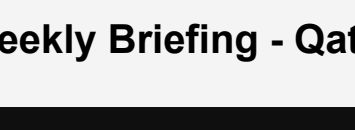


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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[Ministry launches portal for public-private projects in Qatar](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) has launched a digital platform to showcase public-private partnership (PPP) projects, enabling investors to explore opportunities, track initiatives, and review regulations. The initiative, aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030 and NDS3 (2024-2030), aims to strengthen private sector participation, drive innovation, and boost economic growth.

[Qatar ranks 12th globally in FDI Performance Index](#)

Qatar advanced 21 places to rank 12th globally in the 2024 FDI Performance Index, driven by a near doubling of foreign investment projects and strong growth in business services, technology, and consumer sectors. In H1 2025, FDI projects rose 44.5% and job opportunities 75%, underscoring investor confidence in Qatar's competitive market.

[MoCI grants grace period for cars not compliant with Gulf specifications](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has granted a grace period until December 31, 2025, to regularize vehicles not meeting Gulf specifications. During this period, such vehicles may be sold or displayed if registered before the deadline, after which violations will face legal action. The directive aims to ensure market regulation, consumer protection, and a safe commercial environment.

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[Ministry of Municipality launches new digital services for Agricultural Research Department](#)

The Ministry of Municipality has launched seven new e-services for the Agricultural Research Department, enabling online applications for plant, soil, and animal feed testing, as well as seedling sales and disease diagnostics. These digital services provide 24/7 access, real-time tracking, and faster processing, supporting Qatar's broader digital transformation and sustainability goals.

[Al Wakrah Municipality continues food safety inspections](#)

Al Wakrah Municipality conducted 1,849 food inspections from August 4-10 under the "My Civilised City" initiative, issuing two violations and destroying 68 kg of unsafe food. Around 6,500 kg of fish at the Al Wakrah Fish Market were also checked by a veterinarian to ensure safety.

[Ministry of Finance leads Qatar's green economy drive](#)

Qatar's Ministry of Finance is driving the nation's green economy through landmark initiatives, including issuing the GCC's first and Middle East's largest \$2.5bn sovereign green bonds, funding sustainable projects, and winning the 2025 Deal of the Year award. These efforts align with Qatar National Vision 2030, advancing renewable energy, green infrastructure, and climate adaptation.

Education

[Al-Raqim introduces 70 students to art of Arabic calligraphy through training workshops](#)

As part of its efforts to strengthen Islamic identity and connect younger generations with the beauty of the Arabic language, the Qatar International Arabic Calligraphy Competition Committee, "Al-Raqim" affiliated with the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and the Museum of Islamic Art, organized two training workshops as part of summer center programmes.

[DICID Chairman: Qatar Exerted Significant Efforts to Promote Dialogue, Peaceful Coexistence](#)

HE Chairman of the Board of Directors of Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID) Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al Naimi affirmed that the State of Qatar has made significant efforts to promote and disseminate the culture of interfaith dialogue and achieve peaceful coexistence through education, highlighting many Qatari institutions working in this field at both national and international levels.

[Students from Qatar win one silver, two bronze medals at Nuclear Science Olympiad](#)

Students from the State of Qatar achieved a remarkable accomplishment by winning a silver medal and two bronze medals during their participation in the second edition of the International Nuclear Science Olympiad (INSO 2025), held in Malaysia from July 30 to August 6, 2025.

Health

[Collaborative Surgery Conference 2025 to feature live surgeries](#)

Qatar will host the Collaborative Surgery Conference 2025 in November, organized by Hamad Medical Corporation, featuring live surgeries, expert presentations, and multidisciplinary discussions in colorectal, breast, and acute care surgery. The event, held in collaboration with the European Society of Surgical Oncology, will bring together global specialists to share innovations in surgical oncology, reconstructive techniques, and emergency care, strengthening Qatar's role in advancing surgical excellence.

[Aisha Bint Hamad Al-Attiyah Hospital restores mobility in rare knee surgery](#)

HMC's Orthopedic team at Aisha Bint Hamad Al-Attiyah Hospital successfully performed Qatar's first surgery for a rare congenital knee deformity, using a stem-cell-based technique to restore joint function. This milestone highlights Qatar's advanced capabilities in specialized orthopedic care.

[MoPH urges public to practice good food hygiene amid soaring summer temperatures](#)

The Ministry of Public Health has launched a summer awareness campaign urging the public to follow strict food safety practices — from clean hands and proper storage to safe dining, delivery, and outdoor eating, to prevent illness. Citizens are advised to report food safety violations by calling 16000.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[QA unveils travel packages for 2026 Qatar tennis tournaments](#)

Qatar Airways, in partnership with Qatar Airways Holidays, has launched the much-anticipated travel packages for the Qatar TotalEnergies Women's Open 2026 and the Qatar ExxonMobil Men's Open 2026. Taking place next year from February 8 to 14 and February 16 to 21, 2026 respectively, the tournaments will bring world-class tennis action to the heart of Doha.

[Three from Qatar named among Forbes Middle East's 'Top 100 Travel and Tourism Leaders 2025'](#)

Forbes Middle East has recognised three executives from Qatar in its Top 100 Travel and Tourism Leaders 2025, a list honouring individuals from across the MENA region, covering key areas such as aviation, hospitality, tourism development, and travel services. Forbes attributed Al-Meer's ranking to his strategic leadership since becoming CEO of Qatar Airways Group in 2023.

[QMC, Katara Sign Cooperation Agreement to Strengthen Media Partnership in Qatar's Cultural Landscape](#)

The Cultural Village Foundation - Katara and the Qatar Media Corporation (QMC) signed a cooperation agreement today, during a press conference held at Katara, with the participation of senior officials from both institutions. The agreement aims to enhance effective media coverage of Katara's events and activities, and to foster joint efforts in producing cultural content that reflects Qatar identity and supports the strategic goals of both entities.

Transport and Logistics

[Qatar's air transport sector sees steady growth in July 2025](#)

Qatar's aviation sector showed steady growth in July 2025, with QCAA reporting 24,233 aircraft movements, a slight 0.2% rise from last year. Passenger traffic climbed 1.4% to 4.81 million, reflecting resilience and stability despite global challenges.

[Ministry officials conduct inspection campaign on maritime vessels](#)

The Ministry of Transportation (MoT) has conducted a new inspection campaign on maritime vessels. The campaign was conducted in collaboration with the General Directorate of Coasts and Borders Security in the Ministry of Interior (MoI). This initiative aims to ensure that the maritime vessels meet all safety requirements. The Ministry stated that it also inspected the safety and security equipment on board to make sure that these are available and functioning. Officials also inspected helmsmen's compliance with safety instructions as per the laws and regulations in place.

[MoCI sets deadline for vehicles sale points to rectify non compliant vehicles](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has issued a statement setting a deadline for vehicle sales points to adhere to the Gulf Standard Specifications before penalties apply. The deadline was set on December 31, 2025, as the Ministry declared that vehicle sales point can continue selling or promoting vehicles registered before that date, even if they were non compliant with Gulf Standard Specifications. The vehicles registered after December 31, 2025, if non compliant with Gulf Standard Specifications, will not be allowed to be sold, promoted, or traded with in any way, whether in showrooms or through digital sales points.

Information and Communications Technology

[MoI enhances crime reporting via Metrash app](#)

The Ministry of Interior has expanded the Metrash app with the Al-Adeed service, enabling residents to anonymously report violations such as public morals, threats, and corruption, reinforcing shared responsibility for public safety. In addition, the app now allows secure and seamless vehicle ownership transfers, with buyer verification ensuring transparency and ease of use.

[MoCI warns against fraudulent OTP request messages](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has warned citizens and residents against scam attempts seeking personal data, stressing it never asks for passwords or OTPs. The public is urged to stay vigilant and report suspicious messages or calls to the call center at 16001.

[Essential to verify safety standards in AI model responses before use](#)

AI is rapidly transforming multiple sectors, but experts stress the importance of verifying outputs, ensuring data accuracy, and addressing biases. Dr. Hamdy Mubarak of QCRI emphasizes careful human oversight, adherence to safety standards, and domain-specific testing to prevent misinformation, harmful content, and biased results.

Emerging Technology

[As ASEAN turns 58, ties with Qatar expand across economy, climate and tech](#)

Qatar's economic ties with ASEAN now reach about US\$15 billion annually, driven by investments across energy, finance, real estate, and more. With ASEAN set to finalize its Digital Economy Framework Agreement this year, new opportunities are opening in digital transformation, renewable energy, and electric vehicles—areas where Qatar is well positioned to contribute.

[Qatar Airways and Accenture embark on AI-powered partnership](#)

Qatar Airways and Accenture are joining forces to revolutionise the aviation industry through artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. This strategic partnership aims to elevate customer experience, optimise operational efficiency, and enhance overall airline group performance. As part of this partnership, Qatar Airways and Accenture has established "AI Skyways" to further position the multi award-winning airline as a leader in aviation AI and advance technology in the region and beyond.

[Mada Launches '2025 Mada Innovation Award: Toward a more inclusive digital future for persons with disabilities, the elderly](#)

As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting innovation and promoting digital inclusion for persons with disabilities and the elderly, the Qatar Assistive Technology Center "Mada" has officially announced the launch of the 2025 edition of the Mada Innovation Award. This strategic initiative aims to foster the development of innovative technological solutions that improve the quality of life for target groups, with a focus on solutions powered by artificial intelligence (AI).

Energy and Industrial

[QatarEnergy ranked among most-valued global energy brands](#)

QatarEnergy has secured a prominent position in Brand Finance's inaugural Energy 100 report for 2025, ranking 31st among the world's top oil and gas brands with a brand value of \$4bn, a remarkable 27% increase from 2024. This achievement highlights QatarEnergy's growing influence in the global energy sector and underscores Qatar's economic resilience and strategic vision.

[Qatar Gas seeks to raise \\$1bln in syndicated loan: Report](#)

Qatar Gas Transport Co. (Nakilat) is seeking to raise a \$1 billion syndicated loan, according to Bloomberg. Japan's Mizuho Bank has been appointed the sole mandated lead arranger and bookrunner of the five-year deal, the news agency reported, quoting people aware of the matter.

[Al Kharsaah: A Pioneering Solar Power Plant in Qatar](#)

Located 80 km west of Qatar's capital, Doha, the Al Kharsaah Solar PV Independent Power Producer (IPP) project is the country's first large-scale solar power plant and is set to significantly reduce its environmental footprint. Al Kharsaah is owned and operated by SPV Siraj, a consortium formed by TotalEnergies and Marubeni (40%) and Siraj Energy (60%), the latter being a joint venture between QatarEnergy and QEWCo (Qatar Electricity & Water Co.)

Sports

[Qatar's youth boxing team accorded warm welcome](#)

Qatar's youth boxing team returned to Doha on Wednesday following their remarkable participation in the Asian Youth Championship, held in Bangkok, Thailand, from July 30 to August 12. The tournament witnessed a standout performance from boxer Fares Al Thani, who secured the bronze medal in the +90kg weight category — a new achievement added to Qatar's continental boxing record.

[Gulf Club Champions League Postponed to Sept. 30](#)

The AGCFF in a statement on its official website Wednesday, attributed the decision to postpone the start date to a request from the tournament's sponsor, due to the limited time available to complete the necessary organizational and technical preparations and arrangements that are intended to ensure the best possible conditions for the tournament's launch in a manner befitting its stature. This decision was made after the Competitions Committee officially approved the postponement.

[Qatar fail to Australia in FIBA Asia Cup](#)

Qatar's senior national basketball team suffered a 110-83 defeat to Australia in their third and final round Group A match of 2025 FIBA Asia Cup at King Abdullah Sports City Arena in Jeddah on Sunday. The tournament, organized by FIBA Asia, runs from August 5 to 17 in Saudi Arabia and features 16 Asian teams.

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-Muhamad, 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's MOCI Registers 2,900 Non-Qatari Companies](#)

Qatar recorded a 640% year-on-year increase with 2,911 new overseas companies established in Q2 2025, alongside a sharp rise in commercial registrations and industrial FDI, which grew 172% to QAR 50 million. The period also saw 70 new national products, faster business service processing, and 98% of transactions completed electronically, reflecting strong economic transformation under NDS3.

[Saudi Arabia Permits Foreigners To Own Property](#)

Saudi Arabia has introduced a new law allowing non-nationals to own or hold rights over real estate under specific conditions, with restrictions in certain areas like Makkah and Madinah. The regulation covers individuals, companies, and investment entities, includes registration and transfer fees, and imposes penalties for violations, overseen by the Real Estate General Authority.

[Oman's Total FDI Reaches OMR 31 Billion](#)

Oman's FDI surged 20.6% YoY in Q1 2025 to OMR 30.6 billion (USD 79.5 billion), led by the oil and gas sector (81% of total FDI), with significant investments also in manufacturing, finance, and real estate. The UK remains the largest foreign investor, followed by the US and Kuwait, reflecting strong international confidence in Oman's market.

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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.

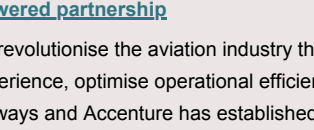
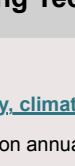
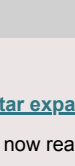
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