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Qatar develops integrated food security system with strategic grain reserve

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DOHA: The State of Qatar has developed a comprehensive, sustainable national food security system to strengthen local production, diversify supply sources, and ensure stable food availability nationwide.

As part of strengthening national reserves, Qatar has enhanced its strategic grain storage capacity to approximately 320,000 tonnes, ensuring a reliable supply of essential food commodities and reinforcing the country's preparedness for emergencies or supply disruptions.

Demonstrating Qatar's achievements in the food security sector in an illustrative video on X, the Ministry of Municipality said that the integrated system covers the entire food value chain, from production and storage to marketing, through close cooperation between government entities and the private sector.

It added that the initiative supports Qatari farms and provides platforms to market local agricultural products, contributing to the diversified production of vegetables, poultry, dairy products, and fish to meet the needs of the domestic market.

In Qatar, the Ministry said that food security is based on an integrated national framework that relies on forward planning, diversified supply sources, and strong support for local production. The Ministry of Municipality leads this system through the development of policies and the enhancement of supply chain resilience.

The agricultural sector has witnessed rapid growth through the adoption of modern technologies, helping local farms meet the demand for essential vegetables during peak production seasons.

Local production of key vegetables has played a major role in supplying the domestic market, achieving 100 percent coverage for cucumbers, eggplants, and



zucchini, 98 percent for tomatoes, and 42 percent for sweet peppers. In some months, these products reached full market coverage while maintaining quality standards that meet consumer expectations.

Local agricultural products are marketed through dedicated channels that support farmers, including the Mahaseel network,

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which currently operates 115 sales outlets across the country to promote locally grown produce and improve its accessibility to consumers.

Domestic production also extends beyond vegetables to include dairy products, poultry, eggs, and livestock, contributing to broader food supply stability.

Meanwhile, the fisheries sector continues to develop steadily. The Aquatic Research Center is supporting the sustainability and growth of the local fisheries industry.

The Ministry of Municipality continues to support national food security plans by empowering local producers and encouraging greater private

sector participation in the agricultural and food sectors. Through these initiatives, the ministry seeks to create a supportive environment that facilitates the marketing of local products and expands their reach to consumers.

The Ministry has also implemented several initiatives aimed at promoting modern and sustainable agriculture, including the expansion of greenhouse farming, modern irrigation networks, hydroponic cultivation, and organic farming. These advanced techniques help optimise water and fertiliser use while reducing reliance on pesticides, contributing to higher productivity and improved agricultural quality.

As a result, local production of greenhouse vegetables has significantly increased in recent years, strengthening Qatar's progress toward food self-sufficiency and supporting the long-term development goals outlined in Qatar National Vision 2030.

Temporary precautionary evacuation measures apply only to residents in specified areas: Ministry of Interior

DOHA: The Ministry of Interior clarified yesterday that the temporary precautionary evacuation measures, previously announced, apply only to residents in the specified areas who received notifications through the National Alert System.

In a post on the X platform, the Ministry added that safe alternative accommodations have been provided for those affected, while some have chosen to move to safe places

of their own choice, until the security threat passes.

The Ministry also indicated that individuals covered by the temporary precautionary evacuation may contact (40442999) if they require assistance or have any inquiries.

The Ministry urged everyone to obtain information from official sources and to comply with the instructions issued by the concerned authorities. — QNA

Qatar intercepts four missiles, drones

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DOHA: The Qatari Ministry of Defense announced that the State of Qatar was subjected yesterday, Saturday, to an attack involving 4 ballistic missiles

and a number of drones launched from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

"Our Armed Forces, by the grace of God, successfully intercepted all the drones and 4 ballistic missiles," it said.

HMC reassures public on continued availability of medicines

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DOHA: Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) has reaffirmed the smooth and uninterrupted availability of medicines for patients across Qatar, emphasising that pharmacies within the corporation continue to operate with adequate supplies and strategic reserves, despite the developing geopolitical situation in the region.

Executive Director of Pharmacy at HMC Dr. Ameena Jesaimani, said in a video message posted on X platform that the corporation remains fully committed to ensuring patients receive their medications without disruption.

It reiterated HMC's commitment to maintaining uninterrupted pharmaceutical services and ensuring patients across the country continue to access their prescribed medicines safely and conveniently. "Hamad Medical

Corporation is committed to securing your medication needs through a strategic stock," she said. "At HMC, we are committed to ensuring that all patients in the State of Qatar continue to receive their medications easily and safely. The corporation's pharmacies provide medicines continuously and maintain a strategic stock to meet patients' needs at all times."

Her remarks come as Qatar maintains a sufficient strategic stock of food supplies, medicines and essential goods under carefully developed crisis management plans designed to ensure their uninterrupted availability in markets and healthcare facilities.

Dr. Jesaimani also highlighted HMC's home medication delivery service, introduced to enhance patient convenience.

"Because we value your time and comfort, we have introduced a home medication delivery service in cooperation with Qatar Post," she said. "You

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can easily request your medications by calling the unified number 16000 or through the Nar'aakom app."

She added that once the request is received, "our specialised team will prepare your

medications and deliver them to your home quickly and safely."

HMC also continues to deliver a comprehensive range of emergency and routine healthcare services across its hospital network, with outpatient clinics operating as normal. Patients who need to change their appointments can conveniently reschedule through the Lbaih mobile application at www.hamad.qa/lbaih. → P5



Qatar prioritises AI, advanced manufacturing and sustainability in 2026 investment drive

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DOHA: Qatar is accelerating its focus on technology, artificial intelligence, sustainable energy, and advanced manufacturing as priority investment sectors in 2026, an official has said.

Speaking to *The Peninsula*, Fahad Ali Al Kuwari, Chief Investment Development Officer at Invest Qatar, stated that the direction is guided by the country's third National Development Strategy (NDS3), launched in January 2024, which outlines the roadmap for driving the country's strategic vision.

He said, "Qatar's third National Development Strategy (NDS3) outlines the country's roadmap toward achieving Qatar National Vision 2030 and establishes clear priority sectors for future investment."

NDS3 identifies specialised economic clusters designed to boost Qatar's transition to a diversified, knowledge-based economy.

It includes growth clusters such as advanced manufacturing, logistics, and tourism; enabling clusters, such as ICT, financial services, and education; and resilience clusters covering healthcare and food and agriculture.

Al Kuwari remarked that the emerging sectors are attracting



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heightened investor interest this year, particularly technology, artificial intelligence, sustainable energy, and advanced manufacturing.

"These areas align with global demand trends and Qatar's commitment to fostering innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation," he said.

By advancing these strategic sectors and maintaining a competitive, business-friendly

environment, Invest Qatar aims to promote high-value opportunities for foreign investors and skilled professionals.

"This long-term sectoral focus strengthens Qatar's position as a regional hub for innovation, technology, and sustainable economic growth, while accelerating progress toward a resilient and diversified economy," Al Kuwari said.

Supporting startups and scale-ups is central to Qatar's economic diversification strategy, the Invest Qatar official noted, highlighting Invest Qatar's efforts to build a comprehensive innovation ecosystem.

Al Kuwari further added that "Supporting startups and scale-ups is central to our mission of supporting Qatar's transition to a knowledge-based economy".

Startup Qatar Investment Program offers up to \$1.1m for seed-stage startups and up to \$5.5m for growth-stage companies, alongside accommodation, mentorship, business development support, and other services designed to help high-potential ventures establish and expand from Qatar.

The official also mentioned that through this platform, entrepreneurs are connected to licensing support, funding, incubation programmes, and market-entry opportunities under a unified national framework.

SJC confirms continuity of judicial work remotely with full efficiency

DOHA: The Supreme Judiciary Council (SJC) has affirmed that judicial work will continue efficiently amid the current conditions through the constant convening of all judicial hearings at courts virtually.

It clarified that by operating the remote litigation system, this approach ensures the continuous adjudication of cases and electronic issuance of rulings based on the highest standards of organization and efficiency in judicial procedures.

In a statement yesterday, the SJC highlighted that it continues to enforce the mechanism for sharing video hearing links via text messages as part of the service of process, enabling litigants and parties to appear at remote hearings at their scheduled times.

These systems, the SJC says, include the electronic portal, smartphone court application, as well as the "Taqadi" Platform and virtual employee service via WhatsApp.

As such, President of the Court of Appeal, Judge Sultan Al Dosari, said the judicial hearings at the court have continued throughout the current situation, convening remotely while taking into account the circumstances facing parties in various

criminal, labor, civil, and family judicial divisions. He explained that since March 1, 2026, the court has scrutinized over 409 lawsuits.

For his part, President of the Investment and Trade Court Judge Khalid bin Ali Al Obaidly, said the court has expanded the remote communication system during the current period to encompass all appeals chambers as well as trial chambers.

President of Court of First Instance Judge Ghanem Al Humaidi, emphasized that the court has decided to transition all its hearings to remote litigation, adding that since March 1, the court held over 149 hearings and scrutinized over 2,524 lawsuits remotely, in addition to receiving requests and services via the SJC's portal and official channels, whose total electronic submissions reached over 8,596 requests and services.

President of the Court of Execution, Dr. Ibrahim Al Mohannadi, emphasized the Court's commitment to conducting family case enforcement proceedings through the relevant judicial divisions and the Child Custody Office remotely, ensuring that proceedings are carried out without prejudice to the parties. — QNA → P2

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Mol urges public to follow safety instructions in markets and malls

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DOHA: The Ministry of Interior has urged the public to strictly follow safety instructions while visiting markets and shopping malls, emphasizing the importance of adhering to the guidance and safety measures displayed at these locations.

In an advisory, the Ministry called on shoppers and visitors to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behavior or unusual activity in their surroundings. Reports can be made by contacting the emergency number 999, through the Security Window on the Metrash application under Security Complaint—Economic and Cyber Crimes Combating Department, or via email at cccc@moi.gov.qa. → P2