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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[Intellectual Property Management Clinic to be launched to support innovators in Qatar](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will launch the Intellectual Property Management Clinic (IPMC) in September to guide innovators before registering their ideas, supporting Qatar's innovation ecosystem under Vision 2030. Alongside an online IP registration platform and AI assistant "Saii", the initiative strengthens IP protection, combats counterfeiting, and empowers SMEs through a WIPO-backed partnership to enhance innovation, growth, and global competitiveness.

[Qatar's investment in quantum computing could redefine Gulf's tech landscape](#)

Qatar is emerging as a regional hub for quantum computing, driven by billion-dollar partnerships, government initiatives, and university research programs. With investments from QIA, collaborators with Quantinuum, and training through HBKU's QC2, Qatar is aligning quantum adoption with its economic diversification strategy—positioning itself alongside global leaders while building local expertise for long-term competitiveness.

[QC discusses tech cooperation with Uzbekistan](#)

Qatar Chamber Board Member Mohamed Al Obaidi met with Uzbekistan's Minister of Investment, Trade, and Industry, H E Laziz Kudratov, to discuss strengthening trade and private sector cooperation, especially in technology. Both sides highlighted investment opportunities, joint ventures, and the favorable business climates in Qatar and Uzbekistan, with a focus on modern technologies and digital services.

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[Kingfish: Maritime treasure under protection to ensure sustainability](#)

The kingfish, with its sleek silver body and torpedo-like form, embodies power, speed, and majesty in the Gulf's waters. Renowned for its extraordinary hunting skills and precision, it strikes prey like an arrow. Its unmatched agility ensures survival, evading threats with swift manoeuvres that leave rivals stunned.

[Qatar's Aljaded commits \\$5bn to establish fertiliser factory in Ghana](#)

Ghana is set to boost fertiliser production with a \$5 billion investment from Qatar's Aljaded Group, anchored by a gas processing plant at Atuabo. The project will produce urea and ammonia locally, creating over 2,000 jobs and strengthening self-sufficiency. Officials urge swift implementation to support food security and year-round farming.

[Qatar bolsters food security with local production drive](#)

Qatar has achieved self-sufficiency in key food products such as fresh dairy and poultry, reducing reliance on imports and exposure to global supply risks. These efforts strengthen food security and stability amid market fluctuations. Private sector leaders stress the importance of public-private collaboration to advance national goals.

Education

[QF's Pre-University Education welcomes 220 new educators](#)

Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Education welcomed approximately 220 new teachers at its annual induction day. The event provided an overview of QF's education system as well as opportunities to connect with colleagues from across its schools. The induction showcased Qatar Foundation's (QF) mission, programmes, and initiatives, aiming to help new teachers integrate smoothly into the workplace and feel part of a collaborative and professional learning community.

[MoEHE Holds Annual Educational Forum with Broad Participation from Community Partners](#)

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) held Tuesday the annual educational forum for the academic year 2025-2026 in the Qatar National Convention Center Held under the patronage and attendance of HE Minister of Education and Higher Education Lohwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khatir, the forum was attended by school principals, teachers, students, parents, community partners, media representatives, and senior ministry officials.

[Ooredoo powered Qatar's 2025-2026 'Back to School' event as telecom sponsor](#)

Ooredoo proudly announced its partnership with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education as the Official Telecom Sponsor of Qatar's highly anticipated "Back to School" event for the 2025-2026 academic year. The landmark two-day event took place on 25-26 August 2025 at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), representing a meaningful national endeavour aimed at supporting the community and emerging students, parents, and instructors as they prepare for the approaching academic calendar.

Health

[Gulf Health Council Issues Guide Spotlighting HPV Vaccine's Role in Cancer Prevention](#)

The Gulf Health Council has launched an awareness guide under the "It's on You" campaign to highlight the importance of HPV vaccination in preventing related cancers. The guide targets parents, youth, healthcare providers, and the wider community, stressing that the vaccine is safe, effective, and backed by WHO, while raising awareness that HPV can remain symptomless for years yet cause serious health risks.

[Qatar's ministry announces price reductions for 1,019 pharmaceutical products in local market](#)

The Ministry of Public Health has reduced prices of 1,019 pharmaceutical products in Qatar by 15%–75%, covering a wide range of treatments from heart disease and diabetes to cancer and psychiatric medications. The move aims to make essential medicines more affordable, with ongoing reviews to extend reductions across all therapeutic categories.

[PHCC Opens Urgent Care for Adults, Children at Al Wajba Health Center](#)

The Primary Health Care Corporation has opened a new urgent care clinic for adults and children at Al Wajba Health Center from Sept. 28, bringing the total to 13 centers operating 24/7. Urgent care services for children are now available at seven locations, including the newly added Al Wajba, to provide treatment for non-emergency cases.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Hamad International Airport issues travel tips for smooth arrival](#)

Upon entering the Arrivals Hall, several reliable transportation options are available to reach Doha including the 'Ride-Hailing Services' such as Uber and Badgro at the designated pick-up zone in the parking facility opposite the Arrivals Hall. Travellers can also opt for Doha Metro, which is a short indoor walk leading directly to the Metro station, connecting travellers to key destinations across the city.

[HOPE Qatar winds up summer camp with cultural showcase](#)

The two-month summer camp concluded recently with a grand finale showcasing cultural performances by more than 65 students at HOPE Qatar Centre for Persons with Disabilities. The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the ambassador of Indonesia to Qatar, as well as parents, well-wishers, and volunteers, in a celebration of ability, joy, and inclusion.

[Qatar Social and Cultural Center for Blind hosts 'Tour in Kuwait' event](#)

Held at the center's headquarters, the event featured an exhibition showcasing staple Kuwaiti products, foods, and traditional clothing, providing participants with a rich and diverse cultural experience that reflects Kuwaiti authenticity. The event aimed to introduce the Kuwaiti culture through an engaging learning journey, including interactive competitions and various segments covering history, geography, sports, and more, amidst an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and interaction.

Transport and Logistics

[Qatar Rail to unveil 365-day metropass with early bird promotion](#)

Qatar Rail has launched a new 365-day Metropass priced at QR990, offering unlimited rides on Doha Metro and Lusail Tram. As part of its 'Back to School' event (Aug 19 – Sept 2, 2025), visitors can pre-book the pass with a 20% Early Bird discount by collecting vouchers at Sport City Station.

[MoT enhances road safety measures around schools](#)

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) yesterday underscored its commitment to student safety with a graphic visual briefing on school zone traffic control, spotlighting three critical sign types, such as the pedestrian crossing warnings, 30 kilometre per hour speed limit markers in school zones, and generic 'reduce speed' alerts. The signage posted on its social media platforms aims to bolster driver awareness and ensure consistency across road safety infrastructure.

[117 abandoned vehicles removed at Al Sheehaniya, Umm Sial](#)

In a week-long campaign carried out by the municipalities of Al Sheehaniya and Umm Sial, 117 abandoned vehicles have been removed from various areas within their jurisdiction. At Al Sheehaniya, the Public Control Section of the Municipal Control Department, the Committee for the Removal of Abandoned Vehicles and the Public Cleaning Department had identified 110 abandoned vehicles and removed 73 vehicles. Several violation reports were also issued during the campaign.

Information and Communications Technology

[MEEZA Secures \\$219M Murabaha for Qatar Data Center Expansion](#)

The first phase of this project will deliver 24MW, including BMW dedicated to artificial intelligence (AI) services, underscoring Qatar's ambition to strengthen its position in the Middle East technology market. The AI-specific allocation reflects global and regional trends, with data center demand surging as AI adoption accelerates. Globally, data centers are projected to consume nearly 945 terawatt hours of power by 2030, largely driven by AI and digital transformation.

[Ministry of Justice Implements Capacity-Building Program in Digital Transformation](#)

The two-day program, held under the patronage and attendance of HE Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim bin Ali Al Mohammad, and senior ministry officials, included a series of training workshops that presented detailed presentations on the stages of digital transformation, with a focus on mechanisms for adhering to the requirements and standards of digital transformation and data at the local and international levels.

[Qatar's investment in quantum computing could redefine Gulf's tech landscape](#)

Qatar is rapidly positioning itself as a rising hub in the global quantum computing race, leveraging billion-dollar partnerships, government-backed initiatives, and university-driven research programs to accelerate adoption of one of the most disruptive technologies of the century.

Emerging Technology

[Qatar's digital payments hit QR16.1bn in July: QCB](#)

Qatar Central Bank (QCB) recorded strong digital payment growth in July 2025, with QR16.13bn processed through 51.7m transactions. The surge reflects the expanding role of e-payments, including cards, instant transfers, and mobile wallets. Card payments dominated, contributing QR12.58bn of the total value.

[QF expert describes AI 'hallucination', explores reliability of AI, its pitfalls](#)

Dr Wajdi Zaghouani, an associate professor at Northwestern University in Qatar, a Qatar Foundation partner university defines AI 'hallucination' - as the production of information that appears to be true but is, in fact, false or fabricated. Imagine it as someone confidently telling you a story that seems believable, but the events of that story are completely wrong. I've seen some fascinating cases in my research, he explained. One common example is when AI systems generate fake academic citations; they create paper titles that sound legitimate, with realistic author and journal names, but the papers don't exist.

[Digital services ease municipal transactions](#)

The Ministry of Municipality is enhancing community satisfaction through its expanding e-services and rapid response system. In July, residents submitted 3,586 requests via the "Dun" app, alongside 1,937 through the call center and 117 via the e-services website, reflecting growing reliance on digital platforms for municipal services.

Energy and Industrial

[Qatar Fund for Development signs loan agreement for Rogun Project, Tajikistan](#)

The Qatar Fund for Development (QFDD) has signed a loan agreement worth QAR 182 million (approximately US\$49.1 million) with the Ministry of Finance, Tajikistan, to support the construction of the Rogun Hydropower Plant. The agreement was signed during an official visit by a QFDD delegation led by Director General Fahad Hamad Al-Sulaiti, attended by senior Tajik government officials. The delegation also visited the project site to review progress.

[From gas to global minerals: Qatar expands energy legacy](#)

In a world racing toward decarbonisation, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) are standing at the precipice of historic transformation. Long defined by oil and gas wealth, the region is now seeking to secure its place in a post-hydrocarbon future.

[Minister of State for Energy Affairs Meets Nigeria's Minister of State for Petroleum Resources](#)

HE Minister of State for Energy Affairs Eng. Saad bin Sherida Al Kaabi met on Wednesday with HE Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Gas) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Elkerikepe Ekpo. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral relations and cooperation in the energy field between Qatar and Nigeria, and means to enhance them. (QNA)

Sports

[Al Janoub to become first venue to host both football and basketball World Cups](#)

Al Janoub Stadium will become the first venue to host both football and basketball World Cup matches in an effort to connect "two great sporting events", according to the FIFA World Cup 2027 organising committee. 'Al Janoub will be converted to a Basketball Arena with its capacity exceeding 8,000 spectators' seats, honouring Qatar's dedication to sustainability and continuing its legacy," the committee said in a statement.

[QSAF concludes Summer Sports for All 2025 Program](#)

The program featured a wide swath of sporting, recreational, and cultural events that drew participants from a variety of community members and wrapped up by honoring 27 stakeholders and institutions, as well as 42 success partners from different ministries, federations, sports clubs, youth centers, and other organizations.

[U-20 Gulf Cup: Qatar to Face Kuwait on Thursday](#)

Qatar will face Kuwait on Thursday at Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Sports City in Abha, Saudi Arabia, as part of the AGCFF U-20 Gulf Cup, which will take place from Aug. 28 until Sep. 9. Spanish coach Emanuel Infante Mesquita stressed in the pre-match press conference that the tournament is vital for gaining experience and marks the first step for this generation of Qatari players.

Updates in Regulations

[Traffic Directorate extends grace period for expired vehicle registrations](#)

The General Directorate of Traffic has extended the grace period for vehicles with expired registrations by 60 days starting August 28, 2025, giving owners more time to update their status and avoid penalties. The move reflects the Directorate's commitment to road safety and compliance with traffic regulations.

[MoCI outlines guidelines for registering trademarks online](#)

Qatar's Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has issued guidelines for online trademark registration via its official platform. Users can log in or create a new account, then access the "Trademark Registration Service" under the Trademarks section. The process includes general instructions and entry of applicant details, either directly or through a legal representative.

[QFMA Issues Code of Governance for listed companies](#)

The Qatar Financial Markets Authority has issued a new Code of Governance for listed companies, replacing the 2016 framework. Effective within one year of publication, it strengthens board requirements, transparency, shareholder rights, and disclosure on sustainability and CSR, aligning Qatar's capital market with international best practices.

News by Soutien Group

[Qatar Launches Platform For Public Private Partnerships](#)

Qatar's Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched a new PPP digital platform to give the private sector direct access to strategic projects, supporting Qatar National Vision 2030. The platform promotes transparency, collaboration, and private sector contribution to GDP through opportunities in infrastructure, technology, and services.

[Saudi Updates Regulatory Requirements For Factories](#)

Saudi Arabia's MoMah has introduced new regulations for factories to boost compliance and align with urban development. The rules require multiple permits, adherence to the Saudi Building Code, and strict spatial and operational standards, including parking provisions and a QR code for license transparency.

[Oman Announces Agricultural Projects In Dhahiraah](#)

Oman's Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning announced 4 new agricultural investment opportunities across 16 hectares in Dhahiraah, including citrus, figs, palm cultivation, and livestock projects. The initiative, aligned with Oman Vision 2040, aims to boost food security, attract investors, and promote sustainable farming practices. Dhahiraah was selected due to its fertile land, abundant water resources, and proximity to regional markets.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of AOA for the company in Qatar?
The Articles of Association (AOA) serve as the legal document that defines the purpose, governance, and operational rules of a company. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of shareholders, directors, and other stakeholders while ensuring compliance with Qatari laws.

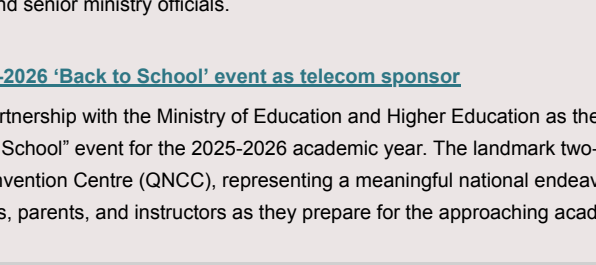
What cultural considerations are important when setting up a business in Qatar?
Respecting religious traditions, understanding local business practices, and fostering trust-based relationships are vital for successful business localization in Qatar.

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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