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Urban Development (1/2)

Ashghal Announces Road Enhancements with Asphalt Works in Corniche and Dafna

Ashghal has announced the implementation of major enhancements to asphalt works, which will be accompanied by temporary traffic closures and diversions in key areas, including the Corniche and Dafna. These improvements are part of ongoing efforts to upgrade road infrastructure, improve driving conditions, and ensure safer and smoother traffic flow for all road users.

Legtaifiyah Park Reopens After Upgrade Works

Doha Municipality has announced the reopening of Legtaifiyah Park on Sunday, 3 August 2025, following a comprehensive month-long maintenance and development program. The works included the refurbishment of the children's play area with new flooring, repainting, and safety upgrades to playground equipment. Pathways across the park were also repaired and repainted to improve accessibility for walkers and joggers. The Municipality expressed its appreciation to visitors for their patience during the closure and reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing public spaces, ensuring safety, and providing a welcoming environment for families and the community.

Partial Closure at Al Kharaitiyat Interchange for Maintenance Works

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced a partial closure at the Al Kharaitiyat Interchange, affecting the exit towards Al Ebb and Al Kharaitiyat for traffic coming from Doha. As part of scheduled maintenance works, the number of lanes will be reduced from two to one from the evening of Sunday, August 10, 2025, until Sunday, August 31, 2025, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic. During this period, motorists are advised to follow directional signs, adhere to the posted speed limits, and use alternative routes as indicated on the attached map. Ashghal appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding, noting that the closure is necessary to enhance road safety and improve traffic flow in the area.

Completion of Roads & Infrastructure Development Project in Al Wajba East

Package 3 of the Roads & Infrastructure Development Project in Al Wajba East has been completed, providing extensive improvements that serve 417 plots, following the completion of Package 1 in early 2024, which serves 388 plots. The project delivers an integrated road network spanning 17 km, enhancing traffic flow and connectivity to public facilities, including schools, commercial establishments, mosques, and the Al Wajba Health Centre.

Urban Development (2/2)

Partial Closure at Jassim bin Thani bin Jassim Al-Thani Street and Ras Al Nouf Street Intersection

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) announces a partial closure at the signalized intersection linking Jassim bin Thani bin Jassim Al-Thani Street with Ras Al Nouf Street, starting from midnight on Monday, August 18, until Sunday, August 31, 2025, affecting all traffic heading towards Doha. The 13-day closure is being implemented to carry out essential maintenance works, and during this period, road users coming from Jassim bin Thani bin Jassim Al-Thani Street and Ras Al Nouf Street towards Doha are advised to use alternative routes to reach their destinations safely.

MoT and Ashghal Strengthen School Zone Safety Ahead of New Academic Year

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) emphasizes student safety with key school zone measures, including pedestrian crossing warnings, 30 km/h speed limits, and “reduce speed” alerts. Supporting this, the Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has upgraded 611 schools nationwide with road markings, railings, signage, reflective studs, and mini roundabouts as part of its ‘School Zone Safety Programme.’ Ahead of the new school year, with over 365,000 students returning, the General Directorate of Traffic, together with Ashghal and Mowasalat (Karwa), has strengthened traffic management with increased police presence and deployed 3,000 eco-friendly school buses equipped with GPS, surveillance cameras, and driver monitoring systems to ensure safer commutes for students.



Transport Infrastructure (1/2)

Qatar's Aviation Sector Experiences Sustainable, Demand-Led Growth

Qatar's aviation sector is experiencing steady, sustainable growth driven by demand-led measures, efficient network management, and gradual capacity adjustments rather than rapid expansion. Airlines operating through Doha are making incremental network enhancements and optimizing fleet usage to increase per-flight capacity, while seasonal peaks contribute to year-round growth. Hamad International Airport supports this trend with improved turnaround times, optimized scheduling, expanded codeshare activity, and minor infrastructure upgrades, allowing higher connectivity and throughput without straining facilities. Passenger and cargo volumes are rising in parallel, reflecting a balanced, resilient aviation market, strong travel demand, robust trade activity, and controlled capacity aligned with actual demand, creating a stable trajectory for long-term sector growth.

Doha Metro Services Resume During Corniche Road Closure

Metro services resumed on Friday, August 6, to facilitate transportation during the temporary closure of the Corniche from August 6 to 10. The Doha Metro network, comprising 37 stations, serves key destinations including the National Museum, Souq Waqif, Corniche, Al Bidda, West Bay, and DECC station, helping to reduce traffic congestion. Metrolink and MetroExpress services continue to operate, with some routes temporarily diverted to access metro stations.

Park & Ride Enhances Sustainable Transport Across Doha

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) is advancing sustainable mobility in Doha through the Park & Ride service, providing free, convenient parking near major metro stations at Al Wakra, Al Qassar, Lusail, and Education City. Part of the Public Bus Infrastructure Program, the service allows commuters to leave their cars at designated lots and continue their journeys via the Doha Metro, helping reduce traffic congestion, cut carbon emissions, and ease commuting into central Doha. Since its launch in 2020 and phased expansion, the initiative has become a cornerstone of Qatar's integrated transport strategy, supporting Qatar National Vision 2030 by promoting environmental sustainability, modern urban mobility, and an improved quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Express Bus Route E801 Launched in Northern Qatar

The Express Route E801 was launched on August 17, connecting Lusail, Al Khor, and Al Ruwais with limited stops and a two-hour frequency, reducing travel times and enhancing passenger convenience. The service, part of Mowasalat Qatar's expanding express bus network, improved connectivity for residents, workers, and visitors while providing a reliable alternative to private transport. The launch supported broader mobility and sustainability strategies, with Mowasalat implementing eco-friendly measures such as electric vehicles, digital tools to reduce paper use, and greywater recycling systems that reused up to 50% of water for bus washing, contributing to Qatar National Vision 2030 goals.

Transport Infrastructure (2/2)

Qatar Aviation Sector Shows Growth in July 2025

Qatar's aviation industry recorded growth in July 2025, with 24,233 aircraft movements, a 0.2% increase from July 2024. Passenger traffic rose 1.4% to 4.811 million, supported by tourism and transit through Hamad International Airport, while air cargo and mail volumes increased 0.8% to 224,144 tons. The data reflects a stable operational environment, strong transit and tourism demand, and expanding logistics capabilities, positioning Qatar's aviation sector for continued growth through 2025.



Telecommunication Infrastructure

Vodafone Qatar Signs Five-Year Partnership with Microsoft

Vodafone Qatar has signed a five-year partnership with Microsoft to transform its network and customer service operations through Microsoft Azure and Azure OpenAI. The agreement includes establishing a generative AI centre of excellence in Doha, upskilling employees in cloud and AI technologies, and enhancing digital product offerings with hyper-personalised experiences. The partnership aims to boost efficiency, scalability, and security while supporting Vodafone Qatar's shift from a telecom operator to a tech-driven company, aligned with building an innovative and connected society.



Power and Energy Infrastructure (1/2)

Qatar to Boost Global LNG Supply with North Field East Expansion

Qatar is set to begin exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the first phase of the North Field East (NFE) expansion by mid-2026, strengthening its role as a leading global supplier and supporting energy security amid rising demand. The project, part of a three-phase expansion, will increase LNG production from 77 million to 126 million tons per year by 2027 and is expected to contribute around 40% of new global LNG supply by 2029. With total investments of \$82.5 billion, the expansion includes eight new production trains and long-term supply agreements with countries including Germany, France, the Netherlands, China, and India. By leveraging low-emission technologies, enhancing refining and petrochemical operations, and aligning with Qatar National Vision 2030, the project aims to boost economic growth, ensure market stability, and position Qatar as a reliable, sustainable energy partner worldwide.

Qatar Expands EV Network Beyond 300 Chargers to Boost Green Transport

Qatar has installed over 300 fast electric vehicle (EV) chargers nationwide, advancing its sustainable transport goals under Qatar National Vision 2030. Kahramaa held a community event at Al Thumama Awareness Park to gather feedback on the network and showcase its EV mobile app. Future expansions aim to cover residential areas, malls, and public parking, supporting convenience, reduced emissions, and the country's clean energy transition.

Qatar Eyes Economic Growth Through LNG Expansion

Qatar is leveraging its natural gas reserves to secure long-term economic growth, with the World Bank forecasting GDP growth of 5.4% in 2026 and 7.6% in 2027. Unlike other GCC countries, Qatar plans to nearly double its liquefied natural gas (LNG) production over the next five years, reinforcing the country's energy advantage and sustaining public finances. Despite global trade tensions and geopolitical uncertainties, Qatar's post-World Cup strategy focuses on maximizing hydrocarbon revenues to drive medium- to long-term economic stability and growth.

Qatar Advances Green Economy Through Sovereign Green Bonds

The Ministry of Finance is driving Qatar's transition to a resilient and sustainable economy by embedding environmental stewardship into national development strategies aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030. Key initiatives include issuing the GCC's first sovereign green bonds in 2024 totaling \$2.5 billion, investing in renewable energy, green infrastructure, and sustainable real estate, and supporting the National Climate Adaptation Plan. These efforts, recognized with the Deal of the Year award at the 2025 Global Banking & Markets Middle East Awards, underscore Qatar's commitment to sustainability, investor confidence, and advancing its green economy ambitions.

Power and Energy Infrastructure (1/2)

Frijns Steel Secures QAR 113 million Contract for North Field South LNG Project

Aamal Company's joint venture, Frijns Steel Construction Middle East, has been awarded a QAR 113 million contract by Consolidated Contractors Group (CCG) to supply, fabricate, and paint pipe support works for Qatar Energy's North Field South LNG facilities in Ras Laffan Industrial City, running until July 2027. The project reinforces Frijns' position as a leading structural steel provider in Qatar's energy sector and supports Aamal Company's strategic contribution to infrastructure development aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030.



Environmental Infrastructure

Ministry of Environment Engages Youth in Marine Sustainability Program

As part of its “Sustainability Summer 2025” initiatives, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, through the Marine Protection Department, participated in an environmental event organized by the Friends of the Environment Center on August 11, 2025. The event engaged youth in interactive workshops and educational activities focused on preserving marine ecosystems and promoting sustainability, fostering environmental responsibility, and encouraging eco-friendly practices among the next generation.

Ministry of Environment Conducts Northern Region Cleanup Campaign

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change’s Department of Land Protection carried out a cleanup campaign in Rawdat Al-Ajuz, west of Umm Al-Amd, as part of ongoing efforts to preserve natural sites and protect vegetation. The initiative removes waste to maintain these areas as sustainable environmental and tourist destinations, while urging visitors to dispose of waste responsibly. Such campaigns aim to raise environmental awareness, promote responsible practices, and support Qatar’s goals of conserving natural resources and achieving sustainable development.



Agriculture Infrastructure

Qatar Strengthens Food Security Through Local Production

Qatar has made significant progress in food security and self-sufficiency, particularly in fresh dairy and poultry, achieving nearly 98% self-sufficiency in these sectors. The National Food Security Strategy 2030 focuses on sustainable use of natural resources, boosting local production of perishable goods such as vegetables, fresh milk, eggs, fish, and red meat, while building strategic stockpiles of long-lasting commodities like wheat, rice, and sugar. These efforts, supported by strong public-private cooperation, have increased local production, reduced reliance on imports, and enhanced resilience against global supply disruptions. The strategy also prioritizes climate-adaptive and efficient agricultural practices to further raise self-sufficiency rates in basic food commodities.

Qatar Launches Tender for 2.4 Million Bags of Barley to Support Agriculture

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has launched a public tender for 2.4 million bags of barley to support the livestock sector, strengthen food security, and advance agricultural self-sufficiency. Open until August 25, 2025, the initiative ensures uninterrupted access to high-quality fodder, stimulates local and international economic participation, and promotes private-sector engagement across supply chains. Aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030, the tender underscores the country's commitment to sustainable development, economic diversification, and resilience in agriculture, while creating opportunities for farmers, herders, suppliers, and logistics providers both locally and globally.



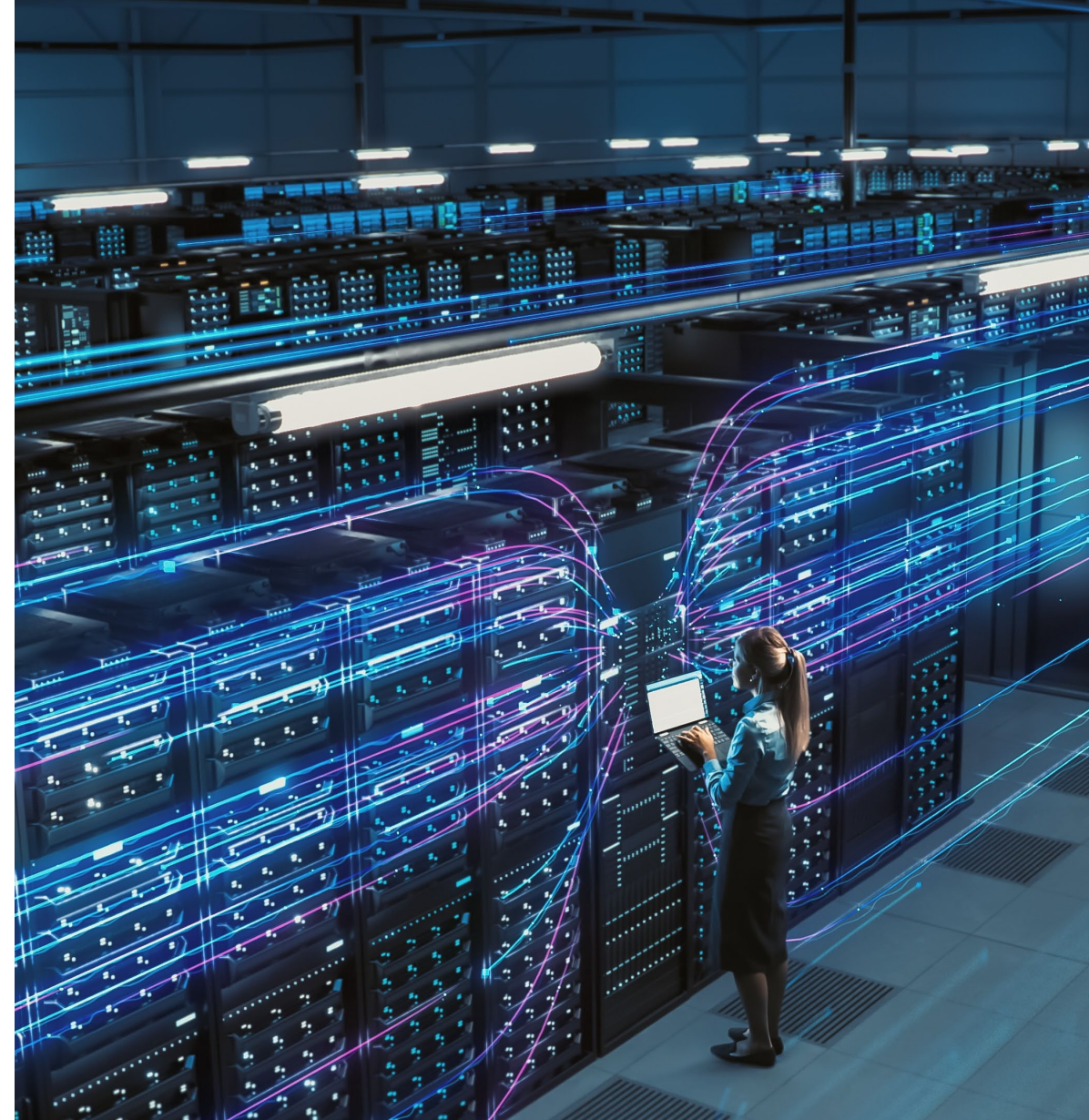
Digital Infrastructure

Qatar Launches National Cybersecurity Strategy 2024-2030

The National Cybersecurity Strategy 2024-2030 was launched to strengthen digital resilience and position Qatar as a leader in secure technology use, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030. The strategy is based on five pillars: enhancing cybersecurity and resilience, developing legislation and regulatory frameworks, fostering a data-driven and innovative economy, cultivating a skilled cybersecurity workforce, and promoting international cooperation. Designed to address emerging cyber threats, safeguard national infrastructure, and support sustainable national development, the strategy provides a comprehensive roadmap for building a secure and forward-looking cyberspace.

Ministry of Municipality Launches New Digital Services for Agriculture

The Ministry of Municipality has introduced seven new electronic services for the Agricultural Research Department, covering areas such as palm seedlings, plant disease diagnostics, seed and soil testing, vegetable variety evaluation, animal feed inspection, and fungal identification. Accessible through the Ministry's website via the National Authentication System, the services enable electronic submission, real-time tracking, and faster processing, improving the user experience while supporting sustainability. These initiatives form part of the Ministry's broader digital transformation, which includes smart platforms for municipal services, GIS, AI, and data analytics, advancing Qatar National Vision 2030 goals of efficiency, innovation, and environmentally responsible governance.



Sectorial Updates

Qatar Issues Over 1,800 Building Permits in Q2 2025

During the second quarter of 2025, the Ministry of Municipality issued 1,836 building permits, covering new constructions, additions, modifications, and renewals. These included 1,414 small-scale projects, 59 large-scale projects, and 363 other projects, reflecting diverse construction activity. Additionally, 1,872 other permits and certificates were issued, including building completion, maintenance, demolition, and property information certificates. In the same period, a total of 91,887 engineering plans were approved across building permits, completion certificates, maintenance, demolition, and property information, highlighting continued growth and regulatory oversight in Qatar's construction sector.

Qatar's Construction Sector Set for Sustainable Growth

Qatar's infrastructure market is set to grow from \$33.4 billion in 2025 to \$41.3 billion by 2030, driven by major transport, energy, and smart city projects. Policies like full foreign ownership, tax incentives, and streamlined approvals are attracting investment, while green-building rules and expanding tourism, logistics, and technology sectors support sustainable growth aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030.

Qatar Ranks 12th Globally in FDI Performance, Shows Strong Investor Confidence

Qatar advanced 21 places to rank 12th globally in the 2024 FDI Performance Index, reflecting its competitive business environment and openness to international investment. The number of foreign direct investment projects nearly doubled in 2024, with business services, technology, consumer products, and textiles leading growth. In the first half of 2025, total capital expenditure, projects, and job creation continued to rise, with projects increasing 44.5% and jobs 75% year-on-year, highlighting strong investor confidence. The surge in FDI inflows and projects reinforces Qatar's position as a leading destination for strategic investments, supporting economic diversification and sustainable growth.

Qatar Boosts Smart Manufacturing and 3D Innovation

Qatar is advancing in smart manufacturing and 3D printing through global partnerships and the GORD 3D Center of Excellence. The sector is set to increase manufacturing output by 30% in 2025 and employment to over 101,000, raising its GDP share to 9.4%. Additive manufacturing supports sustainability by reducing waste and enabling localized production, aligning with Qatar National Vision 2030, and positioning the country as a regional hub for Industry 4.0.



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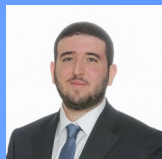
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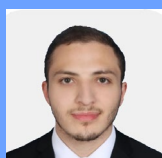
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