

## **Qatar Participates in GCC Workshop on Privacy, Personal Data Protection**

Riyadh, June 07 (QNA) - Represented by the National Cyber Security Agency, the State of Qatar participated in a joint workshop between the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) on privacy and protection of personal data for citizens in the GCC countries, which concluded Tuesday in Riyadh.

In the two-day workshop, the State of Qatar was represented by the agency's Director of National Governance and Compliance Affairs Engineer Dana Al Abdulla, and Jassim Al Muftah, who is an expert from the National Cyber Security Agency.

During the workshop, Eng. Dana Al Abdulla presented the Qatari law in protecting the privacy of personal data, in which she highlighted the leading role that the State of Qatar plays in the field of personal data protection, as the National Cyber Security Agency implements laws and regulations related to personal data protection as well as establishing partnerships with regional and international entities specialized in this field.

Eng. Al Abdulla explained that HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani's issuance of Law No. 13 of 2016 on Protecting Personal Data Privacy reflects Qatar's commitment to protecting the privacy of its individuals.

For its part, the National Office for Personal Data Protection participated in a workshop held by a committee for 'Legislations and Regulations for Online Applications', which is one of the committees of the General Secretariat of GCC.

Represented by the National Cyber Security Agency, the State of Qatar submitted a draft proposal for a guiding framework on the personal data privacy system for the member states, which aims to unify the visions among member states regarding the management of the personal data privacy system, taking into account the differences that may exist in legislation and regulations between countries.

The draft proposal comes in continuance of the objectives of the GCC in achieving integration among member states in all fields for enhancing scientific and technical excellence.

This guiding framework also aims to provide guidelines compatible with the global trends in enforcing the privacy of personal data that qualifies member states and places them in the group of

leading countries in this field and broadens the horizons of economic prosperity based on the safe use of knowledge. (QNA)

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