**Gulf Times**

**Mideast energy use set to jump by 49% by ’35: Al-Attiyah Foundation**

By Priyadharshini

Energy consumption in the Middle East is expected to jump by 49% by 2035, an Al-Attiyah Foundation report was quoted in Gulf Times on Wednesday.

The report, if carried out, would mean increased energy use and a rise in greenhouse gas emissions, leading to a further increase in global warming.

The report, which was released to coincide with the opening of the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris, said that the region’s energy consumption had increased by 16% between 2005 and 2013.

It also predicted that the region’s energy consumption would increase by 60% by 2035, with the majority of the increase coming from the transportation sector.

**Doha Bank ETF to carry lowest EM fee of 0.5%**

Doha Bank will soon roll out its application for the proposed ETF exchange traded funds (ETFs).

This move, said the bank, was a result of the recent regulatory changes that allowed ETFs to be traded under the umbrella of a mutual fund.

The bank will offer three ETFs, each with a different benchmark, and the fees will be the lowest in the market.

**Investor Presentation: Business Opportunities to Develop and Operate Private Schools**

The Ministry of Economy and Commerce, HE Sheikh Fahed bin Jassim Al Thani, will host a presentation on Tuesday, 15 May 2017, from 12:00-16:00 at the Ministry's headquarters in Doha, Qatar.

The presentation will focus on the business opportunities available for investors interested in developing and operating private schools in Qatar.

**Turkey trade with Gulf potential: Erdogen**

Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that the country’s trade with the Gulf had not reached its full potential, and that the two countries could do more in investments and tourism.

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