

QATAR

“The State of Qatar has developed from being one of the poorest Gulf states, with its income based primarily on pearl fishing, to become one of the richest, thanks to the exploitation of large oil and gas fields since the 1940s.

Today its people have one of the highest per capita incomes in the world.

Dominated by the Al Thani family for almost 150 years, the mainly barren country was a British protectorate until 1971, when it declared its independence after following suit with Bahrain and refusing to join the United Arab Emirates.” BBC News

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Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/qatar.html>

Consulate in Qatar – U.S. Department of State

U.S. citizens living in or visiting Qatar are encouraged to register at the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Qatar and obtain updated information on travel and security within Qatar. The U.S. Embassy is located in the Al-Luqta District on 22nd February Street, P.O. Box 2399, Doha, phone (974) 488-4101. For after hour emergencies, U.S. citizens may call (974) 488-4101 extension 6600 to reach the duty officer. [On the Internet, you may reach the Embassy web site](http://www.usembassy.org.qa) at <http://www.usembassy.org.qa>. The embassy observes a Sunday through Thursday workweek. Many businesses and government offices in Qatar observe a Saturday through Wednesday workweek.

Country Profile – BBC News

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/791921.stm

Post Report - U.S. Department of State

Covers a wide variety of information provided to foreign service officers and their families prior to embarking to a new country. Includes living conditions, employment issues for spouses, availability of products, and much more.

http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=122

The World Factbook: (August 2003)

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/qa.html>

Workweek

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