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Top Headlines

[Qatar, Ireland review trade and investment ties](#)

Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs, H E Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed, met yesterday, with Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Ireland, H E Joe Hackett, who is currently visiting the State of Qatar. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed bilateral trade and investment relations and discussed ways to develop them, as well as exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual interest.

[Cityscape Qatar 2025 opens doors to over QR400m in real estate opportunities](#)

This Sunday, the Doha Exhibition & Convention Center transforms into the epicentre of real estate innovation as Cityscape Qatar returns for its landmark 13th edition. Over three full days, until October 14th, the event will unite more than 15,000 investors, developers, government leaders, and innovators - all eager to experience the next era of property development in Qatar and beyond.

[Qatar, Paraguay review trade and investment ties](#)

Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs, H E Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed, met yesterday with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay, H E Rubén Ramírez Lezcano, who is currently visiting Qatar. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations between the State of Qatar and the Republic of Paraguay, particularly in the fields of trade and investment.

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[Qatar adopts Korean technology to extend agricultural season](#)

Qatar continues to make significant progress toward achieving comprehensive food security through advanced agricultural technologies and sustainable production systems. In one of its latest initiatives, Hassad Food Company, Qatar's strategic investment arm in food and agribusiness sector, has launched an innovative experimental project that combines modern greenhouse techniques, humidity-based irrigation, and renewable energy solutions to increase local food production efficiency.

[Ministry launches national strategy to combat desertification](#)

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC) has launched the National Strategy to Combat Desertification 2025-30, as part of Qatar's efforts to protect its natural resources, enhance their sustainability, and mitigate land degradation and the impacts of drought, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the Third National Development Strategy 2024-30.

[Ministry of Municipality expands green spaces with focus on sustainability](#)

The Public Parks Department at the Ministry of Municipality is pushing forward with a comprehensive plan to expand and enhance the nation's green spaces, guided by principles of sustainability, functionality, and community benefit. Director of the Public Parks Department Mohammed Al-Sada, said the ministry adopts a strategic and data-driven approach in selecting locations for parks and green areas to ensure they meet the real needs of residents.

Education

[Cyriot Education Minister visits Qatar Science and Technology School](#)

Accompanied by her delegation, she toured the school's various departments and received a detailed explanation about the role of each section in educating and training students, refining their skills, and developing their creative abilities, thus preparing them for admission to the most prestigious international universities.

[QF School graduates return as teachers through Al Masar Sponsorship Programme](#)

At the annual Pre-University Education Forum, AlHanouf Ahmed Al Dosari, English teacher at Tariq Bin Ziad School, and Fatima Hassan Al Hammadi, learning support teacher at Qatar Academy Doha, part of QF's Pre University Education, shared their inspiring journeys, reflecting on how their experiences as students led them back to QF as educators, and how they are now contributing to the growth of future generations.

[Teaching without walls: How collaboration powers learning at Qatar Foundation](#)

At Qatar Foundation, collaboration isn't just encouraged - it's embedded into the very core of the teaching and learning ecosystem. With access to a broad and dynamic environment that spans education, research, and community development, teachers are uniquely positioned to work across disciplines, institutions, and subject areas to bring learning to life for their students.

Health

[MoPH, WHO Office in Qatar Hold Workshop on National Action Plan for Health Security](#)

More than 100 experts and specialists from the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), along with national ministries and agencies, took part in a five-day workshop recently organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) Office in Qatar, in collaboration with the MoPH. The workshop focused on the National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS).

[PHIE-2025: A global movement redefining the future of precision health](#)

Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar's The Precision Health Innovation & Education (PHIE) returns in 2025 with a bold new chapter in Doha, Qatar, from 20-21 October at the Grand Hyatt Doha, Qatar, bringing together global pioneers at the intersection of healthcare, technology and innovation. PHIE-2025 is not just a congress, it's a catalyst for change, with a powerful focus on women's health, AI-driven innovation and longer, healthier lifespans.

[Sidra Medicine expands Pediatric Gastroenterology Services with launch of GI Motility Center](#)

Sidra Medicine, a member of Qatar Foundation, has expanded its diagnostic capabilities in pediatric gastroenterology (GI) with the launch of a dedicated GI Motility Center. With new procedures including colonic and antrodoodenal manometry, the center offers the most advanced and specialized procedures in gastrointestinal motility testing worldwide.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Qatar Airways expands transatlantic codeshares with IAG carriers](#)

The Doha-based airline will add its code to Aer Lingus flights from Dublin to 11 additional US destinations, including Boston, Bradley International Airport in Connecticut, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Nashville, Newark, Orlando, Philadelphia and Washington Dulles. Qatar Airways and Aer Lingus said the codeshare would also "soon" be extended to Dublin-Las Vegas flights.

[Qatar Participates in GCC Cultural Committee Meeting in Kuwait](#)

The State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Culture (MOC), took part Tuesday in the preparatory meeting of the General Cultural Committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), held under the chairmanship of the State of Kuwait. This meeting serves as a precursor to the gathering of Their Excellencies the undersecretaries of culture ministries in GCC member states, scheduled to convene ahead of the 29th session of Their Highnesses and Excellencies, GCC ministers of culture, set to take place Thursday.

[The Years of Culture International Volunteer Trip concluded in Chile](#)

Qatar Museums' Community Development Section took staff, artists and volunteers to Chile for the Years Of Culture International Volunteer Trip, part of the Qatar Argentina and Chile 2025 Year of Culture initiative, from September 27 to October 4. The week-long program connected volunteers with local communities through hands-on activities, including mural painting, pottery-making, seaweed gathering, nature conservation and photography.

Transport and Logistics

[Qatar Rail receives 'Prestigious RoSPA Gold Award' for health and safety excellence](#)

In a renewed affirmation of its commitment to the highest standards of occupational health and safety excellence, Qatar Railways Company (Qatar Rail) has been recognised with the 'Prestigious RoSPA Gold Award' by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), UK, for the year 2025.

[MoT Orders suspension of maritime activities](#)

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) has announced a mandatory temporary suspension of all maritime navigation activities for vessel owners, following the discovery of a technical malfunction in the Global Positioning System (GPS), which may affect the accuracy of marine navigation devices and compromise sailing safety. In a circular issued Saturday, the ministry stated that the directive is to be enforced immediately upon issuance and will remain in effect until the technical issue is resolved.

[Hamad Port has become one of region's most advanced ports: Minister](#)

Minister of Transport H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulla bin Mohammed Al Thani has said Hamad Port has become one of the most advanced ports in the region thanks to its advanced infrastructure and growing capacity. Qatar's delegation led by the Minister of Transport participated in the Maritime Cyprus 2025 Conference.

Information and Communications Technology

[The State of Qatar Participates in Gulf Cooperation Council Meetings and Wins Three Awards at the GCC e-Government Award 2025](#)

The State of Qatar won three awards at the GCC eGovernment Award 2025, held on the sidelines of the ministerial meetings hosted by the State of Kuwait, with the participation of GCC Ministers of Communications and eGovernment. The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) was recognized with the Outstanding Project Award in the Best Government Competencies Building Initiative Award category for its initiative "Qatar Digital Academy".

[State of Qatar Wins Three Awards at the GCC eGovernment Award 2025](#)

The State of Qatar won three awards at the GCC eGovernment Award 2025, held in the State of Kuwait, in recognition of its distinguished government initiatives in digital transformation and smart service development. These awards reflect the country's continuous progress in implementing pioneering digital projects.

[CRA enhances national capabilities in managing internet resources](#)

The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA), in collaboration with Reseau IP Europeans Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), organized a specialized training workshop on Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). The initiative aimed to strengthen national capabilities in managing internet resources within the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector.

Emerging Technology

[Vodafone Qatar is Technology Sponsor for FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2025 and FIFA U-17 World Cup Qatar 2025](#)

Vodafone Qatar was announced as the official Technology Sponsor of the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2025 and FIFA U-17 World Cup Qatar 2025, set to take place in Qatar toward the end of this year. Vodafone Qatar will deliver advanced technology infrastructure to ensure the smooth operation of both tournaments.

[Ooredoo AI Summit empowers Tunisia's digital economy](#)

Ooredoo Tunisia on Sunday hosted the first edition of the Ooredoo AI Summit, a landmark event that brought together top-level dignitaries, as well as startups, business leaders, leading policymakers, and key stakeholders from Tunisia's AI ecosystem. These include the Minister of Communication Technologies, Sofiene Hemissi; Ooredoo Group CEO Aziz Aluthman Fakhroo; Ooredoo Group Regional CEO for North Africa & Asia Ahmad Abdulaziz al-Neama; the CEO of Ooredoo Tunisia, Mansoor Rashid al-Khatir; and Ooredoo Group's leadership team.

[Municipality ministry launches region's first AI-powered knowledge transfer system](#)

The Ministry of Municipality has announced the launch of the pilot version of the Institutional Excellence and Knowledge Transfer System, based on artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. This is the first step of its kind in the region, coinciding with the launch of the evaluation process for the second edition of the Qatar Government Excellence Award.

Energy and Industrial

[QatarEnergy acquires 27% participating interest in offshore Egypt block from Shell](#)

QatarEnergy agreed with Shell (SHELL), opens new tab to acquire a 27% participating interest in a block offshore Egypt from the oil and gas major, it said in a statement on Sunday. QatarEnergy has in recent years acquired stakes in oil and gas basins including in Guyana, Lebanon, Namibia and South Africa as part of a strategy to expand its global presence.

[LNG demand for ships set to at least double by 2030 globally](#)

Demand for liquefied natural gas as a marine fuel will at least double by 2030 as abundant supply and rising emissions regulations spur orders for ships that can run on it, industry executives said. Massive LNG export projects in the U.S. and Qatar are expected to cause a supply glut by 2030, reducing prices and improving its competitiveness against conventional and more-polluting fuel oil.

[Qatar scales up renewables as battery storage becomes critical to energy transition: S&P](#)

Qatar, along with other Gulf countries, is scaling up renewable energy and advancing decarbonisation agenda as battery storage is becoming critical to the Middle East's energy transition, according to Standard and Poor's (S&P). In its latest report, S&P said battery storage is becoming critical to the Middle East's energy transition, bridging the gap between abundant but intermittent solar and wind generation and sharply rising demand.

Sports

[Qatar Press Center Hosts Panel Discussion: "The Road to World Cup 2026"](#)

The Qatar Press Center held a panel discussion today titled "The Road to World Cup 2026," coinciding with the Qatari national team's participation in the fourth round of the Asian qualifiers - the continental play-off - for a place in the upcoming FIFA World Cup, which will be hosted next summer by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

[Qatar held to a goalless draw by Oman](#)

Qatar pushed hard and came close on a couple of occasions but were kept at bay by the solid defence of Oman. With 1-point each now, both Qatar and Oman will face the United Arab Emirates in their second clash with Oman playing first on Sunday, and UAE meeting Qatar three days later on Tuesday.

[Gulf U-17 Cup Achieved its Objectives, Minister of Sports and Youth Affirms](#)

HE Minister of Sports and Youth and President of the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al-Thani affirmed that the recently concluded Gulf Cup U-17 tournament in Doha successfully achieved its objectives by showcasing promising young football talent from across the region.

Updates in Regulations

[MoCI issues updated guide on industrial sectors and activity restrictions](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has announced the release of an updated version of its Guide on Industrial Sectors and Restrictions on Industrial Activities in the State of Qatar. The updated guide serves as a comprehensive reference for investors and stakeholders in the private sector, offering clear insights into industrial classifications and regulations governing various activities.

[QICDRC Deliberates on Key Amendments to QFC Law, Updated Procedural Rules](#)

The Qatar International Court (QICDRC), in collaboration with LexisNexis Middle East, convened a panel discussion on QICDRC's new regulations, procedural rules, and case updates. The panel examined the salient amendments made to Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) Law No. 7 of 2005, enacted in December 2024, while also addressing the court's updated regulations and procedural rules, which came into force in June 2025.

[Amir issues law amending Civil Human Resources Law to enhance work efficiency](#)

Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani issued yesterday Law No. 25 of 2025 amending some provisions of the Civil Human Resources Law issued by Law No. 15 of 2016. His Highness also ratified Cabinet Decision No. 34 of 2025 amending some provisions of the executive regulations of the Civil Human Resources Law issued by Cabinet Decision No. 32 of 2016.

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[Qatar Introduces E-arbitration To Enhance Business Environment](#)

Qatar's International Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration (QICCA) emphasised that electronic arbitration is vital when resolving commercial and financial disputes. E-arbitration is an important mechanism for enhancing speed and efficiency, especially amid rapid digital transformation and the increasing reliance of businesses on modern technologies. By embracing this modern approach, it strengthens the appeal of the Qatari market by supporting both local and international investors.

[Saudi – GCC Non-Oil Trade Doubles To SAR 11.89 B](#)

Saudi's non-oil trade surplus with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries recorded annual growth of 119% y-o-y reaching SAR 11.9 billion (USD 3.7 billion). This represents SAR 6.5 billion (USD 1.73 billion) increase from Q2 2024 according to the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT).

[Oman's Five Sectors Forecasted To Attract Billions](#)

Oman's burgeoning economy, geographic location, stable governance and proactive investment policies uniquely position it to attract global investment. While traditional sectors like oil and gas have been pillars of the economy, the future lies in diversification and innovation. There are five high-impact sectors with immense potential to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

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Frequently Asked Questions

[Can GCC branches own equity in a Qatari company?](#)

Yes, GCC branches can own up to 49% equity in a Qatari company. However, ministerial approval is required to exceed this limit. This rule ensures compliance with regional investment regulations.

[Can foreign investors fully own a company under Qatar's business laws?](#)

Yes, foreign investors can own 100% of a company in Qatar under Law No. (1) of 2019, which encourages international business development. While most sectors are open to full ownership, exceptions like banking and insurance may require special approval. Learn more about investment opportunities in Qatar's business-friendly environment.

[Can foreign investors establish a company in Qatar while based abroad?](#)

Yes, foreign investors can initiate the process remotely through Qatar's Single Window platform. This includes company registration, document submission, contract signing, and fee payments online. These streamlined processes make setting up a company in Qatar more accessible to international entrepreneurs.

[How can I verify details of my company's commercial registration in Qatar?](#)

The Single Window platform provides easy access to your company's profile. You can log in, check your commercial registration details, view partners' names, and even download or print certificates directly.

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