# Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani Founder



# **About His Excellency**

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Founder of Mohamed Bin Hamad Holding Company; a group of companies providing services in the fields of healthcare, tourism, travel, hotels, real estate, business and many more.

His Excellency Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani was a prominent member of the ruling family in the State of Qatar, as he was one of the senior members of the Al Thani family.



Sheikh Mohamed was born in Doha in 1929. He received primary education under the supervision of qualified scholars in religion and linguistics, where he was raised and nurtured under the care of his late father, Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani, who played a prominent and important role in the history of Qatar. His father, Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah, served as Crown Prince of the State of Qatar from 1935 until his death, may God have mercy on him.

# **Career and Life**

Sheikh Mohamed held several positions and had a major and role in the development stages of the State of Qatar; he served as Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Lebanon from 1972 to 1977 and non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Under Emiri Decree No. (2) of 1978, His Excellency Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamad was appointed as Minister of Education from 1978 to 1989, making great contributions in the development of education, which we can witness to this day. He was also appointed as Advisor to His Highness the Emir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad during his tenure.

Shiekh Mohamed also made great contributions in the development of the economic sector, investment, and business in the State of Qatar, as he was the first to establish a company specialized in tourism and travel in 1968 and the first to establish an integrated private hospital in 2000, inaugurated by His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamad also established the Ahli Bank of Qatar with a number of businessmen in 1983.

Sheikh Mohammed Al Thani died on Friday, Muharram 3, 1445 AH, corresponding to July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and the Emiri Diwan in Qatar mourned him in an official statement.

### **Selected Chairmanships**

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Sheikh Mohamed headed many organizations, committees, and task forces during his tenure, including:

• Qatar National Committee for Education, Culture and Science.

- Board of Trustees of the Research Center for Muslim Contributions to Civilization.
- Qatar Society for the Care and Rehabilitation of People with Special Needs.
- The Supreme Council of Education at Qatar University.
- The Qatar History Codification Committee.
- Qatar Scout Association

#### **Honorary Doctorate**

Sheikh Mohamed received an honorary doctorate from the Union of Arab Historians, as well as an honorary doctorate from Hankuk University in South Korea, due to his high scientific status and diverse education.

# **Medals and Shields**

Sheikh Mohamed received various medals and shields during his long service stages, including the Order of the Star of Jordan, Grand Cordon, the Order of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the Order of the Republic of South Korea.

His Excellency also represented the State of Qatar on many international occasions, including the coronation ceremony of the Emperor of Japan.

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