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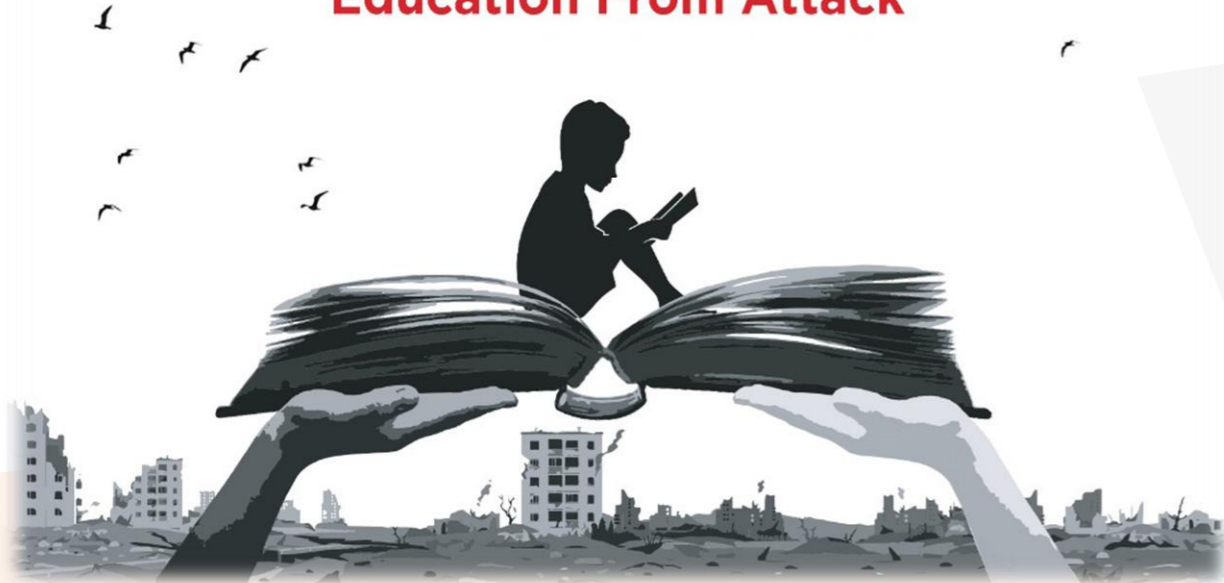
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# QATAR CELEBRATES THE INTERNATIONAL DAY TO PROTECT EDUCATION FROM ATTACK

## The International Day to Protect Education From Attack



On 9th of September the UN have celebrated with an online event, the 2nd International Day to Protect Education from Attack under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Qatar, with the partnership of Education Above All Foundation together with the UNESCO and UNICEF offices based in Doha.

This International Day provides a unique opportunity to position the prevention and response to attacks on education in conflict on the top of the international agenda.

On 28 June 2020, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly decided unanimously to proclaim 9 September as, The International Day to Protect Education from Attack, to raise awareness of the plight of millions of children living in countries affected by conflict.

The resolution was led by the State of Qatar and co-sponsored by 62 countries. It was presented to the United Nations by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Education Above All and advocate for the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Find out more through the links in pictures.

## QU Successfully Graduates First Batch of College of Medicine

The College of Medicine at Qatar University (QU CMED) celebrated the graduation of its first batch of 46 graduates, 65% of whom are females, at the graduation ceremony of the university's 44th batch.

The College of Medicine aims to make contributions to medical education, patient care, medical research and community outreach and is fully aligned with Qatar's national strategies in Education and Health, as well as Qatar University's strategic plan.

CMED plays an integral part of Qatar University's Health Cluster (QU Health), where synergistic interprofessional and interdisciplinary efforts of all cluster members come together in the areas of teaching, research, and community outreach; therefore, helping advance knowledge in the field, addressing local and regional challenges, and contributing to population health aligned with the future needs of Qatar.



HH The Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani patronised the graduation ceremony of the 44th batch (class of 2021) of Qatar University's (QU)

## Qatar – China Increasing NLG Cooperation

### Qatar Petroleum Changes name to Qatar Energy

Qatar Petroleum has announced changing its name to **Qatar Energy** to signal a new strategy that focuses on energy efficiency and environmentally-friendly technology such as capturing and storing carbon dioxide.

CEO HE. Saad Al-Kaabi, who is also the Qatari minister of state for energy, said the state-owned firm wanted to be more efficient in its own energy use.

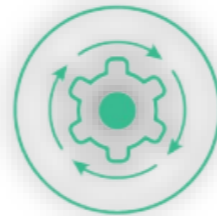
Qatar Energy, as the world's leader in the production of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), is adapting its direction and strategic objectives to meet the challenges of the new business environment with greater dynamism, resilience, and efficiency.

QE is committed to operating in a socially responsible manner, caring for the environment, thus it is following its own Sustainability Pillars which include:



#### Climate Change Mitigation:

Fast track decarbonization of the energy sector to provide cleaner energy for all



#### Operational Responsibility

Continuous improvement through care and collaboration

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QatarEnergy



#### Social and Economic Development

Leverage Qatar Energy's strong socio-economic position to drive the energy transition

In October 2021 it was announced that China will build four new liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers for Qatar Petroleum (now Qatar Energy), as part of a deal worth \$760 million that will help bolster the country's fleet, as its North Field expansion progresses. Significantly, it is the first order placed with a Chinese shipyard for LNG vessels by Qatar Energy and underscores the strengthening strategic relationship between the two nations.

Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding Group Co, a wholly owned subsidiary of China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited will build the first batch of orders in QP's massive LNG shipbuilding campaign, that will cater to future LNG fleet needs for the North Field expansion project.



This news came only a week after Qatar Energy has signed a deal with China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) for the supply of 3.5 million tonnes per year of (LNG) over a 15-year term starting January 2022. Significantly, the deal brings Qatari LNG supplies to China under long-term deals to 15.5 million t/y.

Qatar has said China is considered a major customer and strategic partner in the energy sector. Those ties look set to get stronger. In April, CNOOC, China's third-biggest oil company, signalled its interest to become a partner in Qatar's \$29 billion North Field LNG expansion project, that will be the world's largest.

## FOCUS POINT

As directed by HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar, the first legislative elections to pick members of the elected Shura Council took place on 2 October 2021 as part of Qatar's ambition to develop its legislative process with wider citizen participation, reflecting the values of the Qatari Constitution and Qatar National Vision 2030.

On the promised day, Qatari citizens were keen to fulfil the national duty of effective participation in this historic event, with 63.5% of the total registered voters casting their votes.

Candidates competed for 30 of the 45 seats on the council. The Amir continued to appoint the remaining 15 members of the body, including two women, among which the Council's Vice President.

On 26 October 2021, the Amir of Qatar has inaugurated the opening session of first elected Shura Council.

## Qatar's First Shura Council Elections

Did you Know that Qatar is only one of few pioneering countries to use the Islamic Shura method or "Consultation" within its legislative system?

Shura is a practice taken from the Islamic codes of law and conduct. The Qatari Shura Council is a critical entity as one of two branches of the Qatari Legislative Body.



The Council assumes the following functions in accordance with the Constitution:

- Legislative authority.
- Approving the general budget of the government.
- Exercising control over the executive authority, as specified in the Constitution.
- The Shura Council shall have the right to forward proposals relative to public matters to the government. If the government is unable to comply with such aspirations, it must give its reasons to the Council. The Council may comment only once on the government's statement.

# SPORTS


Get to Know One of  
FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar  
Eight Marvelous Stadiums

## Al Thumama Stadium

 **Tournament capacity**  
**40,000**

 **Legacy capacity**  
**20,000**


 **Distance from Doha**  
**13 km**

 **Progress**  
Al Thumama Stadium was inaugurated on 22 October 2021.

 **Tournament mode**  
FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ quarter-finals venue.

 **Legacy mode**  
The stadium's capacity will be reduced to meet local needs and provide quality sporting infrastructure to developing nations. The remaining 20,000-seat arena will be used for football and other sporting events. In addition, a branch of Aspetar Sports Clinic will open on site. A boutique hotel will replace the stadium's upper stands.  
The precinct surrounding the stadium will become a community hub with facilities for multiple sports, including handball, volleyball, basketball and swimming. Tracks for running and cycling will weave their way around the precinct as well, providing an outlet for sportsmen and women of every stripe.  
There will also be a number of retail and commercial units created to ensure the area becomes a bustling hub of exercise and activity.

 **Design**  
The stadium's design represents the gahfiya – a traditional woven cap worn by men and boys across the Middle East. The gahfiya forms a fundamental layer of the traditional clothing of the region. It is also a symbol of dignity and independence. **The stadium was designed by Qatari architect, Ibrahim M. Jaidah.**

 **Sustainability**  
The stadium is targeting Global Sustainability Assessment System 4-star certification for both design and construction. As part of this, the existing energy centre on site will be refurbished and upgraded to meet the latest energy efficiency standards.  
The stadium's green design ensures 40% more fresh water is saved when compared to a conventional stadium. Recycled water is used to irrigate green areas. The precinct will feature 50,000m<sup>2</sup> of park area, with native vegetation and almost 400 trees covering 84% of the landscape.



Gazal Al Shaqab



Al Shaqab has bred three World Champion stallions, Gazal Al Shaqab, Al Adeed Al Shaqab and Marwan Al Shaqab. It also features world-class facilities for horses, including indoor and outdoor arenas, paddocks, air-conditioned stables, a horse hospital and an exercise centre equipped with all the latest technology, including heavy-duty treadmills, massage spaces and hydrotherapy pools.

Not only in Qatar, but around the world. Al Shaqab's horses have won many awards in international Arabian horse shows. In particular, it has, to date, won seven world champion stallion trophies at Salon Du Cheval in Paris.

Al Shaqab is a worthwhile destination for horse fanatics visiting or transiting through Doha. Public tours can be arranged via the center's website and even non-horsey travelers are likely to find a visit here fascinating.

# AL SHAQAB

Al Shaqab is an equestrian center that breeds Arabian horses, provides training, and focuses on horse welfare, breeding, equine education, and research. It not only breeds Arabian horses but also educates young children in the art and values of horsemanship and equestrianism, and also trains riders and horses for long-distance endurance races.

Spread out over 980,000 square meters, Al Shaqab stands out for its unique architectural design laid out in a horseshoe shape and is renowned the world over as Qatar's iconic equestrian destination.



**Al Shaqab**  
عضو في مؤسسة قطر  
Member of Qatar Foundation



# Discover Qatar



Al Shaqab stands as an enduring tribute to the Arabian horse and the tradition of equestrian excellence that has co-evolved with this breed in Qatar.

His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani established Al Shaqab in 1992 to enjoy his passion for Arabian horses, to honor the courageous war horses ridden by victorious Qatari knights of the past, and to assure the Arabian horse would continue to play a leading role in the cultural heritage of the Qatari people.

## Know more about Qatar

Qatar Museums

<https://www.qm.org.qa/en>

Foreign Ministry Twitter Page:

[https://twitter.com/MofaQatar\\_EN](https://twitter.com/MofaQatar_EN)

Qatar Financial Centre:

<https://www.qfc.qa/en>

Qatar Free Zones

<https://qfz.gov.qa/>

Visit Qatar

<https://www.visitqatar.qa/en/home>

Katara Hospitality

<https://www.katara.net/>

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Discover the “Al-Alam Monument” (نصْبُ العلم) in the middle of the Katara Cultural Village entrance. It is a traditional Qatari saddle, topped with the Qatari flag.