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**Weather Today**  
PARTLY CLOUDY & DUSTY

Sunrise	5:52 am
Sunset	5:48 pm
High	30°C
Low	25°C
Wind	20 kts
Visibility	moderate
Pressure	1013 mb
Rel. humidity	40%

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**PRAYER TIMING**

Fajr:	4:31 am	Dhuhr:	11:19 am
Asr:	2:24 pm	Maghrib:	4:48 pm
Isa:		Isha:	6:18 pm



**Nationline**

**Emir, Egyptian president review regional issues**

THE Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani on Thursday called President of Egypt Dr Mohammed Morsi. The conversation dealt with fraternal relations between the two countries and the latest developments in the region. (QNA)

**Emir exchanges new Hijri greetings with world leaders**

THE Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani has exchanged cables of congratulations with leaders of the Arab and Islamic countries on the advent of the new Hijri year. (QNA)

**Heir Apparent exchanges new Hijri year greetings**

THE Deputy Emir and Heir Apparent His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani has exchanged cables of congratulations with the leaders and crown princes of the Arab and Islamic countries on the advent of the new Hijri year. (QNA)

**Heir Apparent meets two FSDL conference guests**

THE Deputy Emir and Heir Apparent His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani on Thursday met with Prince Sultan bin Mohammed bin Saud al Kabeer and President of International Fund for Agricultural Development Kanayo Nwanzu who called on him at his Emir Diwan office on the occasion of their participation in the International Conference on Food Security in Dry Lands in Doha. During the two meetings, HH the Heir Apparent stressed the need to exert all efforts to maintain food security. (QNA)

**Attiyah meets Cypriot, Finland's envoys**

CHAIRMAN of Administrative Control and Transparency Authority HE Abdullah bin Hamad al Attiyah, who is also the president of the Climate Change Conference (COP18), on Thursday met separately with Ambassador of Cyprus to Qatar HE Khar Alambos Banaieids and Finland's Non-resident Ambassador to Qatar HE Ilkka-Pekka. During the meetings, they discussed issues of common interests. (QNA)

**SADA MEETS HOUSTON MAYOR**



Minister of Energy and Industry HE Dr Mohammad bin Saleh al Sada with Mayor of Houston Annise Parker, in Doha, on Thursday.

**Children call for efforts to combat climate change**

RAMY SALAMA  
DOHA

SCHOOLCHILDREN engaged in debates to highlight the need to protect the environment at the Children's Conference on Climate Change (C4) organised by the Friends of the Environment Centre in cooperation with the Kainat Foundation on Thursday.

The event featured children from various schools in the country as representatives of different nations, including Qatar, Pakistan, Egypt, Canada, China and Iceland, discussing various environmental issues such as the importance of eliminating harmful agricultural practices.

The children highlighted their concerns and opinions on climate change in a platform similar to the Model United Nations, a simulation in which participants play the roles of diplomats representing different countries in a committee session. Secretary-General of the Friends of the Environment Centre Yousef al Kazim, served as the chairman of the committee. Talking to *Qatar Tribune*, Chairman and Founder of Kainat Foundation Shakil Ahmed Kakvi said, "We have organised this Children's Conference on Climate Change as lead-up to the COP 18



A student of the Ideal Indian School speaks as Secretary-General of the Friends of the Environment Centre Yousef al Kazim (right) and other students listen at the Children's Conference on Climate Change, in Doha, on Thursday.

Conference, which will be held in Qatar from November 26 to December. We want the children to raise their voices and outline their concerns about the threat of climate change.

"Children from different schools in Qatar, including MES Indian School, Ideal Indian School, Bright Future School and Birla Public School, represented 22 countries in the event."

He added: "This conference has provided the children a platform to suggest some practical ways to save the environment. Through this

event, we want them to pay appropriate attention to environment protection at a young age. We believe that when they grow up they will nurture the idea."

Kainat Foundation is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) affiliated to the Indian Cultural Centre, under the aegis of the Embassy of India to Qatar. It was founded by Shakil Ahmed Kakvi in 1999. It aims to improve the quality of life through education, environmental awareness and community development programmes.

**Coast guards arrest 3 Indian fishermen of Bahraini firm**

SANTHOSH CHANDRAN  
DOHA

QATAR Coast Guards arrested four fishermen, three Indians and one Bangladeshi, from Bahrain for illegally entering into Qatar territorial waters on Tuesday. The arrested Indian fishermen were identified as John Rose Lopes, Varghese Siluvaipillai and Rajan Sesaya.

They will appear before the Public Prosecution on November 18. Deputy Mission at the Indian embassy in Doha Sasikumar said a team from the embassy would visit the fishermen in jail on Sunday.

"Indian embassy has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that the incident is sorted out as early as possible" Sasikumar said. The South Asian Fishermen Fraternity (SAFF), an Indian forum in charge of fishermen welfare, has sent letters in this regard to Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs and the Minister of External Affairs.

In the last two months, a total of 25 Indian fishermen from Bahrain and Saudi Arabia engaged in fishing in the Gulf region of Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. About 95 percent of them come from Tamil Nadu.

Twenty-two of the 25 fishermen were released after paying a QR5000 fine and two weeks imprisonment. The remaining three are still in Al Khor prison. They are Balasundar Pazhanichami, Vijayakumar Karuppappaya and Muthusekhar Muniyandi from Ramanathapuram

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district of Tamil Nadu in India.

They will appear before the court on November 22. Recently, Iran arrested 29 Indian fishermen from Qatar and 30 from the UAE for entering into its waters.

As part of efforts to seek permanent solution to the frequent incidents, Indian community organisations and Qatar chapter of SAFF have sent a number of memorandums to various embassies and the concerned authority in India.

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**QDB to launch digital contest for National Day**

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK  
DOHA

QATAR Development Bank (QDB) will launch a digital contest through Facebook application to celebrate the country's National Day.

The competition - created especially for the occasion - will go live on November 28. Titled 'Qatar in our hearts', it will run till December 22.

Three winners will receive attractive awards, including a cash prize of QR5,000, a trophy and an iPad3 for the first-placed winner, a cash prize of QR3,000 and a trophy for the second place while a trophy for the third-placed participant.

"Qatar in our hearts" will run through QDB's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/QatarDevelopmentBank](http://www.facebook.com/QatarDevelopmentBank)) and will ask participants across Qatar to capture beautiful images or drawings that showcase the uniqueness of the country. Submissions will be subject to online voting through

Facebook by the users. The winners will be announced on December 24.

Interested participants are encouraged to visit QDB's Facebook page to get a better understanding of the terms and conditions of the competition and submit their entries based on the pre-determined qualifications criteria.

Each participant can upload as many pictures as they want and that embody the essence of Qatar. Participants can also follow the '#Hashtag #QDBDEC18' on Twitter or use the same if they want to tweet about the competition.

Senior Online and Social Media Officer at Qatar Development Bank Maha al Essa said: "Qatar is a true Arabian treasure trove of culture. From the authentic architecture of our world-famous Souq Waqif to the bustling waterfront walkway at the Corniche and the Museum of Islamic Arts, our country has a lot to offer to tourists and residents."

**Botanical garden to showcase green drive**

IHSAN YOUSSEF  
DOHA

THE Quranic Botanical Garden is keen to share its vision about plants that are mentioned in the Holy Quran and Hadith of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) with over 17,000 visitors taking part in the UN Climate Change conference COP18/CMPS8 this month.

The garden will serve not only as a place of meditation, but also as a research centre for students. It will be used to educate people about conservation and raise awareness of the moral impor-

tance of environmental stewardship.

"There are so many botanical terms in the Holy Quran we have to share it with the public," said Fatima Saleh al Khulafi, who works on Green Projects at the Quranic Gardens.

She said the garden team has been working with students to teach them about its vision.

The Holy Quran is rich with plant life with reference to plants native to the Muslims region, including those in the desert and Mediterranean climates. It also refers to tropical



One of the plants in the Quranic Botanical Garden.

plants from other regions, such as banana tree and ginger plant.

Qatar Foundation and Unesco have taken note of all

of the plants that are mentioned in the Holy Quran and Hadith of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) to create the garden at Education

City in Doha.

The Unesco proposed the garden project in 2008. It was accepted by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, chairperson of Qatar Foundation, who planted the first tree of the project, a Sidra tree.

The Sidra tree, which is the symbol of Qatar Foundation, is an important part of Qatar heritage. It was the traditional meeting place for scholars and travellers, who would gather to share knowledge under the shade of the Sidra. Its fruit and leaves also have health importance.

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Guests view students' works at Bhavan's Public School 2nd Sir C V Raman Memorial Science Exhibition, in Doha, recently.

# HMC anti-diabetes drive to conclude on Nov 20

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK DOHA**  
HAMAD Medical Corporation (HMC) began the celebration of the annual World Diabetes Day on Tuesday. The theme for this year's event is protecting oneself from diabetes, highlighting ways to be healthy and preventing the condition. HMC's programme of activities will last until November 20. As part of the celebration, an awareness camp was held at the entrance of Hamad General Hospital's Outpatient Department to educate visitors and patients about diabetes. The camp was opened by Dr Muna al Maslamani, deputy head of internal medicine, Dr Mahmoud Zirie, head of HMC's Diabetes and

Endocrine Section, and other physicians and diabetes specialists at HMC. The camp offered a diabetes checkup free of charge, and a nutritionist to advise people on proper foods that a diabetic patient should consume and live with the disease and ways to prevent obesity and diabetes in children. There was a symposium on Wednesday at HMC's Education Centre that aimed at updating the knowledge of healthcare professionals caring for people with diabetes, including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, nutritionists and health education specialists. The symposium was opened by Dr Mahmoud Zirie. Lectures were presented by Dr Montani, an expert from Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar who discussed diabetes as an international health concern and Dr Amin Jayyousi from HMC who treated pregnancy diabetes. Dr Mahmoud al Zayoud from HMC discussed diabetes in children while Maya Atani, a nutritionist, spoke on obesity in children.

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# Halqua Adab-e-Islami Qatar elects new office-bearers

**L N MALLICK DOHA**  
HALQUA Adab-e-Islami Qatar (HAI), the literary wing of Indian Friends' Circle Qatar (IFC), has elected new office-bearers. The meeting was presided over by Syed Mohiuddin Shaker, president of IFC and chief patron of HAI. The new officers are Abu Urooj Khalil Ahmed (president), Shafiq Akhtar (vice-president), Iftekhar Raghib (general secretary), Muzaffar Nayab (joint secretary) and Mohsin Habib (treasurer). HAI is a literary organisation which for 20 years has been functioning to promote Urdu language and literature in Qatar. It organises monthly literary symposium in which Urdu loving expatriates from India, Pakistan and



Abu Urooj Khalil Ahmed, Iftekhar Raghib, Muzaffar Nayab, Muzammil, Akram Falahi, Roase Mumtaz, Nazir Ahmad and Abu Zar also attended the function.

# Souq Waqif gets information centre

**AILYN AGONIA DOHA**  
SHOPPING and exploring Qatar's famous destination Souq Waqif has been made easy with the opening of an information and tourism centre there. The office is strategically located in the centre of the traditional market and offers comprehensive information about shops, restaurants, must visit corners and activities in the area. According to the Centre Manager Hamad al Marri on Thursday, since it opened early this month, about a hundred visitors are attended to on busy days such as during events. On weekends the inquiries are even more. "Souq Waqif is becoming more and more famous. It is a big place with lots of shops and restaurants to explore. Since we opened this office we received positive feedback from the visitors. People



Souq Waqif Information and Tourism Centre Manager Hamad al Marri

Visitors at Souq Waqif praised the presence of the information centre. British national Steve said, "Souq Waqif has a lot to offer. It has interesting shops and corners you cannot easily find on your own. This information centre helps us save time in locating the shops we want to visit and to know more about this must-visit destination in Qatar." Another visitor Hala, a Lebanese expatriate, said the latest addition to Souq Waqif was a way of professionalising tourism in the country. She said, "There should be information centres in all tourist destinations in Qatar. This is a big help for people visiting the place and an effective way for them, especially the non-Arabs, to appreciate the culture and heritage of this country." Souq Waqif's Information and Tourism Centre is open from 7:30am to 9:30pm daily including Friday.

# Now showing

### CITY CENTRE CINEMA

FLIGHT (DRAMA): 12 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 12 PM, 1 AM (VIP GOLD): 11 AM, 2 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM  
SINCEER (HORROR): 10:30 PM, 12:45 PM, 3 PM, 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:45 PM, 12 MN  
BURY SPARKS (COMEDY): 12 PM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:45 PM, 9 PM, 11:15 PM  
CASH FLOW (ARABIC ACTION): 2 PM, 7 PM, 12 PM  
WRECK IT PATH (3D) (ANIMATION): 11:15 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:45 PM, 6 PM, 8:15 PM  
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (3D) (ANIMATION): 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:30 PM  
THE POSSESSION (HORROR): 9:30 PM, 11:30 PM  
SKYFALL (ACTION): 11:30 AM, 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM, 11:30 PM, 1 AM  
ALEX CROSS (ACTION): 12:30 PM, 2:45 PM, 5 PM, 7:15 PM, 9:30 PM, 11:45 PM  
HERE COMES THE BOOM (COMEDY): 12 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM, 12 MN  
TAKEN 2 (ACTION): 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM, 8:30 PM, 10:30 PM, 12:30 AM  
PIRANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (HORROR): 11 AM, 3 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM  
HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (HORROR) 1 AM, 5 PM, 9 PM  
LOOPER (ACTION): 10:30 PM, 1 AM  
JAWAN OF VELLILMALA (MALAYALAM ACTION): 11:15 AM, 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM, 11:15 PM  
STUDENT OF THE YEAR (HINDI DRAMA): 1 AM, 4 PM, 9 PM

### LANDMARK CINEMA

AL ANESSA MAMMY (COMEDY): 2:30 PM, 6:30 PM, 8:30 PM, 11:15 PM  
WRECK - IT RALPH (ANIMATION): 4:30 PM  
SKYFALL (ACTION): 6:45 PM  
TWILIGHT SAGA 2 (DRAMA): 4:30 PM, 9:15 PM, 11:30 PM  
JAB TAK HAI JAAN (HINDI DRAMA): 5:15 PM, 10 PM  
SON OF SARDAR (HINDI DRAMA): 2:30 PM, 8:30 PM

### MALL CINEMA

ICE AGE 4 (ANIMATION): 3 PM, 5 PM / TED (COMEDY): 7 PM  
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (ANIMATION): 9 PM  
THE BOURNE LEGACY (ACTION): 11 PM  
SKYFALL (ACTION): 4:45 PM  
FLIGHT (DRAMA): 5 PM  
TWILIGHT SAGA 2 (DRAMA): 9:00 PM, 11:15 PM  
JAB TAK HAI JAAN (HINDI DRAMA): 5:15 PM, 10 PM  
SON OF SARDAR (HINDI DRAMA): 2:30 PM, 8:30 PM  
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (ANIMATION): 7:15 PM

### ROYAL PLAZA

AL ANESSA MAMMY 2 (COMEDY): 3 PM, 5 PM  
TWILIGHT SAGA 2 (DRAMA): 7:15 PM, 9:15 PM, 11:30 PM  
JAB TAK HAI JAAN (ROMANCE): 2:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 9:00 PM, 10:30 PM  
BRAVE (ANIMATION): 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM  
SPECIAL FORCES (ACTION): 6:30 PM, 8:30 PM  
THE BOURNE LEGACY (ACTION): 11:30 PM

### GULF CINEMA

JAB TAK HAI JAAN (HINDI DRAMA): 10 AM, 1:15 PM, 7:45 PM, 11 PM  
SON OF SARDAR (HINDI DRAMA): 1:30 PM, 4:30 PM  
THUPPANKU (TAMIL ACTION): 10 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:15 PM, 11 PM

### VILLAGGIO CINEMA

SKYFALL (ACTION): 11 PM, 2 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM  
TWILIGHT SAGA 2 (DRAMA): 10:30, 11:30 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9:30 PM, 11 PM, 12 PM  
BREAKING DOWN-PART-2 (1 PM, 2 PM)  
JAB TAK HAI JAAN (HINDI DRAMA): 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 5 PM, 8:15 PM, 11:30 PM  
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (ANIMATION): 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM  
ANESSA MAMMY (ARABIC COMEDY): 12 PM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:45 PM  
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# HMC holds walkathon for 'good health'

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK  
DOHA

AROUND 45 employees of Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) donned their sportswear and joined a walkathon recently.

The walkathon was organised by HMC's Occupational Health and Safety Department in support of the corporation-wide programme to promote health and wellness among its employees.

The participants assembled in Hamad Bin Khalifa Medical City near the Building 18 parking area and went for an energising 30-minute walk around the compound. The walkathon was also attended by senior administrative leaders at HMC such as Dr Huda al Naemi, executive director of Occupational Health and Safety, which initiated the walkathon; and Hamad al Khalifa, group chief of Facilities and Workforce Development.

"We were surprised by the number of staffers and their families at the walkathon. The turnout was much more than we expected considering this was the first time we held the event," said Dr



Hamad Medical Corporation employees take part in a walkathon to promote health and wellness, in Doha, recently.

Huda al Naemi. "We plan to do the walkathon twice a month or every other week, and feel positive about more people across the HMC joining us as this initiative gains momentum."

"We came up with an initiative to encourage HMC employees to be more conscious of their health and well-being.

People are not only at HMC to work — being physically active as part of a healthy overall lifestyle is also important, both for the personal well-being of the employees and the well-being of the organisation. We believe that the health and wellness of HMC's employees not only helps increase their productivity at

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work but also directly impacts the quality of healthcare that HMC provides for the community," added Naemi.

"We wanted to motivate people to come out of their offices and accommodations and take part in some exercise for 30 minutes so that they can enjoy the afternoon breeze and the pleasant sur-

roundings of the Hamad Medical City," said Leo Dote, safety instructor at Occupational Health and Safety.

Commenting on the benefits of exercise, he said, "Walking is the best exercise and it is one of the easiest ways to stay fit and active. Physical exercise such as walking for even 30 minutes

twice a week benefits overall health and well-being by improving blood circulation, promoting stronger bones and mental clarity, and helping to control weight and avoid obesity, which is one of the major health concerns in the region. It is also an excellent way to manage daily stress."

## VCUQ professor launches Moving Postcards Project

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK  
DOHA

VIRGINIA Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQ) Assistant Professor Simone Muscolino launched "The Moving Postcards Project", recently.

Funded by a VCUQ Faculty Research Grant, the installation will be presented for the first time by the Qatar Museums Authority and the Orientalist Museum at "The Art of Travel" exhibition in Al Riwaq Doha next to the Museum of Islamic Art.

The installation was unveiled on Wednesday and will run until November 30 during the Doha Tribeca Film Festival (DTFF). The event is open to the public.

"The Moving Postcards Project" is an innovative endeavour that documents changing life in Doha through a developing collection of video fragments. 'Moving postcards' are

micro-video loops that present a space, a behaviour, or an atmosphere, particular to a local environment, in this collection, that of Qatar.

Project Leader and Assistant Professor of Foundation Simone Muscolino has been working on the Moving Postcard Project since joining VCUQ in 2010. Muscolino has produced his own videos and taught the technique to students in his Time Studio classes.

During the last five semesters, around 150 students, both Qatari and expatriates, have been involved in the project, and the body of work includes around 1,000 moving postcards on Doha. The project provides glimpses into the landscapes and customs of a country in motion through the eyes of those who know it best.

The different outcomes give relevance to the project in contemporary time based

media research. The project explores short forms of video-making and storytelling; it investigates solutions in disseminating non-linear video content; it considers interaction design practices and it is based both on mobile and desktop platforms.

Doha Film Institute (DFI) is dedicating a section of the DTFF 2012 website to the Moving Postcards Project. The site will host a selection of the best content produced in the last two years, with information about the videos, the authors and a description of the project. The project will also be featured in the new DFI mobile application launched at the DTFF 2012 as part of their social engagement strategy.

A map will be pinned "with interesting, curious, hidden places in Doha". Every place will be visualised with a moving postcard and users have to find those places thereby participating in a 'simple game'.

## Sada opens neural tech meet

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK  
DOHA

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY at Qatar launched the 19th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP), in Doha recently.

The event's opening ceremony was hosted by HE Dr Mohammad bin Saleh al Sada, Minister of Energy and Industry and Chairman of Qatar Petroleum (QP), and attended by guests from the industry.

The University is the event's conference organiser that seeks to advance the country's culture of research and development by providing information about new analytical processes to address energy-related engineering challenges.

In his opening speech, Sada said that Qatar's emergence as a world leader in promoting education and scientific research works toward building the state's knowledge-based economy and ensuring the country's post-hydrocarbon prosperity. Opportunities for scientific collaboration and exchange such as ICONIP, he stressed, were part of the country's exciting future.

United Development Company (UDC) was the event's platinum sponsor for the event while the gold sponsors

were QP, Qatar Petrochemical Company (QAPCO) and ExxonMobil.

Dr Mark H Weichold, TAMUQ dean and CEO and honorary conference chair, said, "Texas A&M at Qatar is honoured to help bring this conference to Doha. The support of the event's sponsors illustrates the importance this state-of-the-art neural network technology has in solving real-world challenges in the energy and engineering industries. As Qatar moves toward be-

**The event's opening ceremony was hosted by Minister of Energy & Industry HE Dr Mohammad bin Saleh al Sada.**

based on the brain neuron. Neural networks are well suited to complex problems, generally have large degrees of freedom and have the ability to determine the underlying relationship between model inputs and outputs resulting in good generalization ability. Neural networks have been applied to financial markets and to engineering in disciplines such as petroleum and chemical engineering.

Uses in the energy industry include interpreting logs, diagnosing and prescribing remedies for stuck drill pipes, locating mineral deposits, configuring seismic processing runs, selecting optimal drilling mud, problem diagnoses, identifying the cause of chemical spills and recommending action, selection and design of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) processes, well stimulation, testing and logging and prediction of fluid properties.

Artificial neural network technology is suggested in order to determine reservoir properties from well logs and used as a nonlinear regression method to develop transformation between the selected well logs and core analysis data. The neural network model is able to predict the fracture gradient as a function of pore pressure, depth and rock density.

## 12 thrillers and horror tales to be screened at DTFF

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK  
DOHA

BRINGING diverse facets in modern filmmaking, the fourth Doha Tribeca Film Festival (DTFF), the annual cultural celebration of Doha Film Institute (DFI) to be held from November 17 to 24, will showcase an eclectic collection of thrilling adventures and spine-tingling horror tales, drawn from around the world.

Defying conventional thriller modes, the festival's opening film *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* has an edge-of-seat narrative as it explores the emotional turmoil of the hero, Changez (Riz Ahmed). From his relentless pursuit of success in corporate America to the paths that lead him back to his home in Pakistan following the events of September 11, Mira Nair's take on Mohsin Ahmed's best-selling novel is as gripping as it can get.

The thriller-horror genre comes to full bloom in another 11 films that will be screened in various segments of the festival like Made in



Scenes from the movies *Kon-Tiki* (left) and *Seven Psychopaths*.

Qatar, Arab Film Competition, Contemporary World Cinema and Special Screenings.

The Festival's flagship "Made in Qatar Programme 4: Thriller Night" will feature three films by Qataris, offering a unique outlook on what is beyond life as we know it.

Noor Ahmed Yaqub's *Crazy Cain* is an emotional journey about a Qatari girl named Noor, a cancer patient. Her stark reality, which has begun to haunt her sub-consciousness, is reflect-

ed in her paintings.

Ali al Anssari's *I* narrates the story of an obsessed person who demands perfection in every aspect of his life.

When he notices that his friend has an asymmetrical face, he decides to take matters into his own hands. Moad Mohammed al Ibrahim and Ahmed al Baker's *Lockdown: Red Moon Escape* follows Saif and Rashid, two youngsters out in the desert fixing a flat tyre, when all of a sudden they encounter the unimaginable — a pack of



zombies on the loose. Saif escapes, but when a military task force jails him, he finds himself surrounded by supernatural beings.

Two thrillers are competing in the Arab Film Competition, DTFF's in-competition section. Nadir Mokneche's *Goodbye Morocco* narrates the story of Doumia, who sees an easy solution to all her problems when ancient Christian ruins are discovered beneath the construction site she over-

sees her plan, but unable to overcome her impulse, she abandons her personal scruples to remodel her life, which leads to the destruction of everything she loved.

Merzak Alouache's *The Repentant* is the touching story of Rashid, a young extremist who leaves his mountain hideout to return home in an attempt to resume a normal life.

In the Contemporary World Cinema segment are Espen Sandberg and Joachim Roenning's *Kon-Tiki*, based on Norwegian ethnographer Thor Heyerdahl, who built a raft and travelled across the open seas from Peru to the Tuamotu Islands to prove his theory of emigration across the Pacific. *Kon-Tiki* captures all the danger, excitement and sheer natural beauty of a true man-versus-nature.

Baltasar Kormakur directs *The Deep*, which documents the story of a Gull, the only crew member to survive the capsizing of a fishing boat in the North Atlantic waters off the coast of Iceland. It

recounts Gulli's struggle with celebrity and the lingering trauma of his misadventure. Bene Fliegau's *Just the Wind* is another fascinating film on a series of shocking acts of racially motivated violence in Hungary.

Also in the Contemporary World Cinema showcase are Soi Cheang's *Motorway*, the story of a young cop paired up with a soon-to-retire veteran on Hong Kong's top-secret, high-speed, car-chase squad; and Thomas Vinterberg's *The Hunt*, narrating the story of a young girl who falsely accuses her primary school teacher of abuse, resulting in rumours and lies that spread like wildfire.

Martin McDonagh's *Seven Psychopaths* is a wry take on Hollywood's passion for psycho-killed movies. With an expanded Festival format this year, DTFF 2012 will showcase over 87 films from across the globe under distinct themed sections including Arab Film Competition, Made in Qatar, Contemporary World Cinema, Special Screenings and Tribute to Algerian Cinema.

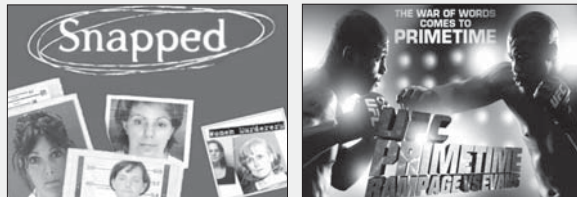
BEST ON TV TONIGHT



8:19 pm QSN News: LIVE MSNBC THE RACHEL MADDOW SHOW



10:10 pm Cartoon Network: COURAGE THE COWARDLY DOG



11:30 pm Crime & Investigation: SNAPPED



7:00 pm QSN Sports 4: UFC PRIME TIME

TV PRIME TIME GUIDE

Table with columns for channel (AL JAZEERA, QSN NEWS, CARTOON NETWORK, DISNEY CHANNEL, DISCOVERY HD SHOWCASE, CRIME & INVESTIGATION, BBC LIFESTYLE, FOOD NETWORK, EXTREME SPORTS, QSN SPORTS 4) and program titles.

TELEVISION LISTING

AL JAZEERA TV listing including programs like Baking Mad With Eric Lantard, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, and various news programs.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL TV listing including programs like American Guns, Behind Bars, and Chris Ryan's Elite Police.

DISNEY CHANNEL TV listing including programs like Kim Possible, Brandy & Mr Whiskers, and The Suite Life on Deck.

EXTREME SPORTS TV listing including programs like M1 Challenge, Pro Bull Riders 2011, and UFC Countdown.

ANIMAL PLANET TV listing including programs like Animal Copps South Africa, I'm Alive, and Wild Animal Orphans.

DISCOVERY HD SHOWCASE TV listing including programs like Deadliest Catch, The Mindy Project, and Ultimate Survival.

DISNEY JUNIOR TV listing including programs like Little Einsteins, Special Agent Oso, and Layton.

FOOD NETWORK TV listing including programs like Unwrapped, Guy's Big Bite, and Iron Chef America.

BBC LIFESTYLE TV listing including programs like Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Antiques Roadshow, and Baking Made Easy.

CRIME & INVESTIGATION TV listing including programs like Crime Stories, The FBI Files, and The First 48: Missing Persons.

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ITV GRANDMA TV listing including programs like Auction Party, M1 Minute Makeover, and Coronation Street.

BEST ON TV TONIGHT



7:00 pm OSN Cinema: THE COMPANY MEN



10:30 pm OSN Comedy: SOUTH PARK



9:00 pm MBC 2: RUSH HOUR 2

9:00 pm Nat Geo Wild HD- I, PREDATOR

TV PRIME TIME GUIDE

Table with columns for time slots (7:00 PM to 11:30 PM) and various TV channels (OSN Cinema, OSN Movies Action, OSN Comedy, OSN First, MBC 2, MBC Max, Nat Geo Wild HD, OSN Movies HD, Nat Geo Adventure, Nat Geo Channel HD). It lists the titles of programs airing during these times.

TELEVISION LISTING

Television listing for OSN Cinema channels, listing titles like 'The Company Men', 'The Magic Key Adventures', 'Benjamin's Farm', and 'Monkey See Monkey Do' with their respective air times.

Television listing for OSN Comedy channels, listing titles like 'South Park', 'The Daily Show With Jon Stewart', 'The Colbert Report', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

Television listing for MBC channels, listing titles like 'Rush Hour 2', 'The X Factor U.S.', 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

Television listing for Nat Geo channels, listing titles like 'Predator', 'The Hunt', 'The X Factor U.S.', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.



OSN Cinema channel schedule listing titles like 'The Company Men', 'The Magic Key Adventures', 'Benjamin's Farm', and 'Monkey See Monkey Do'.

MBC 2 channel schedule listing titles like 'Rush Hour 2', 'The X Factor U.S.', 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

NAT GEO ADVENTURE channel schedule listing titles like 'The Hunt', 'The X Factor U.S.', 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

OSN CINEMA channel schedule listing titles like 'The Hunt', 'The X Factor U.S.', 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

OSN COMEDY channel schedule listing titles like 'South Park', 'The Daily Show With Jon Stewart', 'The Colbert Report', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

OSN MOVIES ACTION channel schedule listing titles like 'Predator', 'The Hunt', 'The X Factor U.S.', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

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OSN MOVIES ACTION channel schedule listing titles like 'Predator', 'The Hunt', 'The X Factor U.S.', and 'Survivor: Philippines'.

MBC 4 channel schedule listing titles like '2 Broke Girls', 'The Best Job In The World', and 'Nomads'.

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OSN PREMIERE channel schedule listing titles like 'Monsters', 'War Horse', and 'The Bad News Bears (2005)'.

TCM channel schedule listing titles like 'Children Of The Damned', 'The Outrage', and 'New Wavey'.

MBC ACTION channel schedule listing titles like 'The Magic Key Adventures', 'Benjamin's Farm', and 'Monkey See Monkey Do'.

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MBC MAX channel schedule listing titles like 'Mr. Deeds', 'Mickey And Me', and 'Just Like Heaven'.

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