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## PM supports arming Syria opposition

### Syria referendum gets 90pc vote

**DOHA:** The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, H E Sheikh Hamad bin Jasssem bin Jabor Al Thani, yesterday said fellow Arab states must consider arming the opposition in Syria so they could help stop the bloodshed after the 11-month long popular uprising against the Bashar Al Assad regime.

"I think we should help the (Syrian) opposition by arming them so they can defend themselves. Fellow Arab countries should take that step (collectively and along with the international community)," Qatar News Agency (QNA) reported yesterday.

The Premier was addressing a joint news conference in Oslo, Norway's capital, with his Norwegian counterpart, Jens Stoltenberg, yesterday.

The two dignitaries discussed bilateral relations and the Middle East issue also came up for talks between them, QNA said.

The PM said the United Nations must shoulder its responsibility towards Syria and must work to end the violence there. "It is necessary to work to protect the people of Syria," he said. The Premier reiterated his call to the Syrian regime to stop the bloodshed and restore peace in the country and said that the meeting of 'Friends of Syria' held in Tunisia recently and the one going to be held in Turkey on the issue are both meant to help the

people of Syria and end violence. "The Syrian people must choose what they want in the country," he said obliquely referring to their political choice.

The PM noted: "We just can't stand and watch as mute spectators as the Syrian people are being killed every day and without helping them with medicines and food."

The PM said he was in favour of sending an international peace-keeping force to Syria with an Arab 'core'. He was critical of the UN Security Council and said it failed to take the responsibility to stop the killings.

Meanwhile, wire agencies reported that almost 90 percent of voters in Syria approved its new constitution brought in after 11 months of anti-regime protests, quoting the country's interior minister. More than 57 percent of 8.376 million eligible voters cast their ballots in Sunday's referendum and over 89 percent of them said 'yes' to the new constitution, agency reports said.

The opposition had called for a boycott of the referendum while Washington described it as laughable. The US secretary of state Hillary Clinton predicted that Syrian President Al Assad's regime will eventually fall when enough soldiers, business leaders and minorities desert him.

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The Emir H H Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani with a delegation from the Neturei Karta International (Jews United Against Zionism), who attended the International Conference for the Defence of Al Quds, yesterday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

## Jerusalem meet adopts Qatar proposal

**DOHA:** The Doha Conference on the Defence of Jerusalem that concluded here yesterday adopted Qatar's proposal to approach the UN Security Council to pass a resolution to set up an international commission of inquiry to probe the sinister acts of Israel to obliterate the Arab and Islamic identity of the holy city since its occupation in 1967.

The proposal was made by the Emir, H H Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, at the conference on Sunday.

The Conference also welcomed the Emir's call to prepare a comprehensive strategy to protect Jerusalem and Qatar's

pledge to support the move wholeheartedly.

The 'Doha Declaration' was released at the end of the conference last evening by the Assistant Foreign Minister for International Cooperation H E Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Jabor Al Thani, Qatar News Agency (QNA) reported.

The Declaration pledged support to the original inhabitants of Jerusalem and saluted their resilience in confronting Judaisation of the holy city which is an epitome of religious tolerance and a pot of blending cultures.

The Declaration stressed the participating countries' commitment to various UN resolutions,

treaties and international conventions and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations on international law and international humanitarian law for the return of Jerusalem as a city of peace, security, freedom and justice, emphasising it as the eternal capital of Palestine.

The Declaration said Israel is breaching the international law and forcibly displacing the people of Jerusalem through Judaisation schemes, denying them justice, obscuring history and heritage, segregating people and confiscating people's properties.

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The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H E Sheikh Hamad bin Jasssem bin Jabor Al Thani, and the Minister of Energy and Industry H E Dr Mohammed bin Saleh Al Sada with Norwegian officials in Oslo yesterday.

## The Artist bags 5 Oscars; Iran film wins in foreign category

**HOLLYWOOD:** Silent movie "The Artist" crowned its spectacular awards season success by winning five Oscars including the Best Picture prize at the 84th Academy Awards on Sunday.

The French-directed black-and-white film earned Oscars for best director for Michel Hazanavicius and best actor for Jean Dujardin, who played a silent movie era star whose career was torpedoed by the arrival of the "talkies."

Meryl Streep won best actress for her powerful turn as former British premier Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady."

In the foreign language category, Iran's "A Separation" beat films from Belgium, Canada, Israel and Poland. Its director Asghar Farhadi dedicated the award to Iranians "who despise hostility and resentment," and referred to current tension between Tehran and the West.

Iranians took to the Internet and mobile phones to declare their pride and joy at their country's first Oscars win.

"I love your country," Dujardin told the audience as he accepted his Oscar, the first for a French actor.

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## Equine grace



A horse goes through a routine during the fifth and final day of the Qatar International Arabian Horse Show held at the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (REC) in Doha yesterday. Some of the finest Pure Arabians were on display at the event that started on February 23. (QASSIM RAHMATULLAH)

## Lebanese daily to serialise WikiLeaks revelations on Middle East

**DOHA:** Having partnered with the whistle-blowing website WikiLeaks, a Lebanese Arabic daily says it will begin publishing from next week details of online correspondence between a key US-based 'global intelligence' firm Stratfor and its agents in the Middle East.

'Al Akhbar' said its expose to be serialised soon will focus on emails exchanged between Texas-headquartered Stratfor and its web of agents in different Middle East countries, including Lebanon, from

2002 to 2011. The emails, obtained through WikiLeaks, are quite important as they focus on sensitive political, economic as well as national security issues related to the Middle East, *Arabianbusiness.com* reported yesterday.

The emails reveal the inner workings of a company that fronts as an intelligence media organisation (publisher) but the individuals who work for the firm actually operate as spies and not as journalists, the report said.

According to WikiLeaks, Stratfor

provided confidential intelligence services to large corporations and government agencies, including the US Homeland Security, the US Marines and the US Defense Intelligence Agency.

"The emails show Stratfor's web of informers, pay-off structure, payment-laundering techniques and psychological methods, for example," said the whistle-blowing website.

"The material shows how a private intelligence agency works and how they target individuals for their corporate and

government clients...Stratfor has realised that its routine use of secret cash bribes to get information from insiders is risky," said WikiLeaks.

*Arabianbusiness.com* said quoting 'Al Akhbar' that Stratfor agents would collect key information and data from their 'targets' and pass them on to company analysts.

The analysts would in turn pass them on to the firm's writers after doing their job and a 'news report' would be finally posted on the company's website after

editing. The countries in the Middle East Stratfor targeted mostly included those where the US has strategic interest and they included Iraq, Lebanon and Syria, among others.

"The agents and spies would be paid according to the 'importance' of the information they would collect and pass on, said *Arabianbusiness.com*.

"The pay-off would be huge if the information being given is about Hezbollah, for instance."

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# Exhibition showcases life in different cultures

BY FRANCESCA ASTORRI

**DOHA:** Between two cultures exhibition at Katara shows paintings by seven artists that have in common the fact of living on the edge between two different countries and cultures. Born in a country, studied in another one and often lived in a number of countries in between, is the background shared by these artists.

"Every artists in this exhibition has two cultures inside and is in between two cultures," said Dr Mohamed Abu El Naga, General Coordinator of the Visual Art Center and Curator of the exhibition, Iman Mahmud, for example, was born in Bagdad and lived for over 10 years in Germany.

Halim Al Karim was born in Iraq, graduated at Gerrit Reitveld Academy in Amsterdam and lived in the United States for many years. The curator himself is an Egyptian who has studied and lived in Japan.

"If you want to have a strong identity, you have to



Heidi Leupi (centre), from the AB Gallery. She will be organising an exhibition of Qatari artists in Switzerland this year.

open to other cultures and travel, not for tourism, but for knowledge," El Nega told *The Peninsula*.

"Strong nationalism is the degeneration of a weak identity

closed in itself, while strong identities are open to other cultures, that are curious and that know the world by experiencing it," he said.

The artists of this exhibition



Dr Mohamed Abu El Naga, Curator of the exhibition and General Coordinator of the visual art centre at Katara.

have all been living abroad from their home country and studying Fine Arts Academies and Universities of Fine Arts of different countries going from Salzburg to Tehran, showing

that inspiration finds a way of expression only through knowledge.

As El Nega explained, if a country wants to turn into the centre of art, first of all it has

to develop art knowledge in its population. "Qatar needs more workshops and Fine art universities. History of art should be introduced in schools as mandatory, as a normal subject to study that enriches your life and personality," said El Nega.

This exhibition is also an auction as the AB Gallery is selling the paintings and the price range shows that high-middle class business of art is finally coming to Qatar. Going from \$1,900 to \$20,500, visitors can also buy the paintings that are sold by AB Gallery, which AB stands for Across Borders because the gallery works with the aim of exchanging art between Europe and the Gulf.

"We focus in this region because there is such an interesting art scene over here ignored by the West. So now we concentrate in taking artists from the Gulf to Europe," Heidi Leupi from the AB Gallery said. She is organising an exhibition of Qatari artists in Switzerland that will take place between 2012 and 2013.

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# Call for more investment in mobile technology

Annual Technology in Higher Education conference begins

BY FAZEENA SALEEM

**DOHA:** A study by the Texas A&M University yesterday suggested that institutions within the Education City need to invest in mobile devices, enabling websites for mobile access, training programmes, and integration in curriculum.

Also students find mobile technology engaging, and instructors and institutions can better connect to students through use of mobile technology, according to the findings of the study revealed yesterday at the openings session of second annual Technology in Higher Education (THE) held at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

The study 'A profile of student mobile commuting in The

Education City' further reveals that students at the Education City are avid mobile device users and are open to expanding the ways in which they use them.

The study was done among 369 students from different institutions within the Education City. A total of 95 percent respondents say laptop is an extremely valuable device for learning, while 65 of them believe that the device is used by the faculty effectively.

"Mobile computing has created new teaching methods that allow educators to convey content differently, create more student engagement and introduce more efficient campus operations.

Texas A&M at Qatar is on the forefront of the mobile computing trend with its research and practices," said Khalid Warraich,

chief information officer, Texas A&M at Qatar presenting the research report together with Eden Dahlstorm, Senior Research Analyst, EDUCAUSE at THE conference.

THE conference on 'Mobile Learning: Challenges and Opportunities,' focuses on strategies for advancing mobile learning and analysing the shifts, challenges, promises and opportunities this creates.

Conference organisers explain that mobile computing has opened new potentials for delivering content, promoting student engagement and introducing efficiencies to campus operations. Changes induced by the technology are characterised by the proliferation of mobile devices, expectation of available learning resources in any place or time and a nomadic work and study style.

Dr Mark Weichold, dean and CEO, Texas A&M at Qatar said: "This two-day meeting on technology in higher education occurs



Dr Julie Little, Vice President for teaching, learning and professional development at EDUCAUSE, giving keynote speech via Video conference at the opening session of the Technology in Higher Education Conference at QNCC yesterday. RIGHT: Dr Mark Weichold, Dean and CEO at Texas A&M University Qatar, speaking at the opening session.

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amid some of the most technology-rich learning environments available anywhere. Your speakers represent a diverse range of professional affiliations and technical expertise, and their common thread is their commitment to enhancing students' learning experiences. I am delighted to see such an exciting mix of

participants, and I applaud the conference organisers for putting together this fantastic event."

THE Conference was co-chaired by Dr Hamid Parsaei, Associate Dean For academic Affairs and Ghalia Farzat, Senior Software applications developer.

Dr Julie Little, vice president for teaching, learning and

professional development at EDUCAUSE, served as the conference's keynote speaker, offering an address titled 'Innovation to Action: Targeting an Institutional Strategy.' EDUCAUSE is a non-profit association that works to advance higher education through information technology.

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An experienced Project Manager ("PM") is required for a permanent position, to manage a major critical project, which includes within its scope: decision support systems, cyber security, information engineering, system engineering, construction and manning.

The PM will be accountable for the successful execution of the project within budget, quality and schedule constraints. PM will also supervise and coordinate the activities of assigned project team members. For each technical area the PM will have expert assistance as required.

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- Management of scope/ budget/ schedule and related issues
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- Experience in administration of contractors and sub-contractors
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- Writing business cases, project charters, project reports and closing reports
- Team building and resource management through optimization
- Developing and managing critical success factors and key performance indicators in order to achieve project goals.
- Inceptions, change & release management
- Management of consultants, procurement, design, implementation and commissioning
- Management within an integrated client / consultant team organization.
- Accountable for all project's documentation and reporting
- Expectations and stakeholder management

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The State of Qatar has decided to create and develop an enterprise which will help the key National decision makers and stakeholders to understand, assess and decide on a wide variety of social, environmental and economic development options. This enterprise is an analytical environment, which fosters collaboration and which will contain information modeling and visualization capabilities intended to form the basic tools for the examination of strategic planning questions. A Director will be hired for an initial period of 3 years with a review held annually to play the primary national role in the creation and operation of this enterprise alongside with the client. The Director will be assisted by an expert consultancy firm in the creation of this enterprise. This will include assistance in the selection of the contractors required for building the enterprise and supplying critical equipment for it.

### Key Accountabilities:

- Enterprise Design:
  - Develop the vision for an analytical capability and National information repository to support improved strategic decision making for Qatar;
  - Provide the interface between the Enterprise Committee, the chosen Consultant team and contractors in building the enterprise to a high quality standard that meets the Client's expectations;
  - Assist with the identification of the preferred physical location for the enterprise;
  - Support the evaluation of tenders and the selection of the preferred contractors;
- Enterprise Start-up:
  - Plan the opening and initial operation of the enterprise with the Consultant team and the supplier;
  - Support the development and delivery of a training and recruitment program to staff the enterprise;
  - Support the development of the enterprise operational processes and manning strategies;
  - Manage the customer community's expectations on what is achievable by this enterprise;
- Enterprise Operation:
  - Direct the operation and continuous improvement of this enterprise to the Client's satisfaction.
  - Creating an enthusiasm for the success of the enterprise mission in Qatari government and academic circles;
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### Personal Specification

#### Essential Education, Qualifications and Training

Degree qualified in a technical or analytical discipline, Fluent English and Arabic speaker.

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Experience in complex problem analysis and strategic decision assessment; Experience in successfully managing a complex customer relationship in the delivery of a major project; Excellent inter-personal skills required to establish a close relationship with a demanding and highly influential principal; Experience in managing a multi-disciplinary team; Experience in working across a wide variety of Qatari government and academic authorities.

#### Desirable Criteria

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## 'Doha declaration'

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The Declaration called on the UN and all its institutions to shoulder their responsibility towards Jerusalem and its people; to ensure that they enjoy all their civil, economic and social rights in their city and to preserve the city's sacred sites, historical monuments and human heritage. The Declaration called on the government of Switzerland, the depositary of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, to speed up the call for the resumption of the Conference of High Contracting Parties to the Convention to implement the UN resolutions in this regard, in order to take the necessary measures to stop the Israeli violations and protect Jerusalem, its people and its holy sites.

It expressed deep concern about the ongoing Israeli works including excavations and archaeological excavations in Al Aqsa Mosque and around the Old City, which are seriously affecting the distinctive character of the city contravening the decisions of Unesco and the UN resolutions related to the city's territory and the rules of international law and especially the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property of 1954.

The Declaration also urged the free world to defend the city of Jerusalem and to support its people and its holy sites as a humane obligation and a duty, and as a right imposed by principles of international law, the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention 1949, the Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict 1954, the Convention for the Protection of World Cultural and Historical Heritage 1972, the resolutions of international legitimacy on the status of Jerusalem as occupied territory and the relevant decisions of Unesco.

It also urged the Israeli authorities to stop unilateral policies and procedures for imposing a fait accompli on the ground in the city of Jerusalem, including the immediate cessation of all settlement activities, the removal of the apartheid wall in accordance with the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, the preservation of Islamic and Christian sanctities, guarantee the free access, not to cause prejudice to the geographical, political and demographic status of the city for Judaisation.

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