

PM meets Omani official



Prime Minister and Interior Minister H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani with Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information of Oman, Ali Khalfan Al Jabri, in Doha yesterday.

Qatari FM calls Iraq minister

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The Ministry started contacts in order to find out the details of Qatari citizens' abduction and works on their release as soon as possible, stressing that they entered the Iraqi territories on an official permit from the Iraqi Ministry of Interior and in coordination with the Iraqi embassy in Doha.

The statement added that Assistant Foreign Minister H E Mohamed bin Abdullah Al Rumaihi and Qatar's Ambassador to Baghdad Zayed bin Saeed Al Khayareen were delegated to follow on procedures taken with the Iraqi government to ensure the safety of Qatari citizens. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister H E Dr Khalid bin Mohamed Al Atiyah spoke over the phone yesterday with Iraqi Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al Jaafari.

The contact deal with the follow-up of the abduction of Qatari nationals in Iraq.

Cabinet reviews climate deal

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The Cabinet said the Declaration enhances the Gulf Cooperation Council drive and opens the door for it new prospects for further cooperation, solidarity and integration for the realisation of GCC peoples' aspirations and the confirmation of the joint keenness on the security, stability and prosperity of the region.

The Cabinet reviewed the Paris climate deal adopted by representatives of 195 states at the close of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) that was held in the French capital from November 30 to December 12 and in whose opening session Emir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani took part.

The Cabinet considered that the agreement helps materialise the will of states to confront global warming and the protection of the earth from climate change.

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Neuroscientists to speak at QBRI meet

DOHA: The Qatar Biomedical Research Institute (QBRI), one of Hamad bin Khalifa University's (HBKU) three specialised national research institutes, is hosting the IBRO-MENA-QBRI Annual Neuroscience Symposium.

Held in collaboration with the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), a union of neuroscience organisations that aim to promote and support neuroscience training and collaborative research around the world, the event speakers and panelists will this year concentrate on the topics of autism, neurodegeneration, and epilepsy.

From Saturday to December 22, QBRI will host the IBRO-MENANeuroscience School, an event that complements the Neuroscience Symposium that will bring clinicians and researchers to Qatar for a four-day study course 'Epilepsy: From Pathophysiology to Diagnosis and Therapy'. At the 'School' experts from QBRI, Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar, Hamad Medical Corporation and participants in the symposium will share insight and analysis on the latest research on epilepsy with students from across the MENA region.

This year's speakers include a number of neuroscientists from the United States such as Bassel Abou Khalil, Professor of Neurology and Director of the Epilepsy Center at Vanderbilt Heart Vascular Institute, Sarah Jane Webb, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Seattle Children's Research Institute at the University of Washington, and Margaret Elizabeth Ross, Nathan Cummings Professor in Neurology and Chair of the Neuroscience Graduate Program at Weill Cornell Medical College. Also presenting their research will be FaycelHentati, Professor of Neurology and Head of Department at Mongi Ben Hamida National Institute of Neurology in Tunisia, and Saeed Abdulla Boholega, President of the Saudi Neurology Society and Professor at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center.

Dr Hilal Lashuel, Executive Director of QBRI and Chair of IBRO MENA, said, "QBRI is committed to do its part in establishing Qatar as an emerging centre for healthcare innovation in support of Qatar National Vision 2030. Events like the neuroscience symposium fuel community interest in the field and open doors for collaborative research."

To coincide with the IBRO MENA symposium and school, QBRI have been holding a Brain Awareness Week. Several events have been held at schools, pre-school centers, and at Villaggio Mall.

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QBRI is going to host a major symposium on neuroscience.

Doha Bank marks National Day

DOHA: On Qatar National Day, Doha Bank yesterday held a special ceremony to commemorate the founding of the nation at the bank's headquarters in West Bay, which was specially decorated in the national flag's colours of white and maroon.

The event was attended by Dr R Sotharaman, Group CEO of Doha Bank, along with members of the senior management and employees from the various branches across the country.

The CEO distributed gifts to all Doha Bank employees and extended his sincere congratulations to Emir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, to the government and to the people of Qatar for the past year's achievements and wished them continued peace and prosperity in the future.

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