every year i.e. National Sports Day, World Orphans Day, Health-screening and Diagnosis Camp, Global Hand Washing Day, Ramazan Food Package, Zakat ul Fitar, Eid Gifts, Winter Support and Qurbani Program.



His Excellency Mr. Masood Khan Sahib, The President of State of Azad Jammu & Kashmir distributed cheques and hygiene kits among Orphans





Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) Program & WASH

Attempts aimed at targeting poverty and enhancing livelihoods of the poor in Pakistan require a sustained and continuous effort to add, upgrade and improve small scale physical infrastructure in poor communities. These “conventional” Community Infrastructure Schemes (CPIs) play a significant role in improving living standards and positively impact livelihood generation in intervention communities.

Although Pakistan’s vibrant civil society, relatively open media, and the rise of an independent judiciary provide some hope, poor economic and development indicators coupled with worry demographic trends pose serious challenges to the well-being of millions of Pakistanis.

The unprecedented disaster caused in Pakistan have also had a devastating impact and the setback to the country’s development is likely to be severe. Recovery and reconstruction, through their phases, provide the opportunity to rebuild beyond pre-disaster states for safer, more sustainable and resilient communities.

For that, QC throughout the year also focuses on supporting the vulnerable communities for construction schemes like construction of Mosques, houses and Orphanage etc. Based on the proper need assessment QC manages to initiate construction work for the poor and vulnerable communities on “**09 mosques, 2 orphanages and 14 houses for the vulnerable and orphan community through community**” participation. Mosques are handed over to the

respective community for future functioning of the facilities. **Six thousand, Two hundred and fifty three individuals** are getting benefits by praying in mosques, orphans and poor got shelter of their own to live through construction of hostels and houses.

During 2020, QC focused on improving community’s health through increased access to safe drinking water along with sanitation facilities through successful implementation of **1,469 Project** of drinking water schemes which include digging of boreholes with installation of hand pump and electrically driven pressure pumps, gravity flow schemes, water ponds in water scarce areas, Twin Set Latrines and hand washing station with pressure pumps installed

on borehole connected to the water storage tank and the use of the alternate energy source utilization for suction of ground and surface water for the drinking purposes.

The projects were carried out in extreme vulnerable areas and districts where people were facing acute water issues and shortage. Through these schemes about **one hundred sixty five thousand four hundred and fifty two vulnerable individuals** get benefited to have easy access to adequate drinking water and to have easy access to defecation places and proper hand washing facilities in order to reduce the risk of spread of diseases in different parts of the country.





Relief Projects

Pakistan's geophysical conditions, climatic extremes, and high degrees of exposure and vulnerability have categorized Pakistan as a severely disaster-prone country. According to the Index For Risk Management (INFORM) 2018, Pakistan's risk rating stands at 5 out of 10, as the country continues to suffer from a plethora of natural and human-induced hazards that threaten to affect the lives and livelihood of its citizens. Impacts of natural disasters in Pakistan have been colossal in recent history.

Humanitarian response is the key program pillar of Qatar Charity's work in Pakistan.

Qatar Charity remained active in responding to various disasters and humanitarian responses, in close collaboration various government institutions including provincial and district disaster management authorities.

The relief response was mainly in

- (1) WASH
- (2) Shelter (including Non-food Items)
- (3) Emergency Food Security & Livelihood (EFSL) sectors.

QC collaborated with PDMA's and the district governments for an improved impact, while

following the relevant Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS). During Year – 2020, Qatar Charity continued to build absorptive, adaptive, and transformative capacities of the communities to reduce vulnerabilities of the communities in managing the impact of the natural disasters.

Qatar Charity also signed contingency PCA with UNICEF, valid for 04 years period, which will respond to multi-hazard emergency, with special focus on flood emergency. The PCA can be activated in any selected districts across Punjab, in case of on-set of emergency.





Tourism

The importance of tourism in Qatar

Tourism has been identified by the country's leadership as one of five priority sectors integral to diversifying Qatar's economy and to increasing private sector participation.

Qatar offers experiences that combine old and new, the traditional with the modern. Thanks to Qatar's strategic location at the crossroads of East and West, the country is on average 6-7 hours away from key international travel hubs.

80% of the world's population is within a 6-hour flight from Qatar and more than two-thirds can enter Qatar visa-free.

Qatar National Tourism Sector Strategy 2030

On World Tourism Day 2017, HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, the former Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, launched the Next Chapter of the Qatar National Tourism Sector Strategy, a five-year plan that places an enhanced end-to-end visitor experience at the heart of tourism development.

The Next Chapter's targets are being achieved through:

- Visa facilitation policies and a message of welcome to the world.
- Diversified tourism offerings across 6 areas: coastal and desert tourism, cultural tourism, business events, sports tourism, urban and family entertainment, and cruise tourism.
- Balancing supply and demand in the hospitality sector and diversifying tourist accommodation options.
- Ensuring adequate professional capabilities across the sector.
- Streamlining regulation processes to encourage investment.



A diverse tourism offering

Cruise tourism

Cruise tourism brings over 100 thousand visitors a year to Qatar, enabling them to enjoy the many landmarks that are mere minutes from Doha Port, including Souq Waqif, the Museum of Islamic Art, the Doha Corniche and the National Museum of Qatar. The peak season runs from October to May, allowing visitors to enjoy the country's pleasant winter weather during that time.

Thanks to Qatar's cruise visitor visas and streamlined disembarkation process, cruise visitors are able to immediately begin exploring the best the country has to offer as soon as their ship arrives.

A 2 billion QAR (\$547 million) Doha Port redevelopment project is set to transform the port into a permanent cruise terminal and tourist attraction at the heart of the capital city.

With the project's completion, and the associated capacity increase which will allow the port to receive two mega-ships at once, Qatar is expected to attract 500,000 cruise tourists by 2026.

Sports tourism

Qatar hosts roughly 80 sporting events and world-class competitions across a multitude of sporting disciplines annually.

The country is making sports history as the first Middle Eastern country to earn the rights to host the World Championships in Athletics (2019), World Corporate Games (2019), FIFA World Cup (2022) and the FINA World Swimming Championships (2023).

Business events



The Qatari government's dedication to supporting scientific research – particularly biomedical, computing and environmental research – has given rise to hubs of knowledge across the country, including Education City and the Qatar Science and Technology Park.

Qatar's business events sector also enjoys exhibition capacity of 70,000 square metres.

Destination weddings

The availability of magnificent ballrooms and vistas in Qatar places it as an emerging wedding destination, particularly for couples who have an appetite for modern luxury and entertainment and who are looking to celebrate their marriage against the backdrop of beautiful beaches.

Landmarks

Katara Cultural Village

Open to the public since 2010, Katara is an innovative interpretation of the region's architectural heritage which includes impressive theatres, galleries and performance venues that stage a regular programme of concerts, shows and exhibitions.

The newly opened Katara Plaza includes high-end retail shops, food outlets, residential and hospitality offerings, as well as the renown Galleries Lafayette, an upmarket French department store.

Souq Waqif

Founded over a century ago, Souq Waqif provides an authentic taste of traditional commerce, architecture and culture.

In 2008, the Souq went through a restoration period designed to preserve its architectural history and maintain its original elements, including spices and seasonal delicacies as well as perfumes, ornate jewellery, clothing and



handicrafts.

National Museum of Qatar

Designed to be both immersive and experiential, the newly opened museum provides visitors with a rich environment to explore. Segmented in three chapters – 'Beginnings', 'Life in Qatar', and 'The Modern History of Qatar', each theme is presented across eleven highly individual galleries.

Museum of Islamic Art

Opened in 2008, the Museum of Islamic Art treats visitors to a magnificent and imaginative experience, where the finest arts and artefacts from across the Islamic world spanning 14 centuries are on display.

Al Zubarah Fort

A UNESCO-recognised heritage site since 2013, Al Zubarah Fort was originally built in 1938 and includes three major features, the largest of which are the archaeological remains of the town, dating back to the 1760s.

Al Zubarah Fort is one of a long line of prosperous trading towns around the coast in what is present day Qatar.

Sealine Beach Resort

Located in Mesaieed, Sealine Beach Resort offers a unique mix of relaxation and adventure through water sports, desert safaris, camel and horse riding, as well as beach football and basketball. It is close to Khor Al Adaid – Qatar's inland sea and one of the few places in the world where sand dunes meet the sea.

The resort was restored in 2015 by Katara Hospitality, and now offers a more modern twist on a traditional Qatari resort.





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H.E. Chairman of Qatar's Committee for the Reconstruction of Gaza Ambassador Mohammed Al Emadi said that the committee, in cooperation with Qatar Fund for Development, began disbursing cash aid to poor families in Gaza.

His Excellency said that the aid will be provided to 100,000 families in the strip, with each family receiving \$100. He added that the process will take place through branches of the post office and will be fully supervised by staff from the Qatari committee in cooperation with the designated authorities, led by the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of communications and Information Technology in Gaza.

HE ambassador Al Emadi aid that there are strict precautionary and preventative measures followed while implementing the process, to ensure the safety of the beneficiaries and the workers. The measures ensure both parties adhere to physical distancing and the use of disinfectants in light of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Gaza.

Disbursal of Qatari Grant to 100,000 Families in Gaza Begins



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