

Qatar Airways Cargo expands fleet of aircraft

Seventh Airbus A330F and first Boeing 747F nose loader aircraft take the fleet to 16 freighters

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DOHA: Qatar Airways Cargo (QAC) has welcomed the seventh Airbus A330F and first Boeing 747F nose loader aircraft to its fleet at its home base in Hamad International Airport (HIA).

Continuing on its trajectory of rapid growth and expansion, the world's third largest international cargo carrier features a fleet of 16 freighters, including seven Airbus A330F, eight Boeing 777F and one Boeing 747F.

QAC is scheduled to receive further aircraft next year and expected

to expand its fleet to 21 freighters by 2017, demonstrating its commitment to develop one of the strongest air cargo fleets in the skies.

"We are delighted to welcome the seventh Airbus A330F and our first Boeing 747F nose loader to our growing freighter fleet," said Ulrich Oglermann, Chief Officer Cargo, Qatar Airways.

The arrival of this aircraft brings our total fleet up to 16 freighters and is an important addition to the airline at a time when we are experiencing unprecedented growth. Increasing our capacity in tandem with increasing our network reach is an essential part of our strategy for the coming years and we expect to have 21 freighters by 2017."

The new aircraft is scheduled to support the airline's busy network by increasing frequencies to Bahrain, Brussels, Chennai, Hyderabad, London Stansted and Mumbai.

The A330-200F is the world's most modern mid-size freighter. Powered by Rolls Royce Trent 772B engines, the A330 freighter can carry a maximum gross payload of up to 68 tonnes, with a



The seventh Airbus A330F.

range capability of up to 4,000 nautical miles. The range and payload capability provides flexibility for regional and intercontinental operations.

The A330-200F's large main-deck cargo door allows the aircraft to accept all commonly-used pallets and containers, enabling the transport of a full range of cargo from high-value consumer goods to express packages

and perishables. The main deck and lower deck cargo compartments on A330-200F are ventilated and have temperature control options of five degrees Celsius to 25. The B747 freighter is ideal for the requirements of express cargo and industrial freight operators.

Powered by Pratt & Whitney engines, the B747F is capable of flying 4,100 nautical miles with full load

and is most appropriate for short- to medium-length international flights.

The B747 freighter has seating for up to eight cargo attendants or grooms for horses. The B747F has a main deck nose door and a mechanised cargo handling system. The nose door swings up so that pallets or containers up to 40 feet can be loaded in on motor-driven rollers. An automatic temperature control

system is installed to maintain pre-selected temperatures in the flight, supernumerary and main deck cargo compartments. The temperatures of the forward and aft lower deck cargo compartments are controlled separately. The temperature can be set and maintained between four and 29 degrees.

QAC recently announced at a packed press conference in Doha that according to latest IATA international FTK figures, it is now the third largest international cargo airline in the world. This is phenomenal growth for the rapidly expanding company, which has risen to No. 3 position from 16th in five years. Further announcements at the press conference included plans to launch two new speciality products: QR Equine and QR Express.

Qatar Airways' Group Chief Executive Akbar Al Baker also revealed plans for a new multi-deck cargo facility to be opened by 2018 at HIA. When complete, the facility will increase the hub's overall capacity to 4.4m tonnes a year with the potential for expansion to 7m tonnes in the future.

Qatar students in US attend annual gathering



Participants from Qatar Research Leadership Programme during the QRLP meeting in Houston.

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DOHA: The Office of Education, Training and Development (OETD), part of Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF&RD), organised the third annual United States gathering for its Qatar Research Leadership Programme (QRLP) students enrolled in undergraduate through post-doctoral programmes in the US.

This year saw the attendance of 31 students and representatives from Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI), Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI), Qatar Biomedical Research

Institute (QBRI) and Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP).

The gathering was held in Houston, Texas. Its objective was for the students to learn about research and development activities in Qatar and discuss their academic progress and career plans.

"It was a great gathering in Houston, where future QF leaders, bright minds and ambitious scholars came together for scientific exchange and interaction with the determination to succeed and build a research culture in Doha," said Dr Walid Qoronfleh from QBRI. The Qatar entities addressed the students with presentations on overview, objectives, internships, and research and development

programmes. Also, selected PhD students presented their works to each Institute separately.

"Meeting QEERI-affiliated QRLP fellows provides a great opportunity to connect with the fellows, discuss their academic and research progress and offer advice and support to their future plans."

"It also gives QEERI a chance to present an update on research programmes and advances and help them align their studies and research with Qatar's national needs. This event provides an opportunity for the fellows to bond and establish a network that can be very beneficial to them. The one-to-one meetings were useful in providing the fellows with a support platform to ensure

their success," said Dr Marwan Khraisheh, QEERI Representative.

In line with the capacity-building goal of the Qatar National Research Strategy, the gathering guided and provided advice to students, particularly with regard to their career plans.

"It's inspiring to connect with the future leaders in science in Qatar, the QRLP members," said Ahmed Abusaitiha, a QRLP Post-doctorate at Stanford University. "I'm grateful for QRLP for the great efforts they put together to have these gatherings. They not only reduce distances by updating us on what is going on back home, they also motivate us to do our best to achieve excellence," said Kholoud Saleh, a QRLP Member.

Little Gandhi to be shown at Katara Drama Theatre on Saturday

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DOHA: *Little Gandhi*, a well-known documentary on the life of peaceful Syrian activist Ghayath Matar, will be screened at Katara Drama Theatre on Saturday.

Presented by the Cultural Village Foundation - Katara in collaboration with the Syrian embassy in Doha, the documentary follows the life of Matar, who became internationally known as 'Little Gandhi' for his initiative of facing security fire and violence with flowers and bottles of water as a method of establishing a non-violent dialogue leading to a free democratic society.

He was a key organiser of leading peaceful protests in his homeland Daraya against one of the most vicious regimes in the 21st century, inspiring people

worldwide. His brutal torture and death on September 10, 2011 at the age of 26 - a few months after his marriage with a baby on the way - outraged the international community and erupted one of the most violent uprisings in modern history.

The film was produced to raise awareness and educate the world about the grave human rights situation in Syria, and via one of the Transitional Justice Programmes sponsored by the International Development Research Centre and co-produced by the Syrian Centre for Political and Strategic Studies.

Little Gandhi is directed by award-winning filmmaker Sam Kadi, who is the writer-director of critically acclaimed feature drama *The Citizen*, a recipient of five awards on the international film festival circuit, and was named among the Best 10 Films of 2013 by Examiner.com.

55 contaminated consignments destroyed

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DOHA: The Ministry of Environment last month destroyed 55 shipments of contaminated products weighing 56 tonnes for violating the agriculture

quarantine law. The Agriculture Quarantine Office at the ministry also seized 5,884 imported consignments weighing 85,258 tonnes and 82 shipments weighing 993.8 tonnes for exports. Both were in violation of the law.

Mowasalat holds mock fire exercise

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DOHA: Within the framework of its occupational security, health and safety policy, Mowasalat (Karwa) held a mock drill on its fire prevention system during working hours.

Mowasalat believes in the importance of training in fire prevention equipment and personnel to ensure security and safety at work place, increase awareness among employees to understand and comply with the policy and periodical advice to be responsible for safety of human life and property from hazards.

The PR Department also gathers employees' comments on the importance of fire exercises. Khalid Nasser Al Hail, CEO, Mowasalat, said implementation of requirements, measures and objectives of occupational security, health and safety is an ethical and legal obligation in accordance with International Labour Organisation standards to avoid injuries, accidents, crises and risks.

Strict adherence to the occupational security, safety and health system is the only way to keep employees away from risks, which can occur if measures and requirements are not implemented.

Regular training and awareness programmes about occupational security, safety and health enhance safe working and enrich human concepts in the work environment, he added.

Nasser Al Khanji, Director of the Executive Office, praised such drills and said Mowasalat understands occupational security, safety and



A mock fire drill in progress at Mowasalat headquarters in Mesaimeer.

health, realises the importance of drills and implementation of their objectives in work environment, out of its belief that the human element is the most precious for the company.

Khalid Hassan Kafoud, PR and Communications Manager also praised such drills that enhance outcomes of awareness programmes and training planned according to the safety and fire prevention mission.

The HSE team educates employees, implements HSE policy, ensure the work place is safe and protects the company's property and inventory, said HSE Manager Idris Said Jaaber.

Mowasalat strives to achieve the principles of occupational health and safety and safety measures. It has been honoured with OSHA, the safety and safety certificate, indicating its safe environment to preserve its human capital.

The Transport Company
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The Tenders Committee announces the following Tenders:

Tender No.	Subject	Document Fees	Tender Bond	Closing Date
001-TC/DCB01/2016	Supply of Automobile Dry Charged Batteries	500/-	Qrs. 65,000.00	01/02/2016

CONDITIONS:

- Copies of Tender document can be collected starting on 05, 06, 07, 10 & 11 January 2016 from The Secretariat, Tenders Committee office during working hours on payment of document fees (non - refundable) to: Mowasalat Bank Account No. 0013-011272-060 with Qatar National Bank and present an authorization letter to collect tender document on Company letterhead.
- Required documents: 1) Authorization (indicating collectors name and ID No / Company Contact Details: PH, Fax, Email). 2) Original Bank Receipt. 3) Copy of collectors I.D. 4) Copy of Commercial Registration.
- Tenders should be accompanied by a Tender bond issued by a bank operating in the State of Qatar as a temporary deposit and valid for 180 days from the closing date.
- The successful Tenderer shall submit a Performance bond issued by a bank operating in the State of Qatar equivalent to 10% of the contract sum that shall be valid for 30 days after the completion date of the contract.
- Any Tender Bid that does include the tender bond shall not be considered. (Tender Bond must be in a Separate Envelope)
- Offers should be valid for 180 days commencing from the above closing date.
- Mowasalat shall have the right to increase or decrease the scope of work by 20%.
- Mowasalat should not be bound to accept the lowest or any other tender and is under no obligation to show reasons therefor.
- Tenders should be submitted not later than 12.00 noon on the closing date and must be deposited into the Tender box provided in the office of The Secretary-Tenders Committee, located in the 1st Floor, at the Transport Company-Abu Hamour and should be in sealed envelopes addressed to the Chairman-Tenders Committee quoting the Tender No. and subject.
- Offers arriving after the closing date & Time Shall not be Accepted.

• Note: the Shortest Delivery Time is an essential part of evaluation for the selection of the successful Bid.

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