

مراج الأجلاد... أمانت



مرت في العيرت على منزل ورسم لنا ما غنينا الهباب  
ديار لنا غدا ما كل موسم مراعنا لا زخرفنا العشاب  
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# National Day News

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HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani will inaugurate, Tuesday evening at Al Bayt Stadium, the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021, with the participation of a number of Their Excellencies, Their Highnesses, Heads of State and Heads of Delegations of Arab Countries.





## H.H. Sheikh Tamim Takes Part in COP26 on Climate Change

H.H. the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani participated in the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) at the Convention Center in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom.

His Highness the Emir of the country met with a number of heads of brotherly and friendly countries and heads of delegations participating in the conference.

The participants in the work of the Glasgow Summit to confront climate change reached a new agreement, aimed at reducing the environmental risks to the planet.

The new agreement is the first of its kind that explicitly provides for a reduction in the use of coal, which causes an increase in gaseous emissions into the atmosphere.



## مرايج الأجداد... أمانة



## ANCESTRAL MEADOWS: A MATTER OF TRUST

From time immemorial, Qataris have always maintained a close-knit relationship with their environment. They were brought up on the land that shaped their characteristics, and they explored and coexisted with nature, the colors of its soil and sea and its seasonal changes, to the extent that the environment has become part and parcel of their existence and a major source of influence in the building of their personality and identity.

The simplicity of Qatari life reflects that of their environment, and the placidness of the land is equally manifested in the moral rectitude of the people, their modesty. The smoothness of their language and the clarity of their expression, qualities which, in turn, reflect on their clothing style and architecture.

The intersection of sea and land is a distinctive feature of the Qatari environment, which makes their lives the quintessence of two blessings that enrich their livelihood with their bounties. They went to sea in the summer season for diving and relocated to terra firma in the winter season. They embraced the realms of the sea in search of pearls, empowered with wisdom and courage, believing that the meaning of life resides in interaction with others, which is why Qataris welcomed with open arms the ships coming to their shores from far and wide.

In the desert, Qataris found inspiration and acumen despite the difficulty of desert life as reflected in the scarcity of water and lack of grassland. They were, nonetheless, able to tame the desert through patience, and the beauty of the meadows enhanced the beauty of their poetry and creativity.

Qataris roamed the land of which God has made them vicegerents; so, they contemplated it and took care of it, using stones and animal fur to build their homes, but without indulging in extravagance. Because they appreciated the blessings of God upon them, and their expression of gratitude towards God was articulated in deed before words.

Qataris became attached and loyal to their environment, and their devotion to the land enhanced their sense of belonging and pride. The environment assumed an important place in their lives and was celebrated in their songs and poems, as the following verses from the “Elegy” of the Sheikh, the founding father, illustrate:

Oh, how many caravans have passed by,  
Leaving behind vestiges of the fluctuations of the times,  
Abodes our sights are accustomed to as the seasons slip by,  
Our meadows ornamented with herbs.





## H.H. Emir Tamim takes part in Middle East Green Initiative Summit in Riyadh

His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar, participated in the Summit of the Middle East Green Initiative. A number of Their Excellencies, Highnesses, and Heads of State and Government representatives participated in the summit. The Middle East Green Initiative summit is one of the initiatives adopted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which brings together prominent international and regional leaders to reach consensus on measures to meet common environmental commitments



## H.H. Sheikhha Moza: There is a cultural connection between the Sidra Tree and every Qatari household

Her Highness Sheikhha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, spoke about the history of the establishment of Qatar Foundation, its logo and the symbol of the Sidra tree. This came during Her Highness' participation in a special discussion session entitled: Stories from Qatar Foundation that have not yet been told. This was made on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of Qatar Foundation, which was broadcast by Qatar TV.

The story of the Qatar Foundation logo, which is the symbol of the Sidra tree, was among the inspiring stories that were covered during the same session.

Her Highness said: "There is a close relationship between the Sidra tree and every Qatari house, and affinity between the Qatari person and Sidra," noting that this tree has tremendous endurance and beautiful patience.

Her Highness added that the Sidra tree shades everyone with its leaves, so the Foundation decided to take this slogan and this direction, to shade Qatar Foundation over its sons and daughters in Qatar.

Her Highness said: "Because we were aware of the magnitude of the challenges that would come our way, we are confident that the Sidra tree will remain green because it is able to overcome all challenges."

## A new look for the official website of the Qatar National Day

The Qatar National Day Celebrations Organizing Committee has launched a new look for the official website of the Qatar National Day, which can be accessed via the following link: <http://qatar.qa>.

The new website contains the slogan of the State's National Day for the current year 2021 (Ancestral Meadows: A Matter of Trust), in addition to the slogans of the State's National Days, over the past years. The new website also contains historical information about the State's National Day, its history, Al-Adaam, the national anthem, and the vision and values of the State of Qatar. The website also includes historical information about the founder, Sheikh Jassim bin Muhammad bin Thani, may God rest his soul, as well as his religious values, his love for knowledge and scholars. The website includes the most important events that take place during the celebrations of the State's National Day, in addition to other aspects related to this great national occasion





# ارتباط وثيق بين القطريين وبيئتهم



## Local newspapers celebrate Qatari environment

Local newspapers celebrated this year's National Day slogan, which includes evoking the importance of the environment and its preservation, by preparing special supplements on the environment, dealing with its various components, and emphasizing the importance of its sustainability.

Al-Sharq newspaper issued a special supplement on the environment, during which it shed light on the intensive preparations by the Qatar National Day Celebrations Organizing Committee (QNDCOC) for the National Day Celebrations throughout the year. In addition to addressing the efforts of Qatar Foundation in achieving sustainability, the newspaper also highlighted several environmental issues emphasizing the importance of the environment and sustainability for development.

The supplement notes the efforts of the Suhail Group in promoting environmental sustainability, in addition to Qatar Cool's efforts to conserve energy for tomorrow, as well as the efforts of Aspire Zone towards green sustainability.

The newspaper Al-Raya conducted several press interviews on many environmental issues, stressing that the coasts of Qatar include the second largest concentration of dugongs, as nearly 3,000 dugongs live on the West Coast. The local production of fish is estimated at 15,087 tons.

The supplement dealt with the fishermen's proposals to

protect and preserve the marine environment, by highlighting its diversity of components, and that it must be preserved to ensure its safety and sustainability, and so that generations can pass on this legacy.

The supplement conducted a survey of the views of a number of pioneers of digital platforms, including Instagram, to get acquainted with the trends and view of environmentalist activists.

Al-Watan newspaper also issued a special supplement on the Qatari environment, which included several topics and press interviews that reflect the close connection of Qataris to their environment. The environment has taken an important place in the lives of Qataris, and their attachment to it is evident in their traditional songs and poems.

The supplement also sheds light on the country's efforts to preserve the environment, indicating its importance as a top priority locally and internationally. In this regard, the State has enacted several legislations to protect natural resources and achieve sustainable development. The supplement also sheds light on the animals and insects that are beneficial to the Qatari environment.

The English-language Gulf Times newspaper issued a supplement highlighting the importance of the Qatari marine environment and its living organisms, especially dugongs





## From experience, preserving the environment is a collective responsibility

His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, may God protect him, spoke during the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the opening of Hamad bin Khalifa University, last week. He addressed the need to preserve the land of Qatar and the local environment from any potential damages in the medium and long run. This talk came in the presence of a group of officials, experts, professors and former officials, and in the presence of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Emphasizing Qatar's interest in the environment and climate change, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of the country, may God protect him, participated in the Middle East Green Initiative summit in Saudi Arabia last week. It also includes prominent international and regional leaders aiming to reach consensus on actions to meet shared environmental commitments.

The most prominent themes of the summit

include ways to confront the climate change crisis, the challenges of the energy transition, and new investment opportunities in the green economy, while laying the foundations of climate diplomacy, in order to enhance the political will necessary to bring about a fundamental change for a better planet for humanity.

That is why the Emiri Decree No. 4 of 2021, established an independent ministry, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, to meet the requirements of the necessary needs to preserve the environment, and to fulfill the aspirations of Qatar Vision 2030.

The establishment of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change represents an important strategic step that confirms the continuous interest and unlimited support of His Highness the Emir of the country - may God protect and preserve him - in preserving the environment and climate change

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## Pictures from the Qatari environment



## " Our Tweets "

