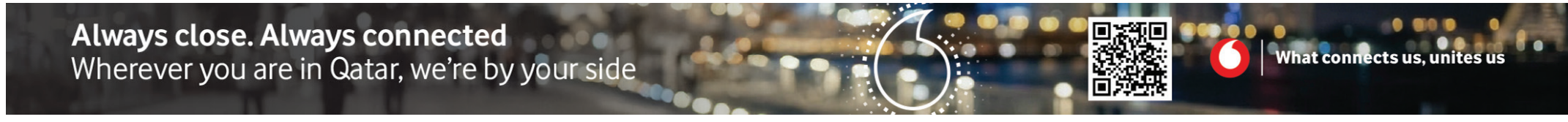




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## Amir: GCC consultative summit embodies unified position

JEDDAH: Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani yesterday joined Their Majesties and Highnesses the GCC leaders and heads of delegations at a consultative summit held in Jeddah, where discussions focused on regional and international developments.

H H the Amir was accompanied by senior officials, including Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Chief of the Amiri Diwan H E Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khulaifi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs H E Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi, along with other members of the official delegation.

Following the meeting, H H the Amir attended a luncheon hosted by Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom



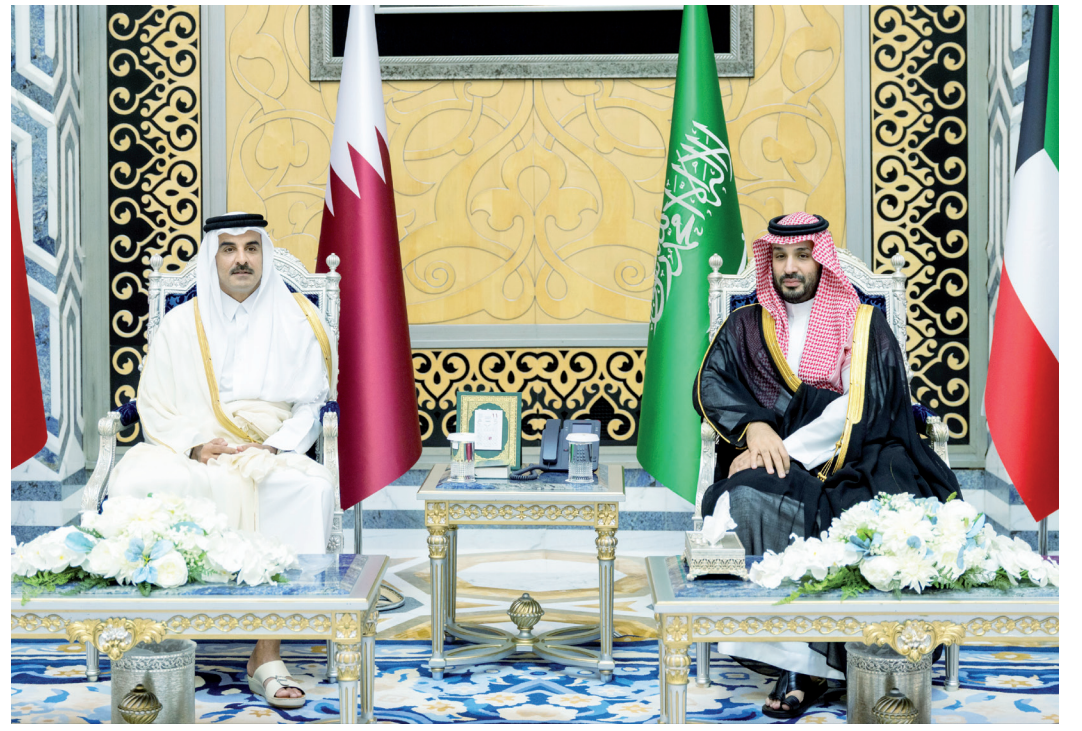
Our GCC consultative summit today in Jeddah embodies the unified GCC position toward the current situation and the need it entails to intensify coordination and consultation, in a way that strengthens our countries' active role in supporting diplomatic efforts, safeguarding the region's security and the stability of its peoples, and fulfilling their aspirations for development and prosperity.

of Saudi Arabia HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, in honour of the participating Gulf leaders.

Earlier on arrival, H H the Amir was received upon arrival at the Royal Terminal at King Abdulaziz International Airport by HRH the Crown Prince.

Secretary-General of GCC H E Jassem Mohamed Al-Budaiwi was also present at the

reception, alongside Deputy Governor of Makkah Region HRH Prince Saud bin Mishal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to KSA H E Bandar bin Mohammed Al Attiyah and Ambassador of KSA to the State of Qatar HRH Prince Saad bin Mansour bin Saad bin Saud bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, as well as senior Saudi officials. — QNA



## Qatar backs comprehensive regional deal, rejects Hormuz politicisation: Al Ansari

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DOHA: Advisor to the Prime Minister and Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr. Majed bin Mohammed Al Ansari has said that Qatar would favour a "comprehensive deal" to end the regional conflict.

Dr Al Ansari was responding to a question about reports that Iran wants to delink Hormuz talks from nuclear programme discussions during weekly media briefing held yesterday "Yes, we want a comprehensive deal that would address the interests of all the people in the region, including the Iranians and our people, and the concerns of the international community regarding Iran. Now, that said, we also know that peace is important."

He further explained that Qatar is not against any deal that would maintain the ceasefire,

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which is a positive trajectory, but would also focus on the broader situation in the region. Dr Al Ansari further stressed that Qatar supports of the efforts of Pakistan over its mediation efforts to end the conflict.

He reiterated Qatar's commitment to dialogue and diplomatic solutions in addressing disputes and its categorical rejection of the use of the Strait

of Hormuz as a political pressure card. "Qatar's continues its support for regional and international mediation efforts led foremost by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan."

On supporting mediation efforts, Al Ansari further said that Qatar's position has been clear since the beginning of the war which is the necessity of resolving any dispute on the

negotiating table. "There is full coordination with our brothers in Pakistan within the framework of their ongoing mediation efforts." He also pointed to progress in some talks despite challenges, considering ceasefire measures a positive step that should be built upon to reach a lasting solution.

On Strait of Hormuz blocking, Al Ansari said preventing the passage of ships and tankers through the Strait of Hormuz is unacceptable under any circumstances and the use of the Strait of Hormuz as a pressure card in any military or political conflict is completely rejected by Qatar.

He noted that that the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has had global economic impacts and consequences, whether related to energy security or food security, as well as effects on global supply chains. — P2

## Full solidarity among member states, security indivisible: GCC leaders

RIYADH: Secretary-General of the GCC H E Jassim Mohammed Al-Budaiwi has said that Their Majesties and Highnesses, the leaders of the GCC member states, affirmed during the 19th Consultative Meeting of GCC Leaders held yesterday in Jeddah their right to self-defense, individually or collectively, in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

They also stressed their right to take all necessary measures to protect their sovereignty, security, and stability, and emphasized full solidarity among member states, noting that their security is indivisible and that any attack on any member state is considered a direct attack on all, in accordance with the GCC Joint Defense Agreement.

In a statement issued following the meeting in Jeddah, Al-Budaiwi noted that the leaders praised the courage and high valor demonstrated by the armed forces of GCC countries in confronting blatant Iranian attacks.

They commended the forces' capabilities and readiness, which enabled them to effectively counter missile and drone attacks with high professionalism and efficiency, safeguarding the security of member states and the resources of their peoples.

The GCC Secretary-General added that the leaders reviewed current regional developments, particularly the escalation in the region and the attacks carried out by Iran against GCC states and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. They also discussed ways to establish a diplomatic path to

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end the crisis and pave the way for agreements and understandings that address GCC concerns and enhance long-term security and stability.

He further explained that GCC leaders strongly condemned and denounced the blatant Iranian attacks targeting GCC countries and Jordan, which affected civilian facilities and infrastructure, resulting in loss of life and property. These actions were described as a grave violation of the sovereignty of GCC states, the UN Charter, international law, and principles of good neighborliness. The attacks have also significantly undermined GCC states' trust in Iran, necessitating serious efforts by Iran to rebuild that trust.

Al-Budaiwi also stated that the leaders firmly rejected Iran's unlawful measures to close the Strait of Hormuz, obstruct navigation, and threaten maritime security, as well as any actions that could negatively impact navigation, including imposing fees under any circumstances or pretexts for vessel passage. — QNA — P3

## Labour Ministry reports drop in workplace injuries

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DOHA: The Ministry of Labour (MoL), represented by its Occupational Safety and Health Department, has intensified awareness and inspection campaigns to enhance workplace conditions and raise occupational safety standards, contributing to a measurable decline in workplace and accommodation-related injuries.

The Ministry reported strong outcomes from its 2025 efforts, with 30,628 inspection visits conducted, including 20,935 worksite inspections. These were complemented by 757 field awareness campaigns combining site visits and workshops, as well as 9,693 on-site awareness programmes delivered at workers' accommodation.

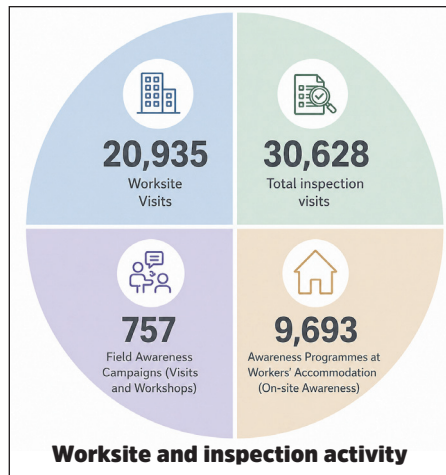
Sharing the details of its efforts on the X, the MoL said that the initiatives focused on strengthening compliance, educating

workers and employers, and embedding a culture of safety across sectors.

The announcement coincides with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, marked annually on April 28 to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases worldwide.

The global campaign aims to highlight the scale of work-related risks and emphasizes that building a strong safety culture is key to reducing injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. The Ministry underscored that ensuring a safe and stress-free working environment is essential for enhancing productivity, as well as fostering creativity and innovation.

It stressed that protecting both the physical and mental well-being of workers remains a central priority, supported by practical policies and ongoing field engagement. These efforts align with the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030, particularly in promoting a sustainable labour



market and improving quality of life. Globally, the observance was launched by the International Labour Organization in 2003, building on its long-standing commitment to occupational safety through social dialogue between governments, employers, and workers. — P2

## Visit Qatar gears up for tourism rebound with family-focused campaign

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DOHA: Visit Qatar is set to launch a comprehensive summer campaign to drive the tourism sector's robust recovery following a temporary pause caused by the regional crisis, with a strong emphasis on family-friendly initiatives and enhanced partnerships, an official has said.

Speaking at *The Peninsula* on the sidelines of yesterday's launch of the Qatar Boat Show 2026 campaign, where the organisation reaffirmed its ongoing support for one of the country's flagship maritime



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events, Director of Public Relations and Communications at Visit Qatar, Jassim Al Mahmoud, outlined Visit Qatar's upcoming plans.

Al Mahmoud acknowledged that the tourism sector experienced a slowdown after several

events were cancelled due to the regional crisis. However, he expressed confidence that the sector is now bouncing back stronger than ever.

"Things are gradually picking up after the little pause caused by the regional crisis," he said.

"We took this opportunity to load our plans and to gather our effort to come back stronger. We are going to start a very great summer campaign that will launch on May 1 until the end of September. We are bouncing back in a bigger way."

Al Mahmoud highlighted Qatar's proven resilience. "We are resilient. Qatar has been through difficulties before in the past, and every time we came stronger. So this time we are coming even stronger, more than ever," he said.

A key element of the recovery strategy is a consolidated plan developed in close collaboration

with all major partners, including the hotel sector, hospitality industry, malls, attractions, and destination management companies (DMCs).

He noted that recent infrastructure developments include the launch of two new beaches, Nami Beach last week and the Ladies Only Beach three weeks ago, to enhance leisure options ahead of the summer season.

"The recent Hot Wheels event also provided positive momentum, with the show almost sold out every day, demonstrating strong public interest," Al Mahmoud said.

The Visit Qatar official added



that one of the flagship initiatives for the summer is a series of family-oriented offers designed to encourage domestic and regional travel. — P2