



Qatar, Georgia explore ways to enhance economic and investment co-operation

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Georgia and Qatar yesterday explored ways of creating a working group at the ministerial level to further facilitate the entry of Qatari businessmen in the Georgian market.

This comes as part of efforts to enhance economic and investment co-operation between the two countries, especially with Doha expressing keen interest in the agriculture sector.

The working group is being explored to be established within the Ministry of Economy in Tbilisi in view of the growing interest of the private sector from Qatar to invest in Georgia, a country at the intersection of Europe and Asia.

This was discussed at the meeting of Natella Turnava, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, and her accompanying delegation, with the Qatari Businessmen Association (QBA).

From the Georgian side, the meeting was also attended by Genadi Arveladze Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and Nikoloz Revazishvili, ambassador of Georgia to Doha.

The QBA was represented by HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani, its chairman, and also members Sheikh Faisal bin Fahad al-Thani, Faisal al-Mana, Maqbool Khalfan, Ihsan al-Khiaymi and Mohamed Althaf as well as QBA deputy general manager Sarah Abdullah.

Apart from the farm sector, Sheikh Faisal also talked about the potential for tourism and real estate investment in Georgia.

Turnava highlighted that Georgia is interested in attracting more investors in its hospitality and tourism sectors, where the country has a lot of historical and tourism elements that make it an important centre for foreign tourists and resulted in hosting about 3.4mn visitors in 2019.

She specifically indicated a project for a huge commercial shopping centre located in the heart of the capital, offered for investment by the private sector, where the state is privatising some public facilities such as touristic and medical resorts and wellness and health centres.



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