

ABHAIF & National Council on US Arab Relations ink MoU

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Aimed at enhancing global awareness about the Arab world, the Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah International Foundation For Energy And Sustainable Development (ABHAIF) signed an MoU with the National Council on US Arab Relations, recently.

The agreement signed by H E Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah, Chairman, ABHAIF, and Dr John Duke Antony, Founding President and CEO of the National Council, eyes cooperation between two parties in the fields of development, boosting cooperation in various sectors of common concerns, exchanging information and experiences to continue cooperation and coordination.

The MoU also aims at easing the jobs of researchers and creating opportunities to them to utilise the available scientific facilities as per the rules and regulations and system followed by both parties. "Through the agreement, we aim at raising the awareness about

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Arab world. Currently, the Arabs and the Muslims must work harder to put themselves in the front. There are extremists in every religion and they are segregating people. Islam is against killing the innocent," said Al Attiyah. "The MoU gives us strength to do more, create more understanding, and will help creating a more visionary road map for future interest. We will organise workshops, seminars and round tables to discuss issues of mutual interest. We will work on ways to convince the

public about our culture and traditions. We will work on this challenge, establish a methodology and methods to showcase who we are," he said.

Al Attiyah Foundation is the first think-tank of its kind in the Middle East. As per MoU, books, publications and journals and research works issued by both organisations will be shared with each other. The move aims at strengthening relation between two organisations in the field of energy, sustainable development, exchange of knowledge and scientific and social activities.

Founded in 1983, the National Council on US-Arab Relations is an American non-profit, non-governmental, educational organisation dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world.

"Over the last few years in US, the level of misunderstandings and misrepresentation of the Arabs have grown. Each day, Arabs are seen as an object to be manipulated, controlled influenced and rejected. This is dangerous and is rooted in ignorance," said Dr Anthony. "However,



ABHAIF Chairman H E Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah and Dr John Duke Antony, Founding President and CEO of the National Council on US Arab Relations, at the ceremony. Pic: Salm Matramkot / The Peninsula

through education and sharing information, we have a better understanding of the Arabs. Understanding Arab culture and principles, people say has made me a better human being. So through this agreement we aim to widen the reach and

understanding of the Arab and Islamic culture and tradition."

From its offices in Washington, the National Council works with sister organisations to share resources and maximise effectiveness. The council has played a leading role in convening regular

meetings of the heads of a dozen Arab-US relations organisations devoted to sharing information, discussing strategies, avoiding duplication of effort, and identifying and pursuing opportunities for greater inter-organisational cooperation.

RAF launches QR75.1m projects for Syrians

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Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Foundation for Humanitarian Services (RAF) launched a slew of projects related to health, education, development and housing at a cost of QR75.1m to rescue displaced people in northern part of Syria.

The projects were initiated under phase-2 of "Save Aleppo" campaign by RAF with other four Qatari charities participating in the

campaign — Qatar Charity, Eid Charity, Qatar Red Crescent Society, and Afif Charity under the supervision of Charities Regulatory Authority. Dr Ayed bin Dabssan Al Qahtani, Chairman, Board of Trustees, and General Director, RAF and Dr Mohamad Salah Ibrahim, Deputy Director of RAF inaugurated the projects in four sectors — health, food security, shelters and education.

Nine projects at a cost of over QR28m were inaugurated to

provide health services to more than 1.4 million displaced people. The health projects include portable medical units and operating the hospitals. In food security, RAF launched five projects at a cost of QR15.3m. More than 128,000 people are expected to benefit from the project s. Farmers were provided agricultural inputs and animals for breeding in Rif, Aleppo and Hums. Under shelter project, new insulated tents at a cost of QR2.1m were distributed to

displaced people living in poor quality tent facilities.

Six projects have been inaugurated to create educational opportunities to displaced children. More than 741,000 students and teachers are expected to benefit from these projects. Under educational projects, 30 school buildings damaged in the incident will be repaired. In addition, 3.5 million text books will be published. Salaries of 6,500 teachers will be paid for nine months.



Syrian children of displaced families in an educational facility provided by RAF in northern part of Syria.



Asala Honey offerings on display.

Asala Honey unveils latest offering 'Ora Manuka Honey'

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Asala Honey, renowned Qatari honey brand that specialises in producing and providing premium Yemeni honey, Honey confectioneries, and Middle Eastern Honey, has unveiled its latest offering, Ora Manuka Honey, at Gold Gourmet The Pearl and City Center, and at Asala boutiques: Villaggio, Doha Festival City and Mall of Qatar.

Manuka Honey, produced in New Zealand, comes from the nectar of Manuka flowers, and is renowned for its healing properties, and its rich distinctive flavour. Ora Manuka honey has been scientifically proven to possess powerful antiseptic and antibacterial properties, all due to its active ingredient,

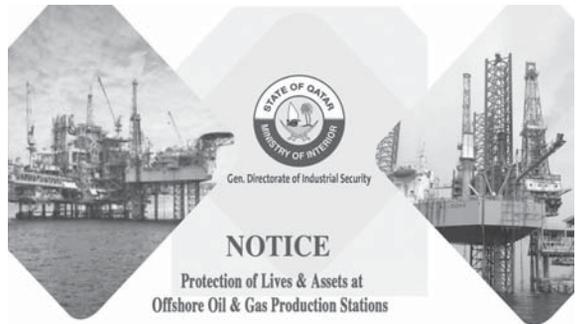
Hydrogen Peroxide. What sets Ora Manuka Honey apart, is that its UMF (Unique Manuka Factor) active. UMF Manuka honey has been tested and certified to have a specific level of antibacterial activity and is most effective against most types of bacteria, and is adverse to the effects of heat and light during storage.

UMF active honey has been utilised by many medical professionals around the world in the treatment of wounds, skin and stomach ulcers, and is proven to be beneficial for oral hygiene and as an energy source to enhance the body's stamina.

Many medical professionals around the world are having good results with the treatment of wounds and skin ulcers, many of which have not responded to other standard treatments.

Research has shown it to be beneficial for pain associated with stomach ulcers and also to help with shortening the duration of and rehydration of patients with bacterial diarrhoea. It has also been shown to be beneficial for oral hygiene and as an energy food to enhance the body's stamina.

Asala Honey has quickly grown to become one of Qatar's leading honey brands. Sourced from the best regional and international hives, Asala Honey is 100% pure and available in a variety of flavours: wild flowers, acacia, lavender, rosemary, oak, chestnut, sunflower, Manuka, in addition to the more popular multi-flora and golden nectar flavors that are packaged in the finest of jars and canisters.



The General Directorate of Industrial Security (GDIS) would like to notify the Offshore Habitues of the danger to approach the offshore Oil and Gas facilities in order to maintain their safety from fires & poisonous gases and to preserve critical state property.

The Qatari Law No. 8 for the Year 2004 has stated the following:

- Unauthorized Persons or Vessels are prohibited from approaching a distance of less than 500 meters from offshore Oil and Gas facilities.
- It is prohibited to throw buoys or anchors within the restricted 500 meters area.
- It is prohibited to Fish or place fishing equipment and tools of all kinds within a distance of less than 500 meters from marine oil and gas facilities.
- The Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the competent authorities, shall report and take appropriate action against any unauthorized vessel within the 500 meters exclusive zone.

Therefore, the General Directorate of Industrial Security expects full cooperation from all Offshore Habitues to maintain the safety of lives and the offshore oil and gas and national facilities.