

## QFFD signs agreement to establish 'Qatar Square' in Tirana, Albania

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Tirana, July 24 (QNA) – The Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) signed a grant agreement with the Municipality of Tirana, the capital city of the Republic of Albania, to establish 'Qatar Square.' The Agreement was signed by Acting Director General of QFFD, Sultan bin Ahmed Al Aseeri, and HE Mayor of Tirana Erion Veliaj, in the attendance of HE Ambassador of the State of Qatar in Tirana Jabor bin Ali Hussein Al Dosari.

To be built in the heart of the Albanian capital, the square will span an area of 23,700 square meters, with a cost of EUR 11 million.

It will include several facilities and different spaces for celebrations, exhibitions, and events, along with various shops and gathering areas, in addition to a water purification system for the

Lido River in order to sustain natural irrigation water for the surrounding park that will be constructed as part of the project.

The project's design will be inspired by the traditional Qatari weaving craft of Sadu and its patterns to promote the beauty of Qatari culture and enhance bilateral cultural exchange and cooperation.

The project has a long-term development goal of paving the way for the construction of 25,000 houses in the square's surroundings and providing job opportunities for the Albanian people, which will advance development in the country and vitalize the local labor market.

Such projects reflect the essential role of the State of Qatar in helping other countries advance and develop on various fronts.