Cabinet okays social security draft law

The Cabinet yesterday approved the social security draft law and military retirement draft law and referred them to the Shura Council, in accordance with the regulations set by the provisions of the Constitution. (QNA)

The two draft laws come in implementation of the rights of retirees and ensure a decent life for them.

The most prominent provisions of the draft laws are the following:

1- Expanding the scope of insurance coverage to include the private sector, non-governmental organisations and the general public.
2- Granting a reward to the pensioner whose service period exceeds 30 years, in accordance with the regulations set by the Minister of Municipality yesterday.
3- Setting the minimum pension shall not be less than QR15,000.
4- Adding the specialisation allowance for the public and private sectors.
5- Reward to pensioners whose service period exceeds 30 years, adding the housing allowance, and adding the social allowance, housing allowance, insurance coverage expanded to include (the basic salary, social allowance, housing allowance), and adding the specialisation allowance for the military.
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Bureau International des Expositions of the expo, which is sponsored by the private sector, non-governmental organisations, representatives of the general public.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani yesterday received at the Amiri Diwan office the credentials of seven new ambassadors to Qatar. Pictured is the Amir meeting with the participation of 60 countries along with a number of international organisations, representatives of the private sector, non-governmental organisations and the General Public. (QNA)

The Ministry of Municipality yesterday announced the dates and other details for the International Horticultural Expo-2023 to be held in Doha. The expo will be inaugurated on October 2, 2023, until March 28, 2024, and will be the first of its kind in the Middle East. The expo will be held under the slogan ‘3-2-1 Qatar Olympic, Sports Museum’. (QNA)

Amir receives credentials of 7 envoys

Five new ambassadors accredited yesterday by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to the countries of Brazil, France, Switzerland, the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville) met the Amir at the Amiri Diwan office.

The new envoys presented their credentials to the Amir, after he submitted his credentials.

Amir visits Qatar Olympic, Sports Museum

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani yesterday visited the 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic, Sports Museum located next to Khalifa International Stadium. During the visit, the Amir was briefed on the progress of the process of preparing the galleries of the museum, which is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2022. It aims to highlight the role of sports in cultural and economic development, the history and legacy of the Olympic Games and its importance, and the development and progress of Arab and international athletes, in addition to highlighting the history of Qatar sports and athletes and Doha as an international sports centre.

The Amir was accompanied on the visit by the Chairperson of Qatar Museums Board of Trustees Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, a number of ministers and senior officials. (QNA)

Amir restructures QIA Board of Directors

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani issued Amiri Decision No. 66 of 2021 restructuring the Board of Directors of the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA). The decision stipulated that the Board of Directors of QIA would be restructured as follows: HE Saoud al-Thani – Chairperson, HE Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamad al-Thani, a number of ministers and senior officials. (QNA)
Cabinet nod for social security draft law

The Cabinet approved the draft law on social security. The ministerial committee discussed the draft law, noting that the Cabinet had approved a number of the law’s provisions, including:

1. The possibility for the insured to select the pension fund that best suits their needs.
2. The inclusion of a provision for the insured to change their pension fund if they wish.
3. The introduction of a system for calculating the pension based on the insured’s working years.
4. The establishment of a committee to oversee the implementation of the law.

The Cabinet also discussed other issues, including:

5. The need for the government to increase the minimum pension to ensure the financial stability of the system.
6. The importance of ensuring that the social security system is sustainable for the long term.

The Cabinet agreed to continue discussing the draft law and to finalize its provisions. The ministerial committee will present its recommendations to the Cabinet in the coming weeks.
Norwegian crew taken into custody for trespassing on private property: GCO

A Norwegian crew member has been arrested by the Norwegian government for trespassing on private property in Qatar. The crew member was allegedly seen on the property of the Norwegian embassy in Doha, apparently without permission. The crew member has been charged and will appear in court. The Norwegian government has emphasized the importance of respecting the sovereignty of other countries and the security of their embassies.

Labour ministry, Qatar Chamber, LIO project office hold meeting

The stakeholders met to discuss the progress of the LIO (Labor Immigration Office) project, which aims to improve the labor relations and immigration processes in Qatar. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Labor, the Qatar Chamber, and the LIO. They discussed the implementation of new labor laws and regulations, as well as the role of the LIO in facilitating the labor market in Qatar. The meeting was held to ensure the smooth implementation of the project and to address any concerns that may arise.

Aman observes international day for elimination of family violence

Aman, a Qatar-based organization dedicated to the prevention of family violence, has observed the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The day is marked by various activities and events organized by Aman to raise awareness about the issue of family violence and to provide support to its victims. The organization also launched a new campaign to raise funds for its programs and services.

Qatar residents reassured on booster dose

Dr. Yousef al-Maslamani, the senior health official in Qatar, reassured residents that the third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. He explained that booster doses are necessary to maintain high levels of immunity and protect against new variants of the virus. He also emphasized the importance of taking the booster dose to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect vulnerable populations.

Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) President, Mr. Saif al-Mutairi, has said that Oman's labor market is in a good shape and that the government's efforts to regulate the labor market are bearing fruit. He also highlighted the importance of the labor market in the overall economy of the country.

Amir honours Eswatini envoy

The Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, has honoured the Eswatini envoy to Qatar, Amb. Felix Dlamini, for his contributions to the bilateral relations between Qatar and Eswatini. The Amir expressed his appreciation for the envoy's efforts to strengthen the cooperation between the two countries and wished him success in his future endeavors.
Qatari embassy holds Open House

Labour ministry organises workshop on Qatarisation

QRCS discusses humanitarian co-operation with Djibouti envoy

The Qatar Mobility Innovation Centre (QMIC) has signed a co-operation agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), represented by the National Programme of Conservation and Energy Efficiency (Trihedron), a new addition to the Wain platform. This agreement is aimed at leveraging the platform’s abilities to connect users with local suppliers, services and resources. The agreement was reached at a workshop involving various smallholder farmers in the Al Shaqrah district, which has been carrying out a project to achieve the goal enhancing smallholder agriculture and protecting their livestock from disease outbreaks, confl ict, and recurrent shocks, with colliding and cumulative eff ects.

In partnership with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), QRCS has launched a new micro-app to support farming and pastoral communities at risk in advance to relevant actions. Through this micro-app, users will be able to inform anticipatory action. This will serve as the objective of QRCS’s humanitarian work related to occupational health and safety based on the National Health and Safety Strategy 2019-2022.
Qatar Charity delivers aid to flood-affected in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Qatar Charity (QC) has distributed urgent relief aid to hundreds of families affected by the 2021 floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The relief intervention is part of QC’s humanitarian duty towards those affected by disasters and crises. The aid, including food supplies, personal hygiene items and solar drinking water, has directly benefited 2,500 people in the areas most affected by winter’s heavy rains that caused flash floods.

Al Meera opens second wholesale branch in Al Wakrah Central Market


The wholesale market counts a recorded 2,000,000 visitors monthly, worth more than QR750,000,000, in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2015 to 2020.

QC’s humanitarian duty towards Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the ‘Warmth and Peace’ campaign. The aid includes food supplies, clothing, blankets and firewood to fit 2,500 people in the areas most affected by winter’s heavy rains that caused flash floods.

Qatar Tourism announces start of public vote for ‘Iconic Limousine Design’ competition

Qatar Tourism in partnership with Mowasalat (Karwa) has announced the start of the voting period for the ‘Iconic Limousine Design’ competition.

With over 450 submissions, the contest has seen overwhelming participation from citizens and residents. Qatar Tourism has said in a statement, Qatar Tourism’s commitment to striving for a defining 21st-century architecture, art, culture and heritage, progressive future, as well as sustainability and social responsibility. The public vote will last from November 23 to December 14. The design that garners the most public votes will win the ‘People’s Design Choice’ award. A jury panel will also evaluate the shortlisted designs and select the winning design, which will be hosted on Qatar Tourism’s iconic Limousines. To view the shortlisted designs and to select the favourite design, visit www.qatar-tourism.qm.qa and click on the ‘Limousine Design’ competition.

Al Wakrah National Diabetes Centre relocates to Mesaieed Hospital

Al Wakrah National Diabetes Centre has been relocated to Mesaieed Hospital to enable the multidisciplinary team to treat more patients with the condition.

The National Diabetes Centre, which opened at Al Wakrah in 2004, provides care and treatment with access to world-class diabetes services in one place. Last year, the centre saw more than 2,000 patient visits.

Dr Mahmoud Zirie, senior consultant and head of the Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Department, said: “The centres provide customers with large quantities of useful information on diabetes and honey products at competitive price. This will bring local and international patients to build business relationships and networks. Moreover, it offers a strategic location that is close to residential areas, whilst also being on the way to Katameya Beach.

The wholesale market aims to provide customers with large quantities of goods featuring high-quality, diverse, competitive lines at competitive prices. This will benefit local and international businesses alike.

Dr Zirie added: “Moving the centre from Al Wakrah to Mesaieed marks an important milestone in the centre’s development. The new location enables us to provide a better patient experience, “ he said. There are two additional National Diabetes Centres located at Hamad General Hospital and the Women’s Wellness and Research Centre. In Qatar, about 3% of the adult population is thought to have diabetes. About 30-40% of Qatar’s population is estimated to be pre-diabetic.
80 countries to take part in global horticultural expo

T he International Horticultural Expo (Doha Expo) 2023 will be held from October 2, 2023, until March 24, 2024, with the participation of 80 countries along with a number of international organisations, representing the private sector, non-governmental organisations and the public.

The Ministry of Environment yesterday announced the dates and other details of the expo, which will take place at Al Bidda Park in Doha under the slogan “Better Environment”, with the support of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE). It is the first expo to be held in the Middle East and North Africa. Qatar was distinguished by the multiple activities and events, including participation in a number of international horticultural exhibitions, the last of which was Expo 2019 in Japan, where Qatar was the only developing country to participate.

HE al-Subaie highlighted the support of the Supreme Council of Delivery & Legacy, Qatar Tourism Authority (Ashghal), Qatar Tourism and the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy, and affirmed that the committee is continuing its preparations to host Doha Expo 2023 despite the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that the efforts of the team led by the director of the Public Parks Department and secretary-general of the Committee, Mohamed Ali Shukry, who continues to plan and work with full force and with the speed required to organise an “outstanding event”.

He explained that the International Horticultural Expo (Category A) will be held for the first time in Qatar, and will be the first international horticultural exhibition in the Middle East and North Africa. Al-Subaie said that the exhibition is being launched under the auspices of the HE, the intergovernmental organisation responsible for sponsoring and organizing all international exhibitions, and the International Society for Horticultural Culture, an international organisation specialized in encouraging horticultural cultures, which will be displayed at the exhibition.

Al-Subaie noted that the location of the exhibition – Al Bidda Park – is one of the most picturesque places in the heart of Qatar. The expo will be divided into three areas that will be designed and equipped to enhance a unique and distinctive experience.

There will be an international area, which will be the main attraction and the focal point for the game, international exhibitions and events, as well as diplomatic meetings, business meetings and cultural activities, which will be a family area, which will be the ideal area to host various exhibitions and events; the family area, which will be an area for visitors not only by providing a unique experience, endurance and entertainment, as it includes a mix of international sub-themes that pave the way for visitors not only by providing them with cultural immersion and international exchange, but also by providing them with a unique visit to the exotic pavilions, inspiring them to be part of the change.


The International Horticultural Expo (Doha Expo) 2023 will be a catalyst for change by hosting an international exhibition of this magnitude and providing an effective forum for dialogue on this pressing issue. It is expressed hope that the expo will serve as a platform for visitors and exhibitors to promote this unique event, enabling them with useful information that can be beneficial to reduce environmental desertification.

Al-Subaie highlighted the opportunities and benefits that the expo provides for the participating in-counter organisations and the general public. א

The Ministry of Municipality and President of the National Committee for Doha Expo 2023 Abdullah bin Abdulrahman bin Jabor al-Thani, stressed that Qatar, under the wise vision of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, is taking part with a large and distinguishedistinguished pavilion.

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Ashghal installs solar lamps at worksites

By Sheikha Al Mayassa

The Qatar Foundation recently announced dates of the event, an event that is scheduled to take place this year. The event, which is managed by Ashghal, will be held in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The event will be managed by Ashghal, which is working closely with the local community to ensure the smooth running of the event, which is expected to attract up to 10,000 visitors.

The event will be held on the campus of Doha College and will feature a variety of activities, including a physical exhibition of a portion of Qatar's cultural heritage, a musical performance by the Qatar National Symphony Orchestra, and a visual art exhibition.

The event will also feature a range of workshops and seminars, including a workshop on Qatar's cultural heritage, a workshop on Qatar's economy, and a seminar on Qatar's education system.

Tickets for the event will be available through the Qatar Foundation website, and the event will be open to the public.

Indian carnival tomorrow to support FIFA World Cup 2022

By Sooraya Hashmi

A Indian carnival will be held tomorrow to support the FIFA World Cup 2022, which is scheduled to take place in Doha, Qatar. The carnival will be held at the Indian Cultural Centre, which is one of the main venues for the event.

The carnival will feature a range of activities, including a cultural performance by the Indian National Youth Organisation, a musical performance by the Indian National Children's Academy, and a visual art exhibition.

The event will be managed by the Indian Community Services Trust, which is working closely with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to ensure the smooth running of the event.

Tickets for the event will be available through the Indian Cultural Centre website, and the event will be open to the public.

QNTA receives ISO certification renewal

Qatar's National Tourism Authority (QNTA) has received renewal of its ISO 9001:2015 quality management system certificate from Doha College. The certificate was awarded after a review of the organization's operations and commitment to fulfilling all standards.

Since receiving the ISO certification in 2019, QNTA has maintained its commitment to quality management, providing best practices in attracting, training, and recruiting Arabic-speaking Muslim nannies familiar with Qatar's culture. This is a testament to the organization's dedication to excellence and continuous improvement.

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The renewal of the ISO 9001:2015 certificate is a testament to QNTA's dedication to quality management, ensuring that the organization continues to meet the highest standards in its operations.

Doha College's Mockingbird and Doha Players to hold joint shows at NMoQ

Mockingbird Youth Theatre and Doha College's Mockingbird Academy have announced the upcoming joint shows at NMoQ, which will feature a range of performances.

The shows will include a production of 'Blue Stockings,' which is set in the 19th century and explores the struggle of women to graduate. The play is directed by Jane Williams, who is well known to Doha theatregoers, and is expected to attract a wide audience.

The shows will be held in the Qatar Foundation Theatre, which is one of the main venues for the event.

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“The excitement to return to Doha and get together with faculty and students after this period of global instability – in a way it was an occasion to celebrate the department’s work together with mind.”
HOPE Qatar Centre for Special Needs has bagged a global award. Special needs centre gets award

Researchers from different parts of the world who have contributed to the betterment of lives of persons with Down syndrome. The World DS, 2021 was decided for a post due to the COVID-19 imposed hiatus. This edition of the conference was held virtually because of the restrictions related to the pandemic. Thousands of participants including organisations, advocates with disabilities, self advocates and family members from around the world attended the event from November 16-20.

Announcing the award, Bridgette Sonnichsen, president of Down Syndrome International said “HOPE Qatar is a pioneer in providing support, opportunity, participation and education to the differently-abled children in Qatar”. In an acceptance speech, executive director Shadi Al Naemi said: “The decision is a great milestone in the journey of HOPE Qatar. It encourages us to continue our mission to bring the very best in each differently-abled child and youth in Qatar.

CNA-Q holds annual academic awards ceremony

A total of 46 students of the college were awarded with awards – CNA-Q (College of the North Atlantic – Qatar) ‘Academic Excellence 2021-22’ awards at the annual academic awards ceremony yesterday.

The event was attended by Dr Salem bin Ahmed Al-Naemi, president, CNA-Q; the college Board of Trustees; Dr Ibrahim bin Saleh al-Naimi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education; Dr Mohamad Al-Aidi, vice-chairman of CNA-Q’s Board of Trustees; Dr Salem bin Abdullah Al-Naemi, ambassador to Qatar; Khalid Sheikh, chairman of the ministry’s Information Technology; Ashraf Rashed, a student in Information Technology; and Sheikha Entisar bint Ali, minister of justice, and national organisation is a recipient of the 2021-22 Achiever Scholarship for the Very Best in each Differently-abled Child.

Mr. Al-Naemi said: “CNA-Q aims to be a driver of change by creating and delivering high impact programmes that are directly in support of the human development plan of the Qatar National Vision 2030”. He added: “This recognition is a great milestone in the journey of CNA-Q and we will continue our dedication and commitment, and will encourage us to continue our mission to bring the very best in each differently-abled child under our care.”

Overnight closure on Al Shamal Road

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced a 4-hour overnight closure (from 10am to 2am) from tomorrow until Sunday on Al Shamal Road between Al Ghanim Roundabout in Dukhan and Al Khater Interchange. It is the second time in the past two months that this road has been closed due to road works. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry urges the public to plan their routes accordingly and to follow the speed limit to ensure safety.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has recalled 10,000 units of the Mercedes-Benz S-class 2021 model, due to a technical problem. The recall was communicated to customers through the necessary channels. The MoCI urged all customers to ensure that they carried out the necessary repairs. The MoCI also asked all customers to follow the speed limit to ensure safety.

Poplar shopping destination Al Asmakh Mall at Al Sadd will be open for 24 hours starting from tomorrow until Sunday as part of the ‘Big Friday Sale’. All stores will be open throughout the night, as a statement explained. Landmark Group brands such as Centrepoint, Home Centre, Max & Co., Mercedes-Benz, and Caribbean, as well as Al Daayen and Umm Lekhba Shopping Centres will be operating over 35 countries.

Some of the outstanding students with officials at the ceremony. Most of the students were recognized in six categories: Overall highest academic achievement, highest achievement in academic achievement, highest achievement in community service, highest achievement in athletics, highest achievement in arts and highest achievement in technical specialisation.

CNA-Q offers 50 high-quality programs led by qualified instructors in technical-skills classrooms, workshops, laboratories, and state-of-the-art equipment. The college has transformed the education and training landscape of the state by providing a fulfilling foundation for a destination for skills and vocational education and training.

"We urge all students to follow the speed limit and ensure safety," the MoCI said.

Special needs centre gets award

Hublot, QDF partner in HJA boutique launch

Mercedes-Benz, Mazda models recalled

Clayton Group has recalled 2,000 units of the Mazda 3, due to a problem with the logo on the steering wheel. The recall campaign comes within the framework of the MoCI’s continuous effort to protect consumers and ensure that dealers follow up on vehicle defects and repairs. All owners of the vehicles are strongly urged to contact their dealers to follow up on the maintenance and repair works and will communicate with customers to ensure that they carry out the necessary repairs. The MoCI urges all customers to report any violations to its Consumer Protection and Anti-Commercial Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: Call centre 1900, a mobile application: Harbour (HABR), and for more information: MOCIQATAR.
The economic benefits of protecting 30% of the world’s land and oceans by 2030 – including job creation in sectors such as forestry and tourism – would likely outweigh the costs by a ratio of at least 5 to 1.

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The Covid-19 pandemic is not only a health crisis, but also an economic one. Multilateral organizations, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, have raised billions to fund health-care efforts, with the goal of protecting the health system and averting a recession. But it is less than 1% of global GDP (roughly $87 trillion in 2019), and 30% of which has gone to vaccines alone.

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Putin ‘concerned over Ukraine provocations, EU chief told”

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has had “constructive conversations” with his German counterpart Olaf Scholz and French counterpart Emmanuel Macron over the situation in Ukraine, the Kremlin has said.

Putin also put the need to end Kyiv’s policy of destabilisation against the background of the Ukrainian issue on the agenda during talks with the French leader, the Presidential Press Service said.

The phone call came amid a series of provocations reported by Ukrainian military activity along the contact line, with the OSCE saying it had “violated confidence” with its counterpart in Kyiv.

The Kremlin said that Russia would be ready to work with its counterparts in the Normandy format if it is “willing to respond in a proportionate manner”.

Meanwhile, Macron stayed behind the scenes as Moscow and Kyiv continued to exchange threats and accusations.

The French President was due to visit Kyiv on Monday to attend a meeting between the leaders of Ukraine and France as part of a “triplet summit”.

The Trianon-style talks were described as a “crucial test” for the future of the talks as they aim to resolve the conflict.

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A member of the UK Border Force helps children on a beach in Dungeness, on the south-east coast of England, yesterday after being rescued while crossing the English Channel.

Fall in Covid-testing worries India officials

India has reported a fall in daily Covid testing, which has prompted the health ministry to conduct a national survey to assess the extent of the drop.

India’s daily Covid testing rate has fallen significantly in recent weeks, with the number of tests performed in the past week dropping by 34.5%. The drop is being attributed to a number of factors, including a decrease in the number of active cases and the reduced need for testing in areas where vaccination rates are high.

The health ministry has been conducting a weekly survey of Covid testing rates to assess the extent of the drop.

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**Amir visits Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani yesterday visited the 32nd Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum in the presence of trustees of the museum and senior officials.

The Amir visited the sections and galleries of the museum and was briefed about the stories presented in the museum, which highlight Qatar’s achievements in sports and culture, in addition to its historical and current memories in terms of sports and society.

The Amir expressed his appreciation and thanks to those who contributed to the museum’s establishment. He also highlighted the importance of such a museum for all Qataris as an overlook of the achievements and national values and how they have contributed to the progress of the country.

The Amir also expressed his support for the activities and events that will be implemented in the museum, and he called on all Qataris who welcome the achievements and developments in Qatar to visit the museum.

**Defence minister attends inauguration of 11th Joint Hawk Squadron in Britain**

The joint squadron, which belongs to the Royal Air Force Station, was inaugurated.

The ceremony took place at the Leeming Air Force Station, which belongs to the Royal Air Force, in the presence of HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al-Attiyah and UK Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace.

The joint squadron is for joint military training on Hawk aircraft. It is the first of its kind in the region and will be used by the Qatar Armed Forces. Dr Wallace said that the Hawk aircraft uses a state-of-the-art simulation and a number of ranking officers of the Qatar Armed Forces.

The inauguration was also attended by HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al-Attiyah and with UK Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace at the RAF Leeming Base.

The ceremony was also attended by HE the Chairman of Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum Board of Trustees Sheikha Al-Maysara bint Hamad bin Thani Al-Thani, a number of members and senior officials.

**Msheireb Museums hosts ‘Mahalat’ art exhibition by artist Youssef Ahmed**

Msheireb Museums is inviting the public to visit an exhibition of oil paintings by Youssef Ahmed, which is regarded as one of the pioneers of contemporary art in Qatar.

The exhibition, titled ‘Mahalat’, showcases 41 oil paintings by Ahmed, who is part of a series of ongoing initiatives and events to enrich Qatar’s cultural and artistic potential.

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The exhibition takes place at Msheireb Museums, on an artistic journey through oil paintings by the creative artist Youssef Ahmed, who uses his impressionistic approach to evoke vivid images of the past and present and provide an important legacy for our present and future.

The exhibition is being held on Saturdays from 9am-5pm, Fridays from 3pm-9pm, and on Sundays from 2pm-8pm.

**Glimpses from the Poetry Night.**

Msheireb Museums is encapsulating the region’s culture through "Mahalat" exhibitions of oil paintings by Youssef Ahmed, a pioneer in contemporary art in Qatar.

The event will take place at Msheireb Museums in the presence of HE the Minister of Culture and Heritage, HE the Undersecretary, HE the Cultural Attaché, HE the Director of Msheireb Museums, and other officials.

The event will feature an exhibition of oil paintings by Youssef Ahmed, who is regarded as one of the pioneers of contemporary art in Qatar.

Youssef Ahmed is a key figure in the region’s contemporary art scene and has contributed significantly to the art world. His work is characterized by its exploration of the Arab and Muslim identity and its representation in contemporary art.

The event is being held in collaboration with Msheireb Museums, which aim to promote the region’s cultural heritage and foster excellence in contemporary art.