

The Organising Committee of the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX 2024) announces full readiness to kick-off the international event

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- *Visiting warships arrive at Hamad Port as part of DIMDEX activities*

Doha, Qatar, 4 March 2024: The eighth edition of the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX 2024) kicked off today under the esteemed patronage of HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, and organised and hosted by the Qatar Armed Forces. DIMDEX will run until 6 March 2024 at the Qatar National Convention Centre under the theme “**Igniting the Future of Maritime Security and Beyond**”.

Staff Brigadier (Sea) Abdulbaqi Saleh Al-Ansari, Chairman of the Organising Committee of DIMDEX, confirmed the completion of all necessary preparations for a new and distinguished version of the global event in a press conference held on March 3rd at the Qatar National Convention Centre in the presence of Staff Major General (Doctor / Air) Rashid Hamad Al-Nuaimi, Commander of the Strategic Studies Centre of the Qatar Armed Forces, and Brigadier General Ali Harib Al-Harib, Deputy Commander of Qatar Emiri signal Corps, and Director of Project 401 for Special Operations.

Staff Brigadier Al-Ansari touched on the latest developments, noting that the eighth edition of DIMDEX features more than 200 international and national companies specialised in security and defence, in addition to 9 major international pavilions, as well as renowned national and local companies and the various branches of the Qatar Armed Forces. DIMDEX will showcase the latest defence innovations and technology over the full capacity of 7 halls across 35,000 square meters, as well as additional outdoor space.

Staff Brigadier Al-Ansari announced that DIMDEX this year is characterised by the presence of the largest number of official delegations, reaching 110 official VIP delegations, further strengthening DIMDEX's position on the international stage.

He also added that the Middle East Naval Commanders Conference will be held on the second day of the event in partnership with the Strategic Studies Centre of the Qatar Armed Forces, under the title of “**Economic Growth Prospects Amidst Security Challenges and Their Global Impact**”, with the participation of thought leaders and military officials.

Staff Brigadier Al-Ansari added: “In this edition, we will also witness the announcement of Project 401 for the Special Operations, which includes special operations training centres specialised in developing the capabilities of special forces and global anti-terrorism units.”

On March 3rd, the DIMDEX 2024 Organising Committee hosted media representatives at Hamad Port to attend the arrival ceremony of visiting warships, where 9 warships from 8 countries docked and were welcomed by Major (Sea) Abdulrahman Yousuf Al-Malki, Warships Logistics Director. The official opening of the visiting warships is taking place on March 4th at Hamad Port, with visitors having the opportunity to visit and learn about their crews throughout the three days of the exhibition.

Over the course of three days, the event is expected to attract more than 20,000 visitors from across the maritime defence and security ecosystem to explore the latest advanced solutions and defence technologies. The event also provides opportunities to meet and communicate directly with high-level official delegations, military leaders, representatives of government and defence

procurement agencies, contributing to the signing of new contracts and agreements with potential buyers and offering business opportunities for companies. The event is also a platform to exchange knowledge and expertise, gain new insights on various defence-related matters and a deeper understanding of emerging geopolitical and security challenges.

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To register to attend DIMDEX 2024 and visit visiting warships at Hamad Port, please click on the following link: <https://register.dimdex.a101.co/visitor/>