

# 'Qatar achieves media victory with professionalism'

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The Department of Mass Communication at Qatar University College of Arts and Sciences (QU-CAS) organised yesterday its first media forum titled "Siege and Media: The Devil's Lawyer and the Truth Seeker".

The forum aimed to discuss the misleading media coverage of the blockade imposed on Qatar by the siege countries, and to shed light on the Qatari media coverage which dealt with the crisis through solid facts and evidences.

The opening session was attended by CAS Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs, Prof Ibrahim Mohamed A I Al Kaabi; CAS Mass Communication Department Head, Dr Noureddine Al Melladi; Professor of Public Relations at CAS Department of Mass Communication, Prof Mohamed Kirat;

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author Amal Ahmed Abdul-Malik; author and Media Skills Trainer, Ahmed Al Malik; TV Presenter and Media Scholar, Dr Elham Badr, Journalist and Media Advisor, Jassim Fakhro; and Media Studies Program Coordinator at Al Jazeera Center for Studies, Mohamed Al Raji, as well as CAS faculty, students and alumni.

The event's programme included two sessions that featured discussions on six themes: "Propaganda and Psychological Warfare", "Disinformation and Manipulation of Media", "Media Coverage of the Qatar's Blockade and the Conflict between Truth

and Lies", "Crisis Reporting and the Absence of Professional Ethics", "The Problem of Objectivity and Commitment in Covering the Qatar's Blockade", and "The Qatar's Blockage and Blockading Integrity, Commitment and Media Responsibility". Prof Ibrahim Mohamed A I Al Kaabi, said: "This forum comes at a time when Qatar has achieved a media victory due to the professionalism of its media outlets which dealt with the crisis with transparency and objectivity. However, the siege countries have been using over the last months a misleading



Experts share their views at the media forum, titled "Siege and Media: The Devil's Lawyer and the Truth Seeker", organised by QU-CAS.

media coverage that lacked media ethics, professional morality and values."

Dr Noureddine Al Melladi said: "The issue of media and the blockade imposed on Qatar is a major concern. This forum will contribute to raising the students'

and community awareness on media ethics and how to avoid the unethical practices in the field of media such as manipulation and misrepresentation of facts to achieve political goals."

Dr Mohamed Kirat said: "The forum discusses the role of media

in the siege countries and the media coverage of the Qatar's blockade over the last hundred days. The siege countries have shown through their media coverage a lack of professionalism, commitment and respect to the readers."

## Unique Qatari collection delights EU ambassadors

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Upon the invitation of Sheikh Faisal Al Thani, EU Ambassadors were warmly welcomed to visit his outstanding museum collection in Doha on October 14.

Sheikh Faisal and his family graciously received the EU Ambassadors. It was a great pleasure and honour to be guided by Sheikh Faisal himself as well as meeting his family for an open exchange, said a statement issued by Embassy of Sweden.

The European participants were left in awe after witnessing the Sheikh's very personal devotion for Qatari cultural identity and his comprehensive interest for global cultural heritage.

The EU Ambassadors found the visit truly delightful, many also finding pieces of the collection having roots to their homelands. The participants were excited to learn more about the anticipated European tour of part of his museum collection called 'Cultures in Dialogue'.

One participating ambassador remarked that "Europe has a lot to offer in various cultural areas, but rarely has one seen such a comprehensive collection uniting cultural



Sheikh Faisal Al Thani and family with EU ambassadors during their visit to enjoy the museum collection of Sheikh Faisal in Doha.

artefacts of all kinds, periods and places". EU ambassadors regularly undertake such joint activities,

including paying visits to institutions in the State of Qatar. These activities offer an excellent opportunity to

experience local customs and culture together, whilst representing Europe and its cultural diversity.

## QIF holds workshop to strengthen health sector in Syria

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Qatar Investment Fund (QIF) in collaboration with United Nations (UN), organised a workshop to strengthen health sector in Syria, on Monday and Tuesday. The workshop was aimed to strengthen the local health sector by joining them with related International Organisations (UN), and to execute programmes for Health Sector in Syria and neighbouring countries which hosted Syrian refugees.

Participated by many Qatari organizations like, Qatar Red Crescent (QRC), Qatar Charity (QC), Education Above All (EAA), and International Institutes, like United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), World Health Organization (WHO), and (UNICEF), Musfar Al Shahwani, Executive-Manager of Projects Improvement Administration stressed on the way how the State of Qatar positivity efforts in crises and human disasters, and how it supported participation with international organisations.

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