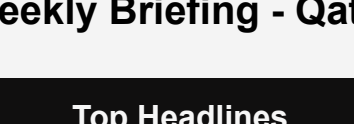


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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[Qatar Chamber Discusses Enhancing Trade Cooperation with China's Hong Kong](#)

The Qatar Chamber discussed ways to enhance economic cooperation between the State of Qatar and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, and the important role of the private sector in stimulating trade and investment exchange.

['Ideal time to invest in Qatar's real estate is now'](#)

Now is the ideal time to invest in Qatar, where a combination of government incentives, economic stability, safety, and lifestyle appeal is drawing foreign buyers in droves, the Executive Director of Commercial & Properties at UDC, Hussain Akbar Al Baker, has said.

[Government procurement plan for 2026 to see issuance of 4,464 tenders](#)

The Government Procurement Plan Forum 2026 was inaugurated today, with participation of over 16 government entities and explored opportunities for suppliers from both the public and private sectors towards a digital and efficient procurement system, enhancing transparency and efficiency.

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[QGET bridges AI and agriculture with major summit, green initiative](#)

The Qatar Chapter of the Government Engineering College Thirissur Alumni Association (QGET) recently successfully concluded the Qatar Engineers Summit & Technology Forum (QEST 2025), followed by third season of its "Grow Your Green Food (GYGF)" initiative. The summit attracted over 300 delegates, including diplomats, industry leaders, and engineering professionals.

[Pakistan, Qatar to strengthen bilateral cooperation in agriculture](#)

Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain on Wednesday said that government strongly encourages Qatari investors to explore the vast opportunities in Pakistan's agriculture sector. The minister held a meeting with the Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Pakistan, Ali bin Mubarak Al Khater for exploring avenues to deepen agricultural cooperation between both the countries.

[Minister Environment, Climate Change Affirms Ministry's Cooperation with Partners to Expand Scope of Recycling Projects](#)

HE Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Subaie affirmed that the ministry is working in cooperation with its partners in the public and private sectors to expand the scope of recycling projects and develop supporting legislation.

Education

[Sheikha Moza marks HEC Paris, Doha's 15-year milestone in Qatar](#)

HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, today attended the 15th anniversary celebration of HEC Paris, Doha, a Qatar Foundation partner university, at a landmark event at the iconic Museum of Islamic Art. The celebration was also attended by Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, in addition to the leadership team of HEC Paris as well as other distinguished guests, alumni, faculty, and partners.

[Sheikha Moza attends the Qatar Foundation Annual Alumni Forum 2025](#)

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, attended the Qatar Foundation Annual Alumni Forum 2025, held under the theme of 'Togetherness', as it celebrated the achievements and impact of those who have graduated from a unique ecosystem of education, and the enduring ties between them.

[PISQ launches organic kitchen gardening project](#)

Continuing its commitment to environmental education and sustainability, Pakistan International School, Qatar (PISQ) successfully conducted Phase I of its Organic Kitchen Gardening Project on October 16, 2025, in the newly designated garden area on campus. Organised by the Green Club and supervised by Azmina Saheef (Event Manager) under the leadership of Principal Ch. Muhammad Atzal, the activity marked another significant step toward nurturing environmentally responsible young citizens.

Health

[Ministry of Public Health Continues to Develop the National Training Plan on Public Health Emergency Management](#)

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) continues its efforts to develop the National Training Plan on Public Health Emergency Management. As part of this process, the Ministry recently organised a national workshop in collaboration with the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET), with the participation of representatives from various key sectors across the State of Qatar.

[Qatar showcases AI-driven healthcare vision at PHIE-2025](#)

West Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q), in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCTI), successfully hosted the prestigious PHIE-2025: AI & TECH for Enhancing Healthspans & Women's Health Congress.

[Qatar, Egypt ink MoU to strengthen health sector cooperation](#)

The State of Qatar and the Arab Republic of Egypt have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the health sector. The partnership focuses on public health and medical sciences, the development of healthcare systems, the exchange of expertise, training of medical personnel, and the enhancement of food safety.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Nigeria and Qatar Now Expand Tourism Cooperation to Promote Cultural Exchange](#)

Nigeria and Qatar are ready to strengthen their bilateral relations culture, tourism and the creative economy. As both countries attempt to explore new ways to promote economic growth, this will help them engage in cultural diplomacy. Promoting and closing the formalities agreed in advance high-level talks in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, aimed the first steps in completion of these bilateral relations sought Nigeria-Qatar tourism and cultural ties.

[Qatar and Abu Dhabi launch twin-city travel packages to boost Gulf tourism](#)

The twin-centre holiday package aims to boost regional tourism by offering a seamless travel experience that combines the cultural and leisure highlights of both Doha and Abu Dhabi in one convenient itinerary. Qatar Tourism and the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) announced a landmark strategic partnership on Monday at the Arabian Travel Market in Abu Dhabi, aiming to strengthen regional tourism cooperation.

[Culture Ministry Celebrates Publication on Qatar's Tourism Evolution](#)

The Al Jasra Cultural and Social Club, affiliated with the Ministry of Culture, has hosted a lecture featuring author Moza Al Ishaq, who presented her book Creative Qatar Tourism - a comprehensive account of the country's evolving travel sector. The book comprises 73 articles chronicling the development of Qatar's tourism sector from 2013 to 2024.

Transport and Logistics

[Maritime activity climbs with 3,321 transport transactions logged in Q3](#)

Qatar's maritime transport sector witnessed a robust growth in the first nine months of this year. The Ministry of Transport (MoT) completed 11,719 transactions from January to September of 2025 through the Maritime Transport Affairs in first nine month period. In a post on its X platform, MoT noted that it has completed 3,321 transactions in third quarter (Q3) of this year through Maritime Transport Affairs.

[Hamad Port breaks Guinness World Records for largest mangrove relocation project](#)

Hamad Port — Qatar's main gateway to world trade — has broken the Guinness World Records title for world's largest mangrove relocation project. This marks the port's second entry into the Guinness World Records, highlighting its commitment to sustainable environmental practices.

[Qatar Airways, Kenya Airways expand partnership with codeshare flights to 19 destinations](#)

Qatar Airways and Kenya Airways have announced the launch of codeshare flights to 19 destinations, with more set to be added in the near future. Kenya Airways customers can book codeshare flights between Nairobi and Doha, as well as to 10 destinations connecting through the award-winning Hamad International Airport.

Information and Communications Technology

[Vodafone Qatar, Barzan University Sign MoU to Advance ICT Services](#)

Vodafone Qatar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Barzan University College in partnership with Swinburne University of Technology, Australia to advance information and communication technology (ICT) services. The strategic partnership aims to leverage Vodafone Qatar's cutting-edge ICT capabilities to enhance operational efficiency and drive innovation within the university.

[MCTI Announces Partnership with Four National Entities to Support Qatar's High-Potential Companies](#)

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCTI), in a joint press conference held on October 15, 2025, announced the launch of a strategic partnership under its "Scale Now" program, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI), Qatar Development Bank (QDB), Qatar Research, Development and Innovation Council (QRDI), and Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar).

[Qatar secures top rank in engineering and technology in 2025, new report reveals](#)

The 2025 Arab Scientific Journals Impact and Citation Report (ARCIF), revealed as its tenth annual edition, affirmed Qatar's elevated standing in the realm of engineering and technology within the Arab world. Dr. Sami Al Khazendar, head of the ARCIF initiative clarified that the latest publication "crowns a decade of rigorous tracking of Arab scientific periodicals."

Emerging Technology

[MoCI launches new e-services aiming faster transactions](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) has launched 20 new electronic services on its official website as part of the 2024–30 digital transformation strategy. The initiative aims to achieve excellence in governmental service provision and enhance user experience through full digital transformation in line with National Vision 2030.

[WCM-Q congress showcases future of AI, technological innovation in healthcare](#)

West Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q), in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCTI) hosted the PHIE-2025: AI & TECH for Enhancing Healthspans & Women's Health Congress. In his keynote speech, HE the Minister of Public Health Mansoor bin Ebrahim bin Saad al-Mahmoud, shared Qatar's strategic focus on advancing healthcare technologies and underscored the importance of artificial intelligence (AI) in shaping the future of the nation's healthcare landscape.

[A global youth townhall on digitally powered economic journeys](#)

The Education Above All (EAA) Foundation, a global education and development organisation, through its Silatech Programme, in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), successfully hosted yesterday a global youth townhall titled "Digitally Powered Economic Journeys."

Energy and Industrial

[Qatar's Earnings From Hydrocarbon Sector Accounts For 83% Of Total Government Revenues](#)

The energy industry plays a major role in Qatar's economy. Qatar's earnings from its hydrocarbon sector accounted for 83% of total government revenues in 2023, according to the International Monetary Fund. However, hydrocarbon export revenues declined from \$115 billion in 2022 to \$85 billion in 2023 because of lower oil and natural gas prices, and some analysts expect this trend continued into 2024 because of lower hydrocarbon prices.

[EU plans changes to sustainability law as US, Qatar increase pressure](#)

The European Parliament agreed on Wednesday to consider further changes to the EU's corporate sustainability rules, as the U.S. and Qatar stepped up pressure on Brussels to weaken the law. The U.S. and Qatar had urged the European Union to scale back the law and warned on Wednesday that the rules risked disrupting liquefied natural gas trade with Europe.

[QatarEnergy commences utilization of LNG storage and regasification capacity at UK's Isle of Grain terminal](#)

QatarEnergy announced the commencement in July of utilization of the long-term LNG delivery, storage, and regasification capacity at the Isle of Grain terminal in the United Kingdom. The capacity of up to 7.2 million tons per annum will be utilized pursuant to a long-term agreement signed in October 2020.

Sports

[Al Rayyan clinch Qatar Super Cup title](#)

Al Rayyan clinched the inaugural Qatar Super Cup basketball title yesterday after they beat Al Sadd 97-72 in the final played at the Lusail Multi-Purpose Sports Arena. Qatar Basketball Federation (QBF) President Mohammed bin Saad Al-Mughaiseb crowned the champions at the presentation ceremony which also saw the attendance of prominent figures including Al Rayyan Sports Club Vice President Ali Salem Affife, QBF Secretary General and National Teams Director Sabour Sabah Al-Kuwari, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Competitions Committee Ahmed Yusuf Al-Danwish, QBF officials and club representatives.

[Al Hilal maintains perfect start with 3-1 victory over Al Sadd in ACL Elite](#)

Al Hilal defeated Al Sadd 3-1 to retain their top spot in the AFC Champions League Elite standings at the Kingdom Arena in Riyadh yesterday. The hosts, coached by Simone Inzaghi, built a two-goal cushion in the first half with goals from Yusuf Akkioek in the 25th minute and Kalidou Koulibaly in the 40th.

[Qatar beat Pakistan to reach Asia Padel Cup semis](#)

Host Qatar produced a dominant show to defeat Pakistan 3-0 and secure their second team win in a row and advance as the men's semi-final line-ups were decided at the FIP Asia Padel Cup yesterday. At the Khalifa Tennis and Squash International Complex, Qatar, along with Australia booked their place in the semis, and will know their last-four opponents after today's third round clashes in Group stage. Australia are currently leading the Group with four points, winning 5 rubbers against 1, while Qatar follow closely with same points and same rubbers.

Updates in Regulations

[Qatar: Kahramaa affirms commitment to implementing new water law to ensure sustainable future](#)

The Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation (Kahramaa) reaffirmed its full commitment to implementing the provisions of Law No. (23) of 2025 on water through the development of infrastructure, adoption of the latest technologies, enhancement of operational efficiency, and the application of best practices in water resource management.

[Ministry of Municipality, SJC sign MoU to manage, regulate online auctions](#)

The Ministry of Municipality and the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to manage, regulate, and implement electronic auctions. The agreement comes as part of ongoing institutional cooperation aimed at enhancing transparency in the sale and management of seized items, including vehicles, machinery, and equipment, while keeping pace with the country's digital transformation.

[New legislation enhanced attractiveness of Qatar's real estate sector: QC Chairman](#)

Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim bin Mohamed Al Thani (pictured), Chairman of Qatar Chamber, praised the Cityscape Qatar exhibition, highlighting the significant development it has witnessed year after year, and the advanced level achieved by Qatari companies operating in the real estate sector.

News by Soutien Group

[Qatar Updates FDI, PPP and Bankruptcy Laws](#)

Qatar's first Public-Private Sector Dialogue Forum addressed challenges, developed practical solutions and initiatives and strengthened cooperation between both sectors.

[Saudi Arabia and UK Sign SAR 19.88 B Worth Of Deals](#)

Saudi and the United Kingdom recently finalised SAR 19.88 billion (USD 5.3 billion) of deals and launched a strategic partnership.

[Oman Agri-Tourism Project Launched In Dhofar](#)

Oman Agriculture Development and agri-tourism development company, 'Janaan' — an Omran Group subsidiary — recently agreed a partnership to deliver agricultural works for the Janaan Salalah Project. The agreement is an important step in harnessing Dhofar Governorate's natural resources and advancing Oman as a destination for agri-tourism.

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Frequently Asked Questions

[What is an industrial permit in Qatar, and why is it required?](#)

An industrial permit in Qatar authorizes businesses to establish and operate industrial projects. It ensures compliance with local regulations, promotes safety, and aligns with Qatar's industrial development strategies.

[Who is eligible to apply for an industrial permit in Qatar?](#)

Industrial permits are available to individuals or companies intending to establish industries within Qatar. Applicants must meet specific legal and technical criteria, including ownership and operational requirements.

[How Can I Apply for a Commercial Permit in Qatar?](#)

To apply for a Commercial Permit, fill out the online application via the Single Window platform, submit required documents, and pay the necessary fees. The application will be reviewed by relevant government agencies before approval.

[What is a Commercial Permit in Qatar?](#)

A Commercial Permit (CP) in Qatar allows businesses to operate legally under specified activities. It is essential for entities wishing to conduct business and ensures compliance with local regulations.

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