Amir, Mahathir hold wide-ranging talks

Malaysia eyes more Qatari investments

**Proposal to store Qatar LNG in Malaysia**

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Business Reporter

**Qatar investments:**

Malaysia is eyeing Qatar in its abundant natural gas (CNG) sponge project as it seeks to be a source and redistribution hub for the region.

The South East Asian country has a history of working closely in mineral and CNG export trade. Qatar is also looking to replicate that model in the region.

Malaysia is also tapping into the idea of setting up a re-manufacturing plant in Qatar as part of plans to boost the broader markets in the Middle East.

Highlighting that there are a number of deals with the industry captains, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad also highlighted the interest in investing in the manufacturing sector in Qatar.

Qatar, too, has said it is interested in Malaysia and its association with Qatar Chamber and Qatar Businessmen Association (QBA), he said Mahathir is hopeful in doing "qata a lot" of business with Qatar in the oil and gas sector.

Finding that at present there are a number of investments from Qatar to Malaysia, Dr Mahathir Mohamad said his country would like to see more companies from Qatar to explore the Malaysian market.

The two sides are expected to sign an agreement to invest in Malaysia to transform the manufacturing sector.

Malaysia and Qatar are the fourth and fifth largest economies in terms of GDP and are driven by energy exports, with both countries being major players in the global oil and gas market.

Jointly developing these resources could provide an opportunity for both countries to diversify their economies and build a more sustainable future.

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Amir arrived in Ecuador on Monday, where he is expected to meet with the Ecuadorian president and other officials to discuss a range of bilateral and regional issues.

The meeting is part of Amir's three-day visit to the South American country, which also includes visits to Panama and Peru. Amir's trip is seen as an opportunity to strengthen Qatar's presence in the region and enhance its diplomatic and economic relations with Ecuador and other countries in the Andean region.

In addition to economic and political discussions, Amir is expected to meet with local business leaders and investors to discuss opportunities for Qatar's companies to invest in Ecuador and to explore ways to promote trade and investment between the two countries.

The Amir is scheduled to leave Ecuador on Wednesday and travel to Peru, where he will hold talks with the Peruvian president and other officials. Amir's visit to Peru is expected to focus on bilateral issues, regional cooperation, and the promotion of trade and investment.
QFSW, Harvard University sign MoU on developing Al Shafallah Center

As part of the agreement, a model will be established to evaluate the existing approach to care for children and young people with intellectual and mental health disabilities. The model will focus on promoting the rights and well-being of people with disabilities, paying special attention to the family support network and outreach and community services.

The project will lead to the development of a rights-based approach to the prevention, management and diagnosis of children and young people with disabilities and mental health disabilities, a sophisticated understanding of factors that are associated with a sustainable model of care, and a commitment to transform working practices and the provision of support and services throughout the region.

The agreement for social Services (CSS) and the Al Shafallah Centre for Intellectual and Mental Disabilities (AFCID) in Qatar includes a framework to develop new and innovative practices and make a positive impact in transforming working practices and the provision of support and services throughout the region.

Ooredoo telecommunication sponsor for Qatar's Strongest Man

Ooredoo has announced its sponsorship of Qatar’s Strongest Man competition taking place later this month.

The challenge will see eight of Qatar’s strongest men compete for the title of 'Qatar’s Strongest Man' over the ages of 16 to 21 with mental and physical disabilities. The competition is being held on March 21 and 22 at the Qatar Sports Club's Indoor Stadium.

Ooredoo’s support is in keeping with the company’s commitment to support people with disabilities and to promote inclusivity, gender equality and social responsibility. The future of the competition will be to open up opportunities for people with disabilities and ensure that they have equal chances to shine on the global stage.

Ooredoo to sponsor Flag Relay

Ooredoo will be sponsoring the Flag Relay, which will be held on March 21 and 22 at the Qatar Sports Club’s Indoor Stadium.

Temporary closure on Al Rayyan Road

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) have announced temporary closures on 14km of Al Rayyan Road both southbound and northbound in the morning and from 10pm to 4am in the evening due to the visitors to the Al Rayyan Road Marathon event on March 21.

The closure of the access to Al Khaif Street

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) have announced a six-month closure of the access to Al Khaif Street from the exit of Al Khaif Industrial Interchange from Monday (March 12). The closure is in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic to complete construction works at Al Khaif Interchange. Users coming from Seef and Doha Industrial City to Al Khaif Interchange will use the new exit of Al Khaif Industrial Interchange.

Dimdex signs Fincantieri as diamond sponsor for 2020

Fincantieri, a prestigious shipbuilding company, has announced that it will be a diamond sponsor for the Dimdex 2020 event taking place from March 16 to 18 at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

Foreign Ministry holds farewell ceremony for Italian envoy

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a farewell ceremony for the Italian ambassador Pasquale Salerno on Thursday, who is being replaced by Ambassador Sahel Hazem to mark the end of his tenure.

Shura Council’s Services and Public Utilities Committee holds meeting

Shura Council’s Services and Public Utilities Committee held a meeting yesterday to discuss the legal issues related to the new access to the country attended by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Qatar strongly condemns attack on military camp in Niger

Qatar has strongly condemned the attack that targeted a passenger bus in Kidal area in the northern Mali region.

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A passenger bus near the Kidal military camp in northern Mali was attacked on Thursday, killing three people and injuring others, according to the country's foreign ministry.

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Irving B. Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University and Al Shafallah Center for Intellectual and Mental Disabilities have announced the launch of a new sustainable, field-tested framework, providing a rights-based approach to the care of individuals with intellectual and mental health disabilities.

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Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended the signing ceremony with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani at Al Safwa Palace on December 13, 2019. The signing ceremony was attended by HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Tuan Negaraku YAB Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Mohamed Nazri bin Abdul Aziz and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Sri Haji Mohamed Haji Abdul Aziz bin Mohamed Ali.

Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, accompanied by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, at Harrods Tea Room at Hamad International Airport.

Qatar Airways celebrates official opening of Harrods Tea Room at HIA

Qatar Airways, together with Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive HE Akbar al-Baker, officially opened the Harrods Tea Room at Hamad International Airport (HIA), making Qatar Airways the first airline to launch such a venue in any airport in the world.

The new Harrods Tea Room is located on Level 3 of Qatar Airways’ dedicated lounge, providing a first-class experience to Qatar Airways’ customers. The opening of Harrods Tea Room is the latest brand extension as part of the airline’s partnership with Harrods, which was officially announced last December.

Qatar Airways’ senior vice-president for Marketing and Corporate Communications, Aakar Singh, said: “As the national carrier of Qatar, we are delighted to bring the celebrated Harrods Teahouse to Doha and provide our customers with an experience that is synonymous with British hospitality and luxury.

“Qatar Airways’ partnership with Harrods has been a great success since it was announced last December and we are excited to bring this iconic British institution to the skies by opening a Harrods Tea Room at Hamad International Airport.

“Harrods Tea Room at HIA is the perfect complement to Qatar Airways’ innovative inflight product offering and the Harrods First Class Lounge which opened at the airport in December last year. It is a wonderful addition to our inflight product line-up and will provide a first-class journey for our customers from end to end.”

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir Mohamad, attended the official reception ceremony at the Amir’s residence yesterday.

Qatar Airways partners with Culture Pass

Qatar Airways’ celebration of Qatar National Day on December 18 will be complemented by the opening of a Harrods Tea Room at Hamad International Airport (HIA), the airline announced yesterday.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive HE Akbar al-Baker, in a statement yesterday, said: “As the national carrier of Qatar, we are delighted to unveil the Harrods Tea Room at HIA, as part of our Qatar National Day celebrations, which will also include special menu offerings, fighter jets and a variety of special touches.

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Low turnout, protests mar Algerian polls

A minority of Algerians took part in the presidential elections yesterday, as the government imposed a ban on rallies to dissuade opposition demonstrators, who have been calling for a boycott of the poll.

As voters queued to the polls, hundreds of protesters clashed with the police, leaving at least two people injured, according to security forces.

Protests also gathered in other parts of the country, including the eastern city of Constantine, the country’s second-largest city.

Security forces were deployed in the eastern city of Constantine to prevent the protesters from gathering.

The protests were organized by a group of young people who have been calling for an end to corruption and for the country’s president to step down.

The protests have been ongoing for weeks, with demonstrators demanding the release of political prisoners and the resignation of the country’s president.

The French government has expressed its concern about the situation in Algeria and has called on the country’s leaders to respect the will of the people.

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Trump posed for top court battle over financial records

**Legal**

Weinstein agrees to $25mn settlement with accusers

The US actor has agreed to pay $25mn to settle a lawsuit with one of the women he abused, ending a lawsuit that was a major blow to the movie mogul's career.

**Deals**

ASAP Rocky performs in Sweden concert

The US rapper has played his first show in Sweden since he was arrested and charged with assault in Stockholm in July. The hip-hop star was arrested for punching a man who had been attacking a security guard.

**Politics**

Canada opposition turns to lead candidates

The leader of the Liberal party has announced that he will step down, triggering a leadership election for the party. The move comes after the party lost the 2019 federal election, but the party is now facing a leadership crisis.

**US**

Trump is ‘very close’ to trade deal, says Trump

President Donald Trump has said that the US is “very close” to a trade deal with China, but he has warned that there is still work to be done.

**Política**

Man executed for Texas prison murder

A Texas man who killed fellow inmate has been executed by lethal injection, ending his appeal to the US Supreme Court.

**Art**

A$AP Rocky performs in new music video

The rapper has released a new music video for his song “Biggipp,” featuring a cameo from former President Donald Trump.

**Entertainment**

Disney promises $1bn for streaming

The company has announced plans to spend $1bn on streaming content, marking a significant increase in its investment in the sector.
Malaysia seizes Vietnamese oil tanker that was tracked in North Korea

Bangladesh plastics factory blaze kills 13

A total of 13 people were killed and 32 others were critically wounded yesterday when a plastics factory in the city of Chittagong, southern Bangladesh, caught fire. The fire was reported to have started in the ground floor of the factory and quickly spread to the upper floors, killing many workers who were unable to escape the flames. The official death toll is expected to rise as many bodies were found in the debris. The factory, which produces plastic bags and other products, has been shut down pending further investigations by the authorities.

Suu Kyi slammed for ‘silence’ over Rohingya genocide claims

Aung San Suu Kyi was yesterday slammed for her silence over the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. The Nobel Peace Prize laureate has been officially charged with “misappropriation of government funds” by the military, which has also blocked her from attending international court proceedings. The charges are likely to further isolate Suu Kyi from the international community, which has previously called for her to resign over her failure to take action against the military’s persecution of the Rohingya Muslims.

Thai king completes coronation year with barge procession

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NZ military set for mission to retrieve bodies from volcano

All up

Taiwan probes massive visa scams

Taiwanese prosecutors have launched an investigation into travel agencies and individual groups that reportedly forged documents to help Chinese tourists visit the island. The probe comes amid rising concerns over potential nationalism by mainland tourists. The investigation, announced by the Liberty Times, has so far resulted in the arrest of two suspects questioned by police. The investigation sources as saying that around 15,000 mainlanders are believed to have come to Taiwan via the same visa since 2015, including many officials. The Liberty Times reported that the investigation is focusing on travel agencies that reportedly forged documents to help mainland tourists visit Taiwan. The paper said one of the tourism agencies was run by a former gangster who set up a dozen civil associations with special medical scores to repatriate some of the mainlanders, with at least 12 students anticipated to be flown to Taiwan to set up the country. However, many students have been arrested and are in a critical condition. The victims will be flown to hospitals in the country. The victims will be flown to hospitals in the country. The victims will be flown back to the mainland for further treatment, the official said. The paper said that Chinese citizens among those missing have been confirmed dead and police said it could “take some time”.

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A Royal Australian Air Force CT45 Guardian at Whakatane in New Zealand, yesterday.

New Zealand Police Department Commissioner Mike Clement speaks to the media about the recovery operation of the bodies of those killed on White Island in Whakatane in Bay of Plenty yesterday.

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Hong Kong's military will embark on a risky mission to retrieve bodies from the White Island volcano, officials and sources said, as pressure from grief-stricken families mounted.

Tens of thousands of visitors are believed to have visited the area on the same day as Monday’s eruption, leaving eight dead, including a 16-year-old student, told AFP. A teacher who attended with her son and gave her first name May, said the memorial hall was decorated with white flowers and photos of Chow.

Ng Tsz-Ching, an 8-year-old student, told AFP: “A teacher who attended with her son and gave her first name May, said the memorial hall was decorated with white flowers and photos of Chow.

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Hospitals have a “killip with a ‘rip-off’ car parking fees

Ministry of defence admits to widespread asbestos failures

Minister Boris Johnson says the Government is set to end “rip-off” hospital parking fees by the end of the year.

Lord Bethell, the parliamentary under-secretary of state for health and social care, made the commitment in a Lords debate.

He told the House of Lords that the Government had committed “to end rip-off hospital parking fees as soon as possible”.

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Thackeray allocates portfolios

Leading the charge against the government's Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB), Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said, "The CAB is absolutely wrong. The people of India should come together and say no to it." Thackeray further added that the CAB is not only an attack on the Constitution but also an attack on the values of democracy and secularism. He further stated that the CAB is an attempt to divide the country on the basis of religion and is a violation of Article 14 of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees equality before the law.

Two killed as protests rock Assam over Citizenship Bill

Two protesters were killed in Assam as residents of the state continued to protest against the government's Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). The protests, which began after the CAB was passed in Parliament earlier this week, have intensified in recent days, with more than 50 people reportedly injured in clashes with security forces. The government has defended the CAB as a move to provide citizenship to millions of illegal immigrants from neighboring countries, but the protesters allege that it is a move to give citizenship to the Muslim population of India.

Munde flexes muscles, dares BJP to dump her

India's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) senior leader and former chief minister of Maharashtra, Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, has defied the party's decision to take a tough line against the government's Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). Despite being given a three-month deadline to resign from the post, Vikhe Patil has so far refused to resign, saying that he will continue to speak out against the CAB.

Rare snake

A rare two-headed snake was found in a village under the Bhairab range in West Bengal's Hooghly district. The snake, a rare genetic mutation, has two heads and is believed to be around 40 years old. The snake was spotted by villagers who were surprised by its unusual appearance. The snake is believed to be around 40 years old and is considered a rare genetic mutation. The two heads of the snake are believed to be the result of a genetic error, and the snake is believed to have been born in the village of Ghoramora, near Kolkata.
Moraless lands in Argentina, will be granted refugee status

Bolivian ex-president Evo Morales has landed in Argentina where he will seek asylum after being granted refugee status, Argentine Foreign Minister Felipe Solis said.

Morales was granted asylum to travel outside of Bolivia and to seek asylum in Argentina after he fled Bolivia in November to escape a coup against him. He arrived in Argentina on November 13 after the OAS declared that there were serious irregularities in elections that he won, prompting political allies to quit and the army to stage a coup against Morales when he was sworn in.

He offered in November to grant Morales asylum in Argentina after he began his term. Solis said the government wanted to grant the request for safety of Morales in Argentina.

There was no meeting planned between Morales and Fernandez, but they did have direct phone conversations about the situation. Argentine President Juan Manuel Jair Bolsonaro has also reportedly talked with Morales.

Bolivian Foreign Minister Karen Longaric said in a LA Paz that she hoped an Argentine government would restore Morales from political exile.

“\*\*\* that Argentina rigged the elections with the principle and rules of the right of asylum and the right of return and that happened in Bolivia – that led to an open meeting – does not occur\*\*\*,” Longaric said.

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Outrage as Bogota police force woman into unmarked car

A woman was released if she had her car searched by the police.

**AFP**

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Missing plane wreckage found, confirms Chile

\*\*\* Late Wednesday, the governor of Chile’s far southern Magallanes region, Jose Rozas, said survivors had found man-made objects on the seafloor off the southern tip of South America.

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Bolsonaro takes softer tone on Argentina president

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has toned down his criticism of Argentina’s newly inaugurated President Alberto Fernandez, who has repeatedly been accused of human rights violations.

\*\*\* Bolsonaro has adopted a more conciliatory stance since Fernández took office on Tuesday, highlighting the importance of relations with the US.

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Ex-minister played for Chile rights abuses

\*\*\* Former President Sebastian Pinera’s government has been accused of human rights abuses.

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LATIN AMERICA
Priority action on ECP, army chief term issues

PM consults PTI leaders on constitutional amendments

Interviews

Prime Minister Imran Khan has met with several leaders of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party to discuss constitutional amendments that are necessary to prevent the army chief's term from ending. The meeting took place at the prime minister's residence in Islamabad.

In recent days, there has been speculation about the possibility of constitutional amendments being introduced to extend the term of the incumbent army chief, who is also a retired general. The prime minister's meeting with PTI leaders was seen as a move to consult with key members of the party on the matter.

The prime minister is expected to announce his decision on the constitutional amendments in the near future, and the army chief is expected to continue serving until then.

Cases lodged against 250 lawyers over hospital rampage

After hours of continued stoning, police arrested dozens of lawyers and their supporters who had gathered at a hospital in Karachi.

The lawyer community had gathered outside the 189-bed facility, where they had been throwing stones at the police and the hospital staff.

Police had to respond by using tear gas and batons to disperse the crowd.

Two police officials also sustained injuries.

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According to the lawyer community, the police had been using excessive force against them.

The lawyer community had earlier filed a complaint with the hospital administration, but their demands had not been met.

The lawyer community had also threatened to launch a hunger strike if their demands were not met.

More than 1.9mn apply to housing programme

The National Housing Authority (NHA) has received more than 1.9 million applications for the Naya Pakistan Housing Programme.

According to the NHA, the programme has been growing rapidly in recent months and has received a significant number of applications.

The applications are available online through the NADRA website and can be submitted by any eligible individual or family.

The programme aims to provide affordable housing to the urban and rural poor in Pakistan.

Imran the 5th most influential world leader on Twitter

Prime Minister Imran Khan has been ranked as the fifth most influential world leader on Twitter, according to a recent study.

The study, conducted by the Gulf Times, analyzed the top 10 world leaders on Twitter and ranked Khan in fifth place.

Khan's Twitter following has grown significantly since he took office in August 2018.

The prime minister's Twitter account now has over 11 million followers.

The study also highlighted Khan's use of Twitter to communicate with the public and to take on political opponents.

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Avoid shirk – setting up rivals in worship with Allah

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Bhik, subhanahu wa ta’ala, the Prophet and the people of the Book give each other the utmost respect and humanity. The Prophet demonstrated que a great love for his people. He gave all, even his body, for Allah. He was steadfast, and warned against shirk – opposing, altering or subtracting, from the oneness of Allah. This microfiber of evil is what distinguishes the Muslims from the disbelievers. Between a believer and a non-believer, the latter might be poor and destitute; but the Muslim will be poorer than the non-believer, and he will have more love for Allah. The Muslim has more love for his fellow Muslims than for himself. This has been emphasized in the hadith: “Do not seek any exchange for an opposing one.” (Qur’an 16:106). Allah says: “If, out of falsehood or to please men, they will make Allah’s name an incident of falsehood, then it is they who are the transgressors.” (Qur’an 11:116). The Messenger of Allah said: “You whom Allah has created as a means of dividing or to increase your desires, Allah has presided over them. So, set your affairs in order and tell the truth.” (Qur’an 9:24). This is a great service to society, and Allah will bless, purify and increase it, as the Prophet, sallallaahu wa sallam, said: “Whoever performs one good deed will enter Paradise without it being decreased in the least.” (Qur’an 9:24).

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Is Trump's new Nafta any better than the original?

There's one thing you can say for President Donald Trump's biggest trade deal so far: The new version of the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement is better than the one Trump initially negotiated a year ago. House Democrats and the Trump administration have negotiated a deal that will make the agreement more enforceable, limit its passage through Congress.

Once approved, the agreement will replace the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement. And while it hasn't been formally approved yet, the deal is generally considered a success. There's no question that the revised emissions regulations and other commercial and industrial standards are more stringent than the previous ones. There's also some debate about whether the new deal would have expanded patent protection for new medicines, which is no trade deal at all.

Clearly, the new version is better than Trump returning the country to the pre-Nafta status quo.

The most significant fact about the Nafta deal was its ability to strike a deal with the House Democratic leadership in the middle of the Democrats' efforts to impeach the president. That's why Trump's initial Nafta deal was so significant. It was the major win for the Trump administration and the House Democrats.

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DFI holding workshops and more

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Mahathir praises Qatar’s pioneering efforts

Education holds the key to the success of developing countries, Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad said during a visit to Qatar Foundation (QF) yesterday.

He was given an insight into QF’s efforts in the fields of education, science and research, and community development during his time at Education City, where he toured the 2015 edition of Qatar National Day celebrations. Speaking during his visit, Mohamad emphasised the role of education in a nation’s development, while highlighting the potential areas of collaboration between Qatar and Malaysia.

“Education is the key to the success of developing countries,” he said. “Qatar is also very strong in the context of oil and gas, as Malaysia is on a smaller scale.”

The prime minister also spoke of the need to introduce “digital technologies” in areas such as food security, including through the establishment of dairy farms.

“Having many universities, especially different disciplines, is a unique idea,” he said. “Qatar is fortunate to have this, and I am happy for future generations of Qataris will be extremely well-educated.”

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In celebration of this year’s Qatar National Day, the Doha Film Institute (DFI) is set to offer a wide range of family and film-related activities in Darb Al Saai until December 20.

In the workshops and activities section, children and families will have the opportunity to screen a variety of short stories through the “Stop Motion Slender” workshop, and learn about the basics of film motion and animation through a Flipbook and Stopframes workshop.

There will also be a studio, which is dedicated to educating visitors about the production process.

In addition, a selection of films will be screened from the DFI’s flagship programme, “Made in Qatar,” which will be followed by live discussions with the filmmakers.

DFI will also explore the “Art of Storytelling” through an interactive art exhibition consisting of a three-art structure: the song, the cartoon animation, and the narrator.