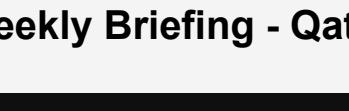


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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[QNB introduces complete online account opening for SMEs](#)

QNB has enhanced its SME Digital Onboarding Platform, now enabling end-to-end online account opening for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This upgrade allows new entrepreneurs or established businesses to open their accounts fully digitally, securely, and within minutes, eliminating the need for branch visits.

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Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[MECC Calls on Project Owners to Comply with Environmental Assessment Requirements](#)

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC), represented by the Environmental Assessment and Permit Department, has called on project owners in the country to comply with environmental assessment requirements and obtain the necessary environmental permits before undertaking any operational or support activities.

[Doha Municipality enhances food safety at Local Dates Festival](#)

As part of its commitment to community engagement, improving quality of life, and ensuring safe and healthy food for all residents, Doha Municipality—represented by the Health Inspection Section of the Municipal Control Department—is actively participating in the 10th Local Dates Festival, held from July 24 to August 7, 2025, at Souq Waqif.

[Qatar Participates in the Second UN Food Systems Summit in Addis Ababa](#)

The delegation of the State of Qatar headed by Eng. Fahad Mohammed Al Qahtani, Assistant Undersecretary for Agriculture and Food Security Affairs. The delegation participated in several discussion sessions and meetings concerned with following up on the efforts of member states to achieve an effective and sustainable transformation in food systems.

Education

[Nearly 6,000 students take admission for Fall 2025 semester: QU](#)

QU's Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Mohammed Diab stated that the enrollment of this new group of students is a testament to their great confidence in their national university and their keenness to pursue their university education at a leading institution that offers the widest variety of academic programs and specializations in the country.

[Huawei empowers student learning and creativity through 'Go Paint' workshop](#)

Huawei Qatar launched its innovative art initiative 'Go Paint' last week at Khalifa Secondary School for Boys and Anna Bint Wahb Secondary School for Girls. A total of 30 students took part in the creative workshop, which blended traditional drawing techniques with cutting-edge digital art tools using the latest and most popular Huawei MatePad devices.

[Qatar expands scholarships for nursing and first aid, includes Doha-born residents and PR holders](#)

As reported by Al Raya on 31 July 2025, Professor Saleh Mohammed Al-Muftah, Deputy Director of the Scholarships Department at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, revealed the expansion of the government scholarship plan for the new academic year.

Health

[WWRC first globally to receive Planetree Gold Certification under new 2024 standards](#)

In a remarkable achievement that reflects Hamad Medical Corporation's (HMC) ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of healthcare services, the Women's Wellness and Research Center (WWRC) has been awarded the prestigious Gold Certification for Excellence in Person Centered Care by Planetree International.

[First Qatar Radiology Congress 2025 in October](#)

In an important initiative set to shape the future of medical imaging in the country and region, Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) will host the first-ever Qatar Radiology Congress (QRC 2025) in October. The high-profile event will convene leading radiology professionals, clinicians, researchers, and industry experts to explore cutting-edge diagnostic imaging practices and their role in modern clinical care.

[WCM-Q study highlights therapeutic potential of flavonoid-induced ferroptosis in treating cancer](#)

Researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) have explored preclinical evidence on the therapeutic potential of flavonoids that induce ferroptosis in gastrointestinal (GI) cancers in a new article published in the Journal of Advanced Research (ScienceDirect), a leading applied natural sciences journal.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Years of Culture Initiative to Hold New Event Honoring Argentina, Chile in Doha This Year](#)

The Years of Culture Initiative has announced a new event to honor this year's partner countries, Argentina and Chile, taking place from Aug. 14 to 16 at Fire Station -Artist in Residence in Doha. The event is organized in collaboration with the Embassy of Argentina in Qatar and ProChile in the United Arab Emirates.

[Qatar Fund for Development and Turquoise Mountain Trust showcase long-lasting partnership by revisiting the Weaving Poems Exhibition at Sothby's](#)

Qatar Fund for Development (QFDD) and Turquoise Mountain Trust (TMT) have revisited the Weaving Poems exhibition, originally held in 2024 in collaboration with Qatar Museums, to further highlight their enduring commitment to empowering weaving communities in Afghanistan.

[Top publications highlight 'Qatar as perfect tourist destination'](#)

Several leading international publications, of late have highlighted the emergence of Qatar as a top tourist destination with a number of unique features. These include some of the leaders in the industry such as Travel And Tour World (TTW), CNN, Times of India among others.

Transport and Logistics

[Qatari-Saudi cooperation in field of maritime transport and shipping sector discussed](#)

The Qatar Chamber (QC) participated in the Qatari-Saudi workshop on the transport, shipping, and maritime sector, held in Riyadh yesterday. The Qatari delegation was headed by Eng. Ali bin Abdul Latif Al-Misnad, Board Member and Chairman of the Services Committee and the Qatari Committee for Shipping and Supply.

[Lusail Tram records 10 Million in ridership](#)

Qatar Railways Company (Qatar Rail) has announced that the Lusail Tram network has recorded a new milestone in ridership, transporting more than 10 million passengers since the launch of its service in January 2022. This milestone reflects the growing public confidence in the Lusail Tram system among both residents and visitors.

[Failure to register vehicle within deadline may lead to deletion from Traffic registry](#)

During an interview with Qatar TV, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamad Ali al-Muhannadi, head of the Registration Section at the Licensing Affairs Department at the General Directorate of Traffic, said that there are no exceptions in this regard. "Failure to follow the rules will result in the enforcement of the law.

Information and Communications Technology

[Qatar ranks high globally in mobile internet speed](#)

In the ever-evolving landscape of global connectivity, Qatar has once again solidified its position as a world leader in mobile internet speeds, as reported by the Speedtest Global Index by Ookla. The index, which compiles data from millions of user-initiated tests across the globe, ranks countries based on median mobile and fixed broadband speeds.

[MOI Explains How to Pay Financial Claims Online](#)

The Ministry of Interior (MOI) has announced an available service for the payment of financial claims affiliated to Search and Follow up Department, under the control of the General Directorate of Border Passports and Expatriates Affairs. This comes as part of the online services provided by MOI to streamline procedures for individuals and institutions.

[Vodafone Qatar H1 2025 presentation: Revenue growth accelerates to 19.6%, guidance raised](#)

Qatar (DSM-VFQ5) released its presentation for the first half of fiscal year 2025, revealing accelerated growth across key financial metrics and significant progress in network expansion. The company's stock closed at 2.435 on July 31, 2025, down 2.05% on the day, but remains near its 52-week high of 2.665.

Emerging Technology

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[Daam, QSC launch shaping the future of innovation initiative](#)

The Behavioral Healthcare Center (Daam), member of Qatar Foundation for Social Work, in collaboration with the Qatar Scientific Club (QSC), organized a training program titled "Shaping the Future of Innovation" targeting the age group of 14 to 19 years. The initiative is part of the center's efforts to promote behavioral health among youth and empower them to utilize future tools.

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Energy and Industrial

[Leader emerges for rumored deal on multibillion-dollar Qatar project](#)

A leading Middle-East based contractor is in pole position for a key role at state-owned QatarEnergy's multibillion-dollar Bul Hanine oilfield expansion project. Qatar is expanding the production profile of its Bul Hanine and Maydan Mahzam offshore fields, along with spending billions of dollars to swiftly scale up its liquefied natural gas production capacity.

[Oil Prices Rise from 5-Week Low](#)

Oil prices climbed on Wednesday, rebounding from a five-week low in the previous day, on concerns of supply disruptions after US President Donald Trump's threats of tariffs on India over its Russian crude purchases. Brent crude futures rose 29 cents, or 0.4%, to \$67.93 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$65.44 a barrel, up 28 cents, or 0.4%.

[MS200 selected for major insulation scope on Ruya project offshore platforms](#)

The project aims to boost output from Qatar's largest oilfield by developing new platforms, pipelines, and infrastructure to reach a production plateau of 300,000 bpd. As part of the scope, AIS was selected to protect offshore platforms and critical infrastructure components across the field.

Sports

["The Last Cup": Iran's World Cup-chronicling artist's tribute to Qatar](#)

The Iranian painter's last football series in the form of portraits, and perhaps the only known archive of the sport, painted not on canvas but on match balls, unique to respective editions. Each one of the 300 artworks carries a moment, according to Zarei, symbolic of each tournament that has been contested since 1930.

[Qatar & South Korea strengthen basketball collaboration](#)

In a significant step toward enhancing international sports cooperation, Abdulrahman Al Mana, a member of the Qatar Basketball Federation (QBF) Board of Directors, welcomed a delegation from the Korean Basketball Association (KBA) on the second day of their official visit to Doha.

[World experts to discuss FIFA and IOC strategies for protecting athletes' health at Aspetar Global Sports Medicine Conference](#)

Aspetar, Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital, is preparing to host one of the world's largest gatherings in sports medicine with its inaugural Global Sports Medicine Conference this October. The event will feature a distinguished roster of international experts in sports medicine and sports science.

Updates in Regulations

[Major Reforms in Qatar Real Estate Registration: Ministerial Decisions No. 70, 71 & 72 of 2025](#)

Qatar's real estate sector enters a new era, with Ministerial Decisions No. 70, 71 & 72 of 2025 now in effect. The country has rolled out a comprehensive regulatory framework that transforms how property is registered, recorded, and transacted. From electronic registration to public access to title deeds, these reforms mark a major leap toward transparency, efficiency, and investor confidence, setting a new benchmark for the region.

[Jail, QR100,000 fine for violation of privacy in Qatar: Official Gazette](#)

The State of Qatar has issued a revision for cybercrime legislation, targeting unauthorized publication or circulation on the internet of images and videos of individuals without their consent, knowledge, or in situations which are not legally declared. The amended law No. (11) of 2025, was published in the official Gazette, Edition No. 20 of 2025, issued on August 4, 2025, and is approved by the Amir His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani.

[Traffic Department warns of vehicle delisting over renewal failure](#)

The General Traffic Department confirmed that there are "no exceptions" to the vehicle registration renewal deadline, emphasising that failure to renew may result in the vehicle being removed from the registry. Lieutenant Colonel Hamad Ali Al-Muhannadi, Head of the Registration Section at the Licensing Affairs Department at the General Traffic Department, said during an interview with the "Hayatna" program on Qatar TV Sunday.

News by Soutien Group

[Qatar Introduces Bi-annual Health Reporting For Businesses](#)

Qatar's Ministry of Labour recently introduced regulatory requirements mandating all employers to submit occupational health reports bi-annually from July 2025. The directive forms part of the government's ongoing commitment of enhancing workplace safety and transparency and is reinforced by updated guidance.

[Saudi 2034 World Cup To Boost GDP Growth](#)

Saudi Arabia's hosting of the 2034 FIFA World Cup will serve as a catalyst for significant job creation and infrastructure development. Experts predict that Kingdom could expect a GDP boost of between SAR 33.75 billion (USD 9 billion) and SAR 52.5 billion (USD 14 billion).

[Oman Preparing National Circular Economy Roadmap](#)

Oman has officially started preparing circular economy principles, marking a key step in aligning its economic model with sustainability goals and low-carbon development. The project reflects Oman's broader ambition to move from traditional linear consumption patterns to meet its carbon neutrality target by 2050.

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Frequently Asked Questions

[How important is Arabic for business localization in Qatar?](#)

While English is widely spoken, incorporating Arabic into contracts, marketing, and customer service builds trust and improves business localization in Qatar.

[What cultural considerations are important when setting up a business in Qatar?](#)

Respecting religious traditions, understanding local business practices, and fostering trust-based relationships are vital for successful business localization in Qatar.

[Are there Qatarization requirements for businesses in Qatar?](#)

Yes, certain sectors require compliance with Qatarization policies, mandating the employment of a specific percentage of Qatari nationals.

[What does business localization in Qatar involve?](#)

Business localization in Qatar requires aligning your products, services, and operations with local market preferences, regulations, and cultural practices.

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