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## Amir, UAE President discuss developments in the region

**ABU DHABI:** Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani has held talks with President of the United Arab Emirates H H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi, focusing on recent regional and international updates and efforts to restore stability.

During the meeting held yesterday, the two leaders discussed the rapidly evolving developments in the region, including ongoing tensions linked to Iranian attacks and their wider security implications. They also examined the impact of recent events on global energy supplies and market stability.

H H the Amir emphasised the importance of prioritising diplomatic solutions to resolve conflicts, highlighting the need for strengthened cooperation to safeguard regional security and limit the global repercussions of ongoing crises.

The talks also covered bilateral relations between



During my meeting today with my brother, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, I discussed the latest developments in the region and their repercussions. We affirmed the importance of intensifying joint coordination to safeguard the security of our countries, protect their interests, and support peaceful efforts aimed at containing the escalation.

Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, with both sides stressing the importance of continued coordination and consultation across key issues, reflecting the strong fraternal ties and strategic partnership between the two nations.

The meeting was attended by Personal Representative of H H the Amir, H H Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al-Thani; Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani; and Chief of the Amiri

Diwan, H E Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khulaifi; along with a number of Their Excellencies senior officials.

On the Emirati side, attendees included Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Presidential Court, H H Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan; Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi and National Security Adviser H H Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahya; Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Court for Special Affairs H H Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan,



along with a number of Their Excellencies Sheikhs and senior officials.

Earlier on arrival in Abu Dhabi, H H the Amir and the accompanying delegation were welcomed on arrival by H H the President of the United Arab Emirates. Also present in the

reception were a number of senior Emirati officials including Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Presidential Court, Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi and National Security Adviser, Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Court for Special Affairs, along

with a number of Their Excellencies Sheikhs and senior officials.

On departure, H H the Amir and the accompanying delegation were seen off by H H the President of the United Arab Emirates and other dignitaries. — QNA

## Qatar calls on all parties to refrain from targeting vital civilian infrastructure

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**DOHA:** Advisor to the Prime Minister and Official Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr. Majed bin Mohammed Al Ansari has called on all parties to the war to refrain from targeting vital civilian infrastructure.

Al-Ansari further called upon all parties to the conflict to refrain from attacking energy and nuclear infrastructure and urged them to return to the negotiating table. "Since this escalation began, we have warned against targeting vital civilian infrastructure. We have said it very clearly that this is a threat to all of us in the region. This region depends heavily on desalination (plants). Therefore we see this as a very big threat to the people's lives here in the region, and we condemn all attacks on civilian infrastructure as completely unnecessary and very dangerous for the whole region."

He also said Qatar is not involved in the ongoing mediation efforts while it supports mediation efforts by Pakistan. "Our efforts are centred on defending our homeland. However, we have ongoing communications with all parties, including the mediators as well as other regional players. What we should emphasise here is that we fully support the endeavours made by Pakistan and we hope it will bear fruits and bring about permanent peace and stability in the region," Al Ansari said in a weekly media briefing held yesterday.

When asked at what point Qatar anticipates its mediation role, Al Ansari said, "Regarding mediation, obviously, we are now under attack. And that doesn't put us in a place where we can be an active mediator. And our main concern right now is defending our country against the Iranian attacks that are coming in. But we have always said also that we support and welcome diplomatic initiatives around the world that are working with war parties to find a way out of this."

He added: "We've always said that these conflicts end on the negotiation table, regardless of the damage that is done to war parties. And therefore, the sooner we get to the negotiation table, the better it is for all the people of the region."

Regarding Iranian attacks on Qatar's infrastructure and its effects on diplomatic relations, he said that Qatar has taken diplomatic action against the attacks by expelling some Iranian diplomats. "We haven't reached a situation severing all diplomatic relations because we still see an opportunity for a diplomatic resolution with the mediation that is ongoing with Pakistan. We do not accept the premise of the attacks on Qatar, we see this as a catastrophic effect on the relations."

Speaking on the closure of Strait of Hormuz, he said that although the issue is regional, it has repercussions for the entire world. "The future of the Strait of Hormuz should be decided by the entire region."

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## CGB highlights individual goals in Ada's performance management system

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**DOHA:** The Civil Service and Government Development Bureau (CGB) has outlined the central importance of individual goals within the national performance management system "Ada'a", reinforcing its role in driving government sector excellence and supporting Qatar National Vision 2030.

In a series of posts shared on its official X account yesterday, the Bureau explained how individual objectives serve as a fundamental pillar of Ada'a, directing employee efforts towards clearly defined priorities and delivering measurable outcomes.

According to the Bureau, individual goals are established across three key categories: strategic goals that align with broader organisational and national objectives, operational goals focused on day-to-day efficiency, and special task goals tailored to specific employee responsibilities.

"Individual goals form a basic criterion in the Ada'a performance management

system," the first post stated. "They direct efforts towards specified priorities and ensure tangible results through the setting of strategic, operational, and special task goals for the employee."

The Bureau further detailed the structured approach to goal implementation. The goals plan is divided into specific stages within an approved timeframe, enabling regular progress monitoring throughout the evaluation cycle.

This methodical breakdown allows supervisors and employees to track advancements consistently, fostering accountability and continuous improvement.

The system also incorporates organised mechanisms for reviewing and adjusting goals when necessary, at predetermined intervals. Such flexibility ensures clarity of expectations while maintaining stability in the overall evaluation process, the Bureau noted in the follow-up post.

Launched in March 2023, Ada'a represents a comprehensive framework designed to modernise public administration in Qatar. →P2



### Qatar receives scattered rains

Qatar received scattered rains accompanied by thunder and strong winds yesterday. Qatar Meteorology Department forecasts moderate temperature daytime today with scattered clouds. PIC: NIYAS PARAKKAL

## Qatar eyes role in Middle East's growing AI ecosystem

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**DOHA:** As the Middle East accelerates its investments in artificial intelligence (AI), experts see the region, including Qatar, playing a growing role in shaping the next phase of AI infrastructure, enterprise deployment, and next-generation video technologies.

Speaking to *The Peninsula*, market experts highlight how AI giants are beginning to view the region as more than just a market and a long-term strategic base for computing, infrastructure, and innovation.

This growing momentum is reflected in the region's key AI events, including the Global AI Show Riyadh, AI Everything Abu Dhabi, the World AI Expo Dubai, World AI Summit Qatar and Web Summit Qatar.

"I think anything that helps people get together is helpful," Amit Jain, AI expert,

said. "It's not an academic conference, but it's very good for business, for fundraising, and for bringing founders and investors together."

He described the Middle East as a particularly attractive environment for AI development due to its fast-growing economies, new business formation, and government-backed infrastructure investments.

From an infrastructure standpoint, he pointed to the energy sector as one of AI's biggest bottlenecks.

"Energy is one of the biggest concerns for computing," he said. "Energy is abundant in this region. Land is abundant. Solar panels and data centres are probably the best use of desert land. Solar installed in the desert is immensely productive; there's energy almost every day of the year."

Adding to this view, Abdul Aziz, a regional technology strategist, said the Middle East

is increasingly positioning itself as a competitive hub for AI infrastructure. "The combination of capital availability, policy support, and access to energy resources gives this region a structural advantage in scaling AI capabilities," the expert said. "Countries like Qatar are moving quickly to build ecosystems that attract global tech players."

Aziz stated that such advantages could position the region to become one of the world's leading producers of AI computing output if development continues at the current pace.

He noted that AI deployment is expanding inside corporations for marketing, internal communications, education, and training functions, reflecting a broader shift from experimentation to operational integration.

The industry analyst emphasised the growing role of enterprise adoption in driving demand. →P3

## Registration for evening study centres opens

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**DOHA:** Ministry of Education and Higher Education has announced the opening of registration for evening study centers for the 2025-2026 academic year, as part of its strategy to provide flexible and inclusive educational opportunities for all segments of society.

The ministry stated that registration is open to students enrolled in the adult education system, including home-based education and the parallel track, enabling them to continue their academic journey in a structured and motivating learning environment. The initiative supports lifelong learning and ensures students receive the necessary academic support. →P4