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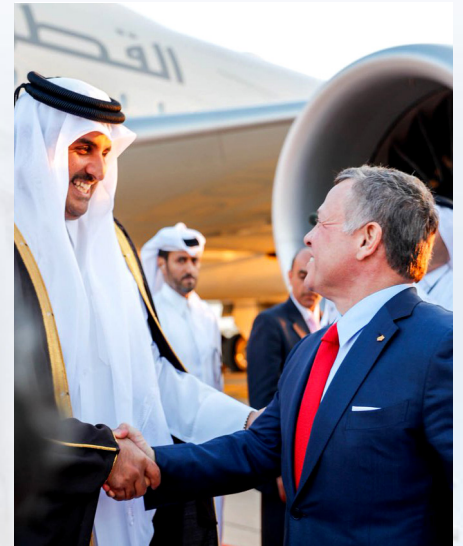
Qatar & Jordan Restore Diplomatic Ties

Qatar and Jordan announced the restoration of full diplomatic ties by naming their respective ambassadors, two years after Amman downgraded its relations with Doha due to pressure from a Saudi-led block. In June 2017, Jordan recalled its ambassador to Qatar siding with the regional axis of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain, which imposed a land, sea, and air blockade to Doha.

Last August, Qatar named Sheikh Saud bin Nasser Al-Thani, a member of the royal family, as its ambassador to Jordan and in return, the Jordanian government named high-ranking diplomat Zaid Al-Louzi as its

ambassador to Qatar. Al Louzi, whose father was a member of Jordan's parliament, is the second-highest official at the foreign ministry.

Following an economic crisis and popular unrest in June 2018, Doha rushed an economic aid package to Jordan worth \$500m and offered 10,000 jobs for Jordanian citizens to work in Qatar. The Gulf country already hosts tens of thousands of skilled Jordanian workers whose remittances help the faltering economy back home. The move has been seen as part of Qatar's "soft power diplomacy" in the region and to court Jordan away from Doha's regional foes.



H.H. the Emir and the Jordan's King H.M. Abdullah II.

QATAR INTERNATIONAL

FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Official Emblem Revealed



The Official Emblem of the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup was unveiled on 3 September, as FIFA and host country Qatar reached another major milestone on the road to the world's greatest football showpiece.

The official unveiling took place in Doha, at 20:22 local time, with thousands of spectators witnessing the synchronised projection of the emblem onto a number of the country's most iconic buildings, including Burj Doha, Katara Cultural Village Amphitheatre, Ministry of Interior, Souq Waqif and Msheireb and

Al Zubarah Fort. A number of countries also celebrated the milestone, with images of the emblem seen on renowned locations and outdoor billboards in prominent public spaces, such as Morocco, Jordan, Argentina, Brazil, UK, France, Spain, Russia, South Korea, USA, among others.

Its design embodies the vision of an event that connects and engages the entire world, while also featuring striking elements of local and regional Arab culture and allusions to the beautiful game.

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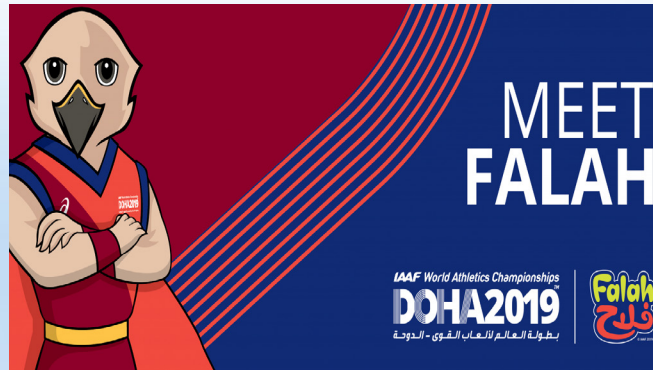
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Doha Gets Ready to Host the 2019 IAAF World Athletics Championships

Qatar will be hosting the world's finest athletes this September, hosting the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019.

The ten-day sporting event will welcome 2,000 athletes at the Khalifa International Stadium to compete for gold, whilst the world's first ever Midnight Marathon will take place along the Corniche, set against the lights of the mesmerising Doha skyline. Spectators will enjoy a whole host of entertainment on a daily basis between Friday 27 September-Sunday 6 October, with a Global Athletics Village bringing worldwide cultures to life through entertainment and cuisine, as athletes from 213 different countries will take part in the competition.

The IAAF World Athletics Championships, is a biennial athletics event organized by the International Association of



Falah, the falcon, is the official mascot of the 2019 IAAF World Championships.

Athletics Federations (IAAF). These Championships were started in 1976. In 2014, Qatar applied for the 2019 bid and became the hosting country. Doha is the first city in the Middle East to host this event in the history of Athletics, edging out Eugene (USA) and Barcelona (Spain).



President Rouhani said Qatar's stances are based "on the policy of good neighbourliness and aimed at reducing tensions".

Qatar & Iran Are Eager to Develop Relations in All Fields

H.H. the Emir has emphasized that Qatar is eager to developing relations with Iran in all fields and that negotiation is the only way to ease current tensions in the region.

Iranian President H.E. Hassan Rouhani, on his side, welcomed Qatar's stance as a 'policy of good neighbourliness [...] aimed at reducing tensions'. He stressed his country's willingness to strengthen relations with Doha, and called regional tensions with Tehran "detrimental".

Last May, attacks on oil assets, including on two Saudi oil tankers of the coast of the UAE, spurred Saudi Arabia to call for three emergency summits in Mecca. The final statement of the meetings, which Qatar attended, denounced Iran over escalating tensions. Yet Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani later said the statement --which was made without his country's input-- did not reflect Doha's foreign policy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Qatar Signs \$8bn Petrochemical Deal with Chevron

Chevron Phillips Chemical and Qatar Petroleum signed an agreement to develop an eight-billion-dollar petrochemical plant along the US Gulf Coast, the second pact between the companies to build such plants in the last few weeks. Through a joint venture, Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. will help gas-rich Qatar develop the largest plant for production of ethylene, a key ingredient in plastics. Chevron Phillips Chemical will be the

majority owner with a 51% share, with Qatar Petroleum owning 49% of the project. The companies expect a final investment decision no later than 2021 for the project.

Qatar is the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG), and it has been broadening its energy interests since Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt severed ties with it in 2017.



The deal was signed at the White House in the presence of US president and Qatar's emir, H.H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani.



Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) Joins World Alliance of International Financial Centres

The Qatar Financial Centre (QFC), one of the world's leading and fastest growing onshore business and financial centres, has joined the World Alliance of International Financial Centres (WAIFC), a non-profit organisation established to facilitate strategic cooperation among financial centres, exchange of best practices and to initiate dialogues with public authorities. As part of WAIFC, the QFC will share its unique business model and expertise in maintaining a world-class legal, regulatory, tax and business

infrastructure that stimulates the growth of local and foreign businesses. The QFC will also impart successful endeavours and initiatives in different financial sectors including Islamic Finance, Fintech, Asset Management, and Capital Markets. WAIFC, which was launched in 2018, has 13 members including, Frankfurt Main Finance, Luxembourg for Finance, Moscow International Financial Center, Paris Europlace, Toronto Finance International, and Busan International Financial City Promotion Center.

Qatar's 'Cool Pavement' Project Aims to Reduce Road Temperatures

The Public Works Authority in Qatar has implemented a pilot "cool pavement" project in the capital, Doha, which involves the use of a cryogenic material to reduce the temperature of the asphalt on roads.

Unlike conventional asphalt, which contributes to increased temperatures by absorbing up to 95% of sunlight, the so-called "cool pavement" reflects UV rays and absorbs solar radiation to a lesser extent, thereby contributing to overall

temperature reduction. The material is being tested on a 200-metre stretch of road near Souq Waqif and on 200 metres of pedestrian and bicycle paths in front of the Katara cultural village, both popular tourist destinations in Doha.

The project will last for 18 months and based on the pilot, it will determine its wider applicability. A similar experiment has been implemented in Los Angeles (USA), in an effort to cool the city as it is hit by climate change.



The 200-metre stretch of blue road near Souq Waqif paved with the so-called 'cool pavement'.

QATAR & CUBA



H.E. Ambassador Rashid Al-Mulla along with Mr. Armando Lopez, President of the Cuban Civil Aviation, and Mr. Essa Al-Maliki, Representative of ICAO, who visited us last August.

Qatar & Cuba to Deepen Commercial Relations

Qatar and Cuba keep strengthening the bilateral relations. On one hand, H.E. Ambassador Rashid Mairza Al-Mulla hosted a dinner at his residence to honour the President of the Cuban Institute of Civil Aviation, Mr. Armando Daniel López. The event was attended by the Permanent Representative of the Qatar Mission to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Mr. Essa Abdullah Al-Maliki.

On the other hand, a Cuban delegation travelled to Doha in September to address projects of common interest with Qatari authorities. The delegation was composed of senior management officials of MINREX, the Ministries of Foreign Trade and Investment, Agriculture, Energy and Mines, Tourism, Construction and the State Company BIOCUBAFARMA.

Farewell Message

It has been six years since I started my work as the ambassador of the State of Qatar in Havana. Now, my mission is coming to an end.

I have enjoyed my tenure here, and I deeply appreciate having had the opportunity to work in such a wonderful country. I have gained a valuable experience and I shall always cherish this as one of the most satisfying phases in my career. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Council of State and Ministers and MINREX for their support and encouragement. Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the Provincial government, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment, INDER, the diplomatic community and the media.

Lastly, I would like to commend the Embassy's staff for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to work.



I will never forget the Cuban people's kindness, resilience and joy of living.

Thank you again for everything and I wish you all the best for the future.

H.E. Ambassador Rashid M. Al-Mulla

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Exploring the Museums of Qatar



National Museum of Qatar.

Within the last decade, Qatar has become an important hub of art and culture not only within the region, but is also being recognised for promoting the art of Islamic civilisations through the ages and Qatari traditions and rich heritage. Its wide range of museums are proof that Qatar's intention of becoming the world's capital for art and culture is slowly becoming a reality.

Katara Cultural Village is one of these cultural attractions. Opened in 2010, Katara is a celebration of all cultures from around the world, and especially the Middle East. Keeping pace with the emerging global culture that emphasises the

importance of diversity in human development, the village is the largest multidimensional cultural project in Qatar and is equipped with cutting-edge amenities, beautiful concert halls and galleries. Likewise, the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) is one of Qatar's most iconic buildings and is world famous for its exotic collection of Islamic masterpieces from different countries spanning across centuries. It was inaugurated on 2008, and it is a source of pride for Qatar.

Last but not least, the National Museum of Qatar (NMoQ). Designed as a vibrant and immersive space, it actively shows the nation's heritage and culture, and Qatari people's extensive ties with other nations and people around the world. NMoQ is today one of the most recognisable landmarks of Qatar, and serves as a monument to its historical way of life.



Katara Cultural Village.

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