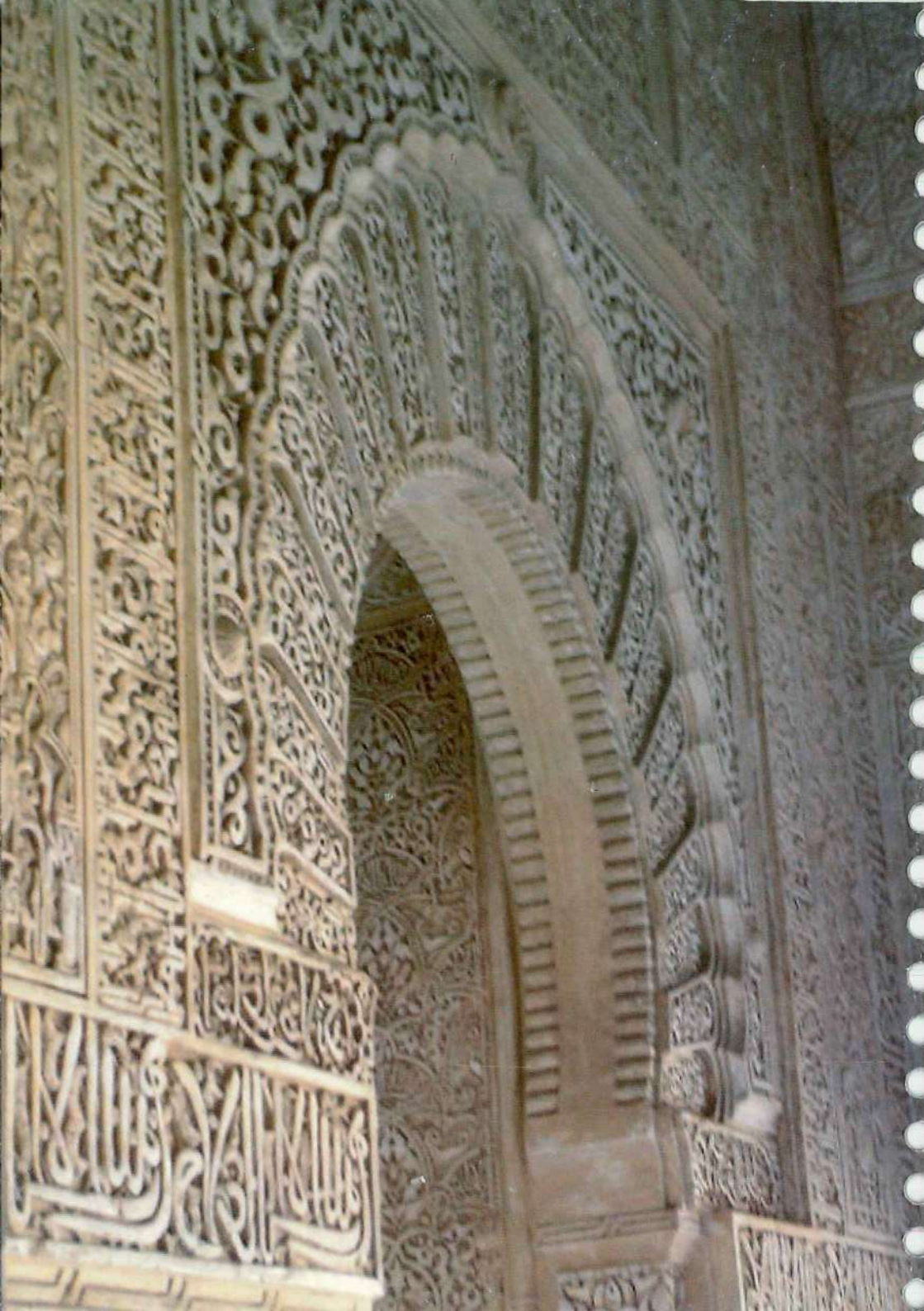


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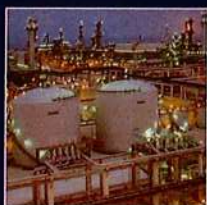
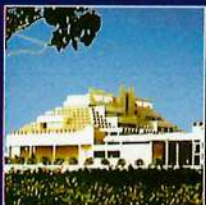
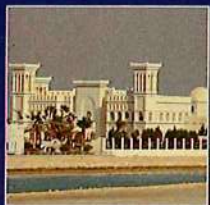
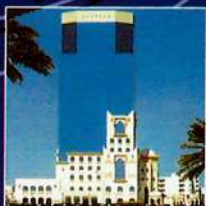
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I have great pleasure in forwarding my compliments on the occasion of the "Annual Symposium" of the Sri Lankan Majlis in the State of Qatar.

Having had the privilege of serving as the Ambassador of our beloved country during the last one year, I am extremely happy to note that this organization has always rendered a great service not only to the members of their organization but to the entire Sri Lankan community in Qatar. This has definitely helped to maintain the unity between all communities in Qatar.

I hope that this organization will continue to serve their members and the rest of the Sri Lankans in Qatar in their future social and religious activities.

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## President's Message



*In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful*

All praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe. May Peace and Blessings Be upon His Final Prophet & Messenger.

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmathullahi Wabarakathuhu!

Alhamdulillah! I am extremely delighted that SLMQ has organised this most prestigious event for the 3rd successive year. It is indeed, a proud privilege for me to felicitate all our members on this memorable occasion together with the release of this 3rd edition of the Symposium souvenir which has now become an annual feature.

With the tireless and whole hearted support of our dynamic members, SLMQ has evolved into a major source of strength and an important and resourceful networking for the benefit and cause of our community.

SLMQ family is growing fast. I sincerely appeal to all our members to come forward and play an active role in SLMQ affairs, provide us with new ideas, assist in our activities and above all give your moral support and strength which will truly reflect our unity and the desire to serve the community.

On behalf of the Sri Lankan Majlis Executive Committee and entire membership I express my gratitude and appreciation to our Patron and Ambassador His Excellency Mr. A.L.M. Yoosuf and the embassy staff who have always supported us and being available to us as and when needed.

I also, sincerely thank our numerous sponsors and well-wishers who whole heartedly came forward to support all our projects and events, to make them meaningful and memorable.

My Thanks and Best wishes to the members of the Executive Committee, Symposium Committee, all the participants and all those who have put in ceaseless effort to make this event a reality.

May Almighty Allah Guide us in the Correct Path.

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## Honorary General Secretary's Report



In the name of Allah The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

With honour and privilege I submit the report on the activities of Sri Lankan Majlis - Qatar (SLMQ) for the period 2003/2004.

Alhamdulillah, with the blessings of Almighty Allah, SLMQ steadily progressed to be reckoned as one of the leading organizations among expatriates living in Qatar. 'Team Work' of our members, unconditional support of the sponsors and above all the blessings of Almighty Allah, are the main factors and driving force for the continuous growth and success of SLMQ. We implemented many projects in Sri Lanka and performed various activities in Qatar to serve our community.

### Projects Implemented in Sri Lanka:

#### 'Personality Development' workshop for Muslim Undergraduates.

Three workshops were conducted in Colombo, Kandy and Addalaichenai to cover Universities in all provinces. These 2-day workshops were coordinated by SIRD, Sri Lanka.

#### 'Circumcision Project' to needy children

In Nawalapitiya 60 children (coordinated by Mutwal YMMA & Baithulmal Association, Nawalapitiya), in Maskeliya 50 children (coordinated by Al-Muslimath) and in Kalpitiya 200 children (coordinated by Al-Muslimath)

#### 'Shelter Project'

- Financial assistance to families lost their houses due to ethnic violence in Muthur. Project was implemented by Jamaa-ethe-Islami and the deserving families were selected Majlis-ush-Shura of Muthur.
- Financial Assistance to displaced families living in Puttalam District to repair huts. Project was coordinated by Al-Muslimath.

#### 'Flood Relief'

- Financial Assistance to school children to purchase school shoes. This Project was coordinated by 'Al-Muslimath'.

#### 'Educational Project'

- Continued to pay salaries to 23 pre-school teachers in Puttalam for the second year. This project is coordinated by Al-Muslimath.
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Performed activities in Qatar:

- Quran Classes are being conducted in a professional manner, twice a week.
- For the second successive year, various competitions were conducted to encourage Quran class students in April this year.
- To mark the Independence day of Sri Lanka, this year too, we conducted various competitions that were open to all Sri Lankan children.
- Annual summer gathering held in August 2003 with many events for the entire family.
- For the second year running SLMQ organised the annual Umrah pilgrimage in October 2003. A qualified Sri Lankan Mawlavi was with the team for guidance.
- Ifthar Reception was hosted in Gulf Paradise hotel during Ramadan.
- Eid-Fiesta was conducted on second day of Eid with various sports activities for the entire family.
- Forming the cricket team was another achievement during this period. SLMQ has many talented cricket enthusiasts and we were able to field three teams in various tournaments and achieved success within a short time.
- Dr. M.A.M Shukri, a well respected Sri Lankan scholar was the Guest of Honour at Symposium-2003. He graced the occasion with a keynote address on 'The History of Sri Lankan Muslims'.

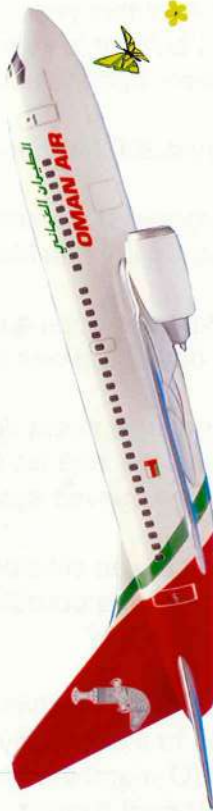
With the grace of Almighty Allah, SLMQ has achieved great heights within a short span of time. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to members, well wishers and the EXCO members for their dedication, teamwork, enthusiasm, and the unconditional support.

May Almighty Allah guide us in the right path.

Mohammed Hilmy Ghaffoor.  
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**Seated from left :** Hilmy Ghaffoor (General Secretary), Mohammed Fahmy (Vice president - Projects) H.E. A.L.M. Yousuf (Patron), Nazeem Yacoob (President), Ameerdeen Maulana (Vice president - Public Relations), Arshad Ahmed (Treasure).

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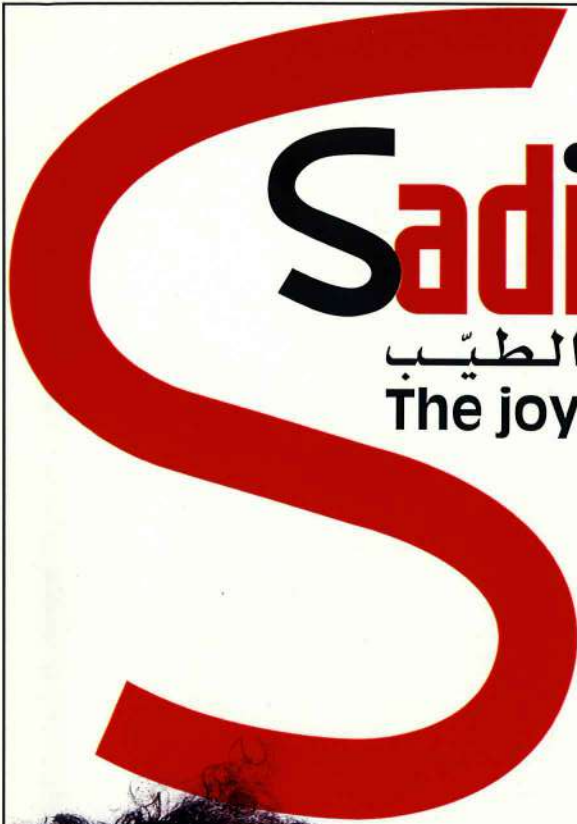
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## OUR OBJECTIVES

To develop cordial ties among families, communities and other associations

### Educational and Religious Activities

- \* Skill development programs
- \* Seminars & Workshops
- \* Competitions for children and adults
- \* Quraan & Islam Teachings
- \* Haj & Umrah pilgrimages

### Charitable Activities

- \* Scholarships for needy students
- \* Janaza assistance
- \* Assistance to needy families
- \* Charity bazaars

### Social and Welfare Activities

- \* Sports events
- \* Eid celebrations
- \* Family gatherings/ picnics
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## MEMBERSHIP

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### In Sri Lanka:

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- \* Continued to pay financial assistance to deserving University Undergraduates
- \* Circumcision to needy children
- \* Financial assistance to families who lost their houses due to ethnic violence
- \* Financial assistance to repair huts
- \* Financial assistance to school children to purchase shoes
- \* Financial assistance to purchase a 'Sanduk'
- \* Series of 2 days skill development workshop for Undergraduates in Sri Lanka

### In Qatar:

- \* Twice a week, Quran classes for children
- \* An indoor summer gathering for all families to display their talents and skills
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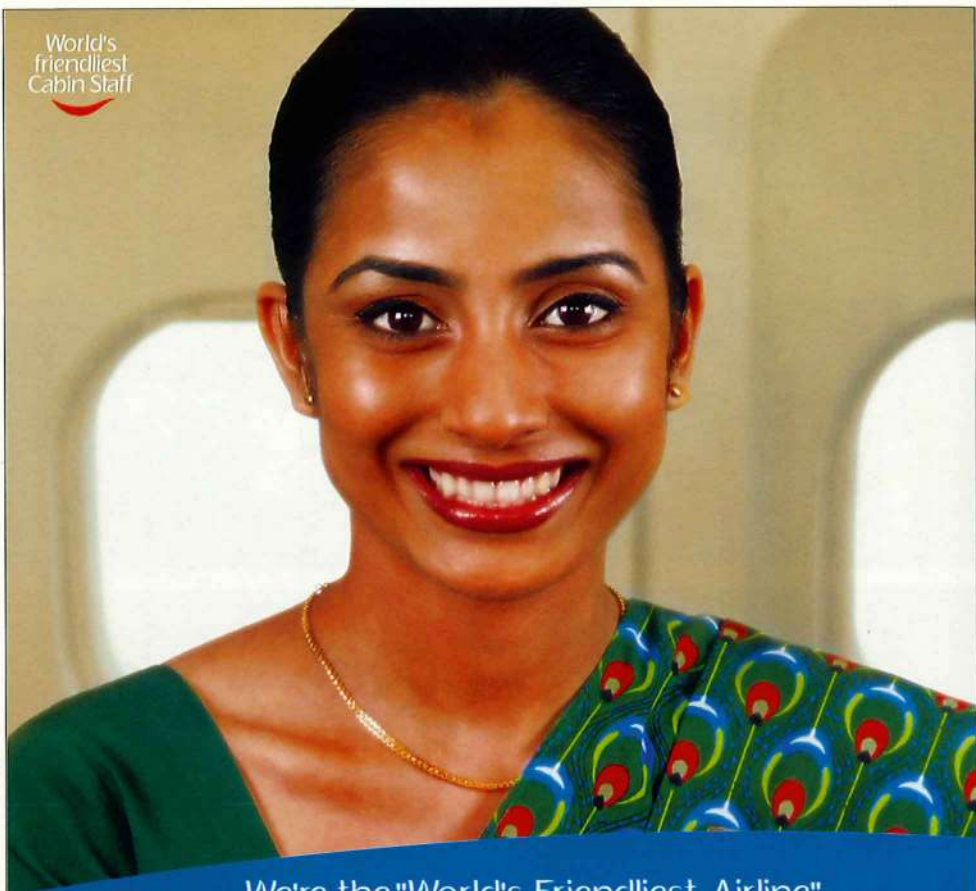
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|              |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | TeluniJudy Silva        |
|              |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Hirushi Jayasekera      |
|              | Public speaking | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Adrina .S.Gnanachandran |
|              |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Nahla Fahmy             |
|              |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mohamed Amirsha Hussain |
| Intermediate | Drawing         | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mahmood Fahmy           |
|              |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Nishani Ivanthima       |
|              |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mirani Kannangara       |
|              | Public speaking | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Zafar Mansoor           |
|              |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Adrian P.Gnanachandran  |
|              |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Varuna Ruban Lingendra  |
| Junior       | Colouring       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Kavisha Mendis          |
|              |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dulshan Jayasekara      |
|              |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Shuhanya Ferdinando     |
|              | Public speaking | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Naflah Mansoor          |
|              |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fathima S. Hussain      |
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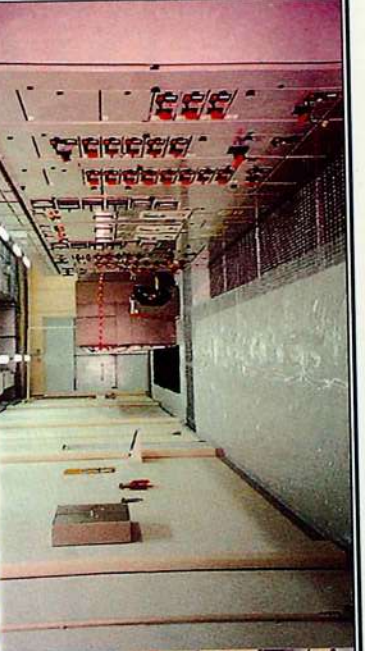
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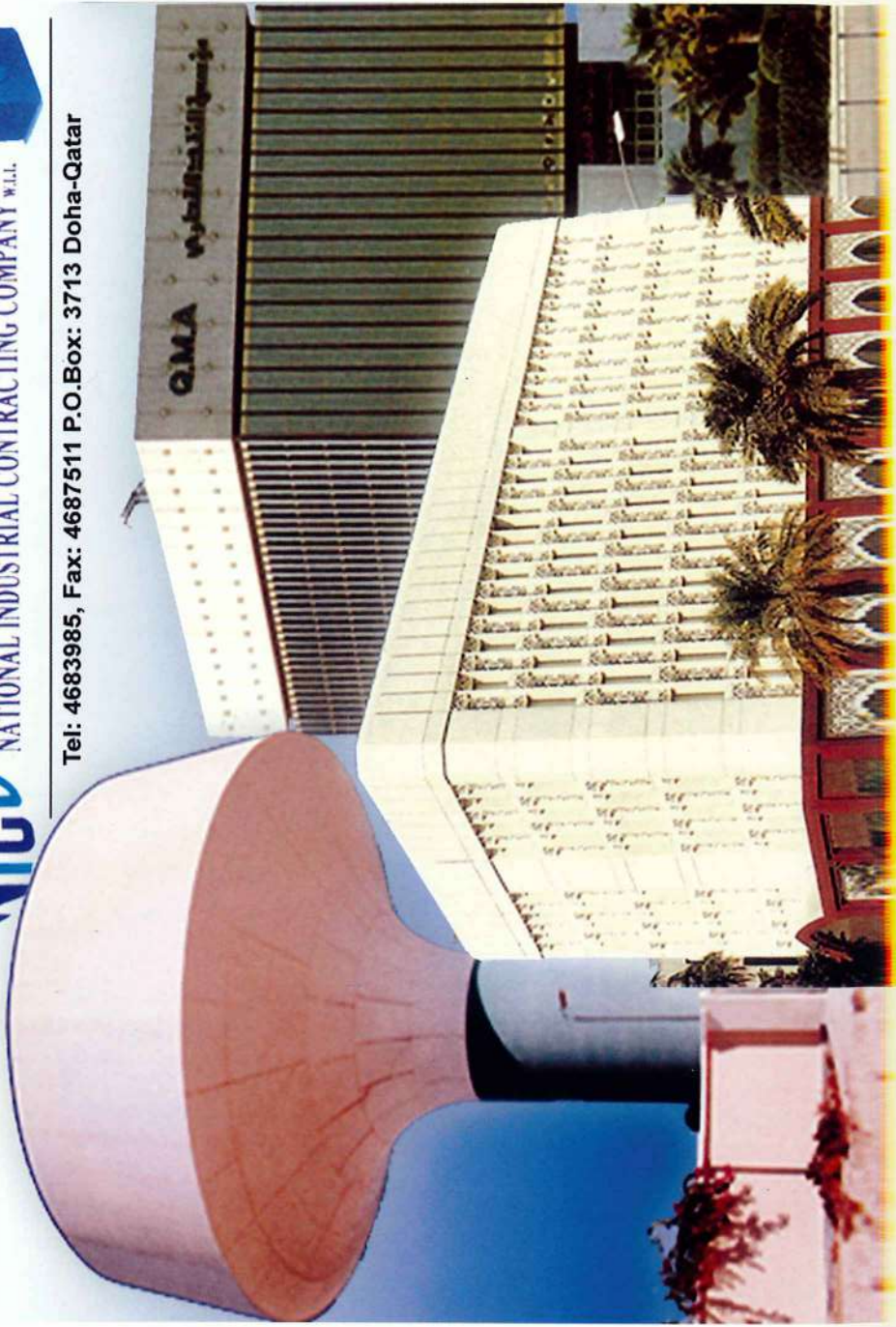
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**Have they not looked at the birds above them, with wings  
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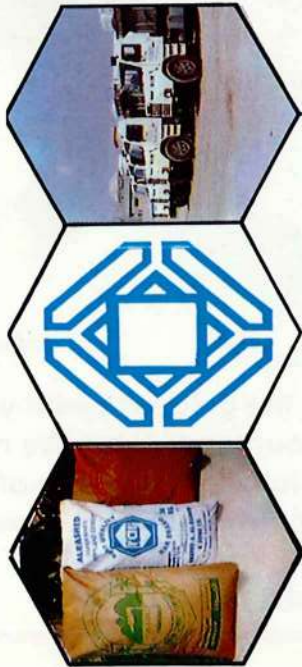


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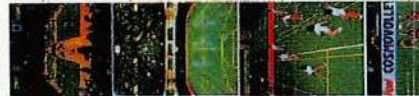
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(Surah Yunus 10:83)**



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**They say, 'If we follow the guidance with you, we shall be forcibly uprooted from our land.' Have We not established a safe haven for them to which produce of every kind is brought, provision direct from Us? But most of them do not know it.  
(Surah al-Qasas 28:57)**

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|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Fathima Shabir     |
|                        | Memorization | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Shajeedha Moulana  |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fathima Shabir     |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Fathima Muhajreen  |
| Senior<br>(Boys)       | Recitation   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Arfan Mansoor      |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mufthaz Mohideen   |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Faizal Ikram       |
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|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Arfan Mansoor      |
|                        | Speech       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mufthaz Mohideen   |
| Senior                 | Calligraphy  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nahla Fahmy        |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Shajeedha Moulana  |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Arfan Mansoor      |
| Intermediate<br>(Boys) | Recitation   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mirsab Hussaindeen |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Shujaudeen Moulana |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Zafar Mansoor      |
|                        | Memorization | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Zafar Mansoor      |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mahmood Fahmy      |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Shujaudeen Moulana |
|                        | Speech       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mirsab Hussaindeen |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Usman Yakooob      |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Shujaudeen Moulana |
| Intermediate           | Calligraphy  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nazreen Naleem     |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mahmood fahmy      |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Ziad Moulana       |
| Junior                 | Recitation   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Shaik Mishal       |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Nafila Mansoor     |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Hanefudeen Moulana |
|                        | Memorization | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Fadha Jamiu        |
|                        |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Hanefudeen Moulana |
|                        |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Abdul Khaliq       |
|                        | Speech       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nafila Mansoor     |
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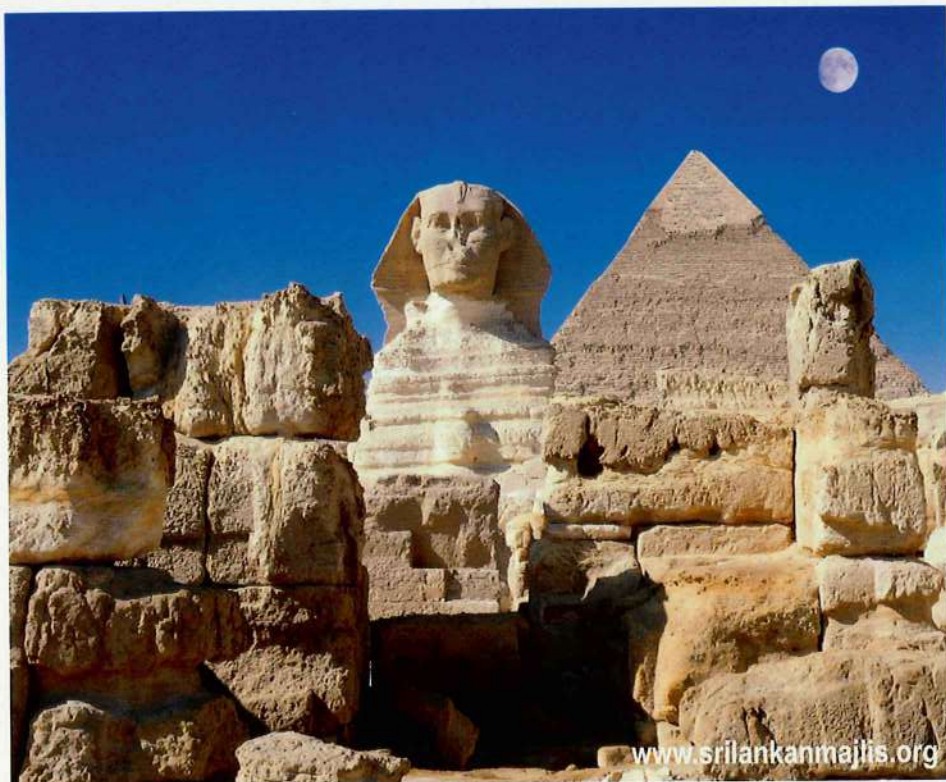
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(Surat al-Imran 3:26)



And if Allâh touches you with harm, none can remove it but He, and if He touches you with good, then He is Able to do all things.  
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**And indeed We have distributed it (rain or water) amongst them in order that they may remember the Grace of Allâh, but most men (refuse to accept the Truth or Faith and) accept nothing but disbelief or ingratitude.**

**(Surat al-Furkan 25:50)**



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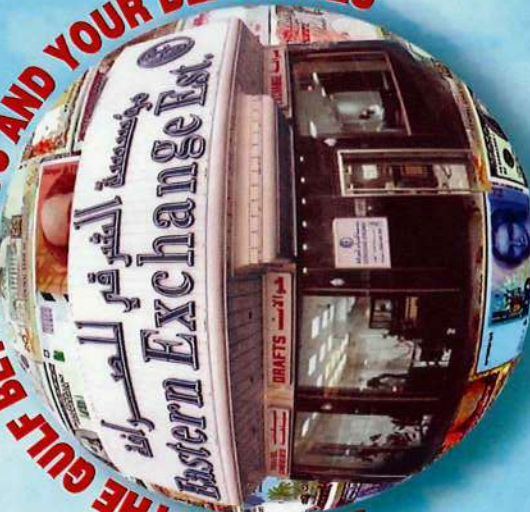
He does take and account of them (all) and hath numbered them (all) exactly.  
(Surah Maryam 19:94)



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Were Allah to expand the provision of His servants, they would act as tyrants on the earth. But He sends down whatever He wills in a measured way. He is aware of and He sees His servants.  
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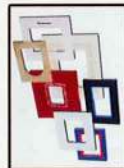
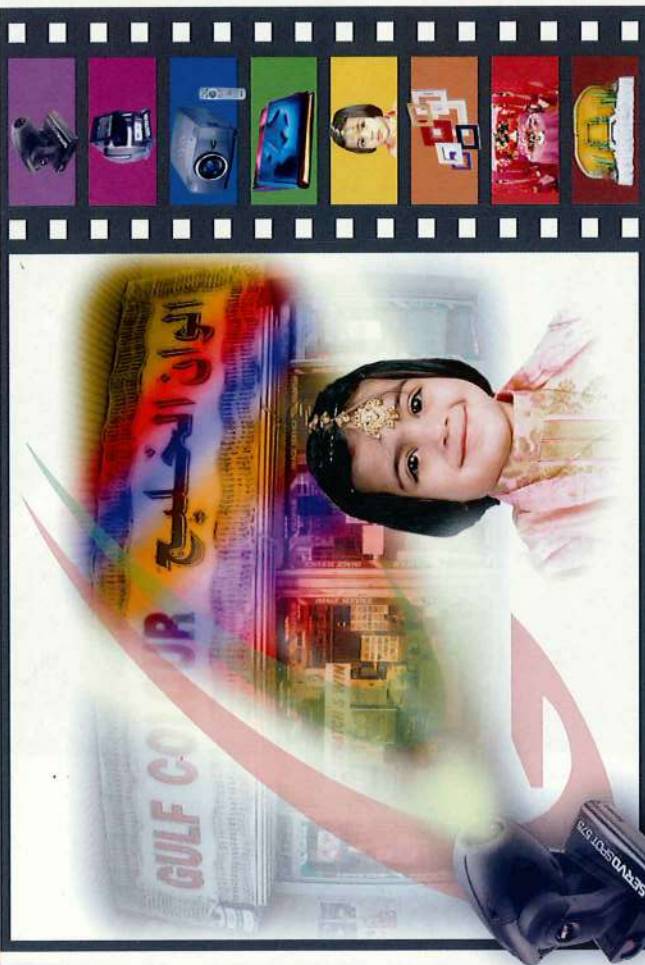
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And the things on this earth which He has multiplied in  
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## IS THERE ANY PARALLEL?

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When `Umar ibn `Abdul `Aziz came to the office of caliphate, a delegation of men from Samarqand saw him and represented that the general of the Islamic armies, Qutaibah, had unjustifiably stationed his army men in the town in their midst. `Umar ibn `Abdul `Aziz wrote to the governor of Samarqand that he should appoint a tribunal to judge and settle the dispute between Qutaibah and the people of Samarqand. If the judgement of the tribunal goes against the army chief and his men are asked to vacate they must do so at once. The governor appointed Jami` ibn Hadhir Albaji as judge for inquiry. After the inquiry was over, he, though himself a Muslim, passed the judgement that the Muslim army must vacate the town. He also remarked that the commander of the Muslim army must vacate the town. He also remarked that the commander of the Muslim forces ought to have served an ultimatum of war to the city, and according to the Islamic Law relating to war, he ought to have cancelled all the treaties with them so that the people of Samarqand could get time to prepare for the war. "Sudden attack on them without warning was unlawful."

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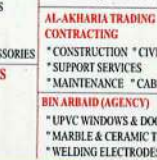
**Travel in the land and see how (Allâh) originated creation, and then Allâh will bring forth the creation of the Hereafter (i.e. resurrection after death). Verily, Allâh is Able to do all things. (Surt al-Ankabut 29:20)**



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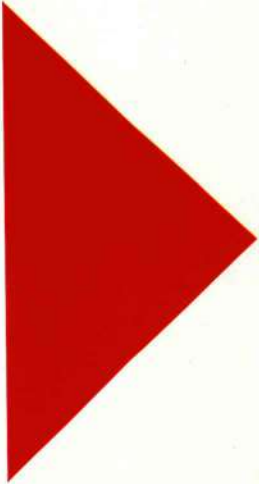
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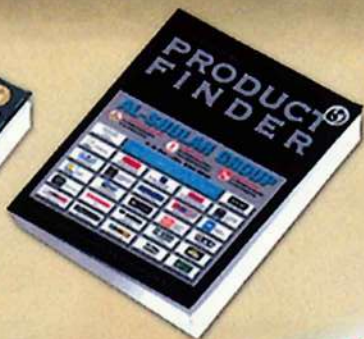
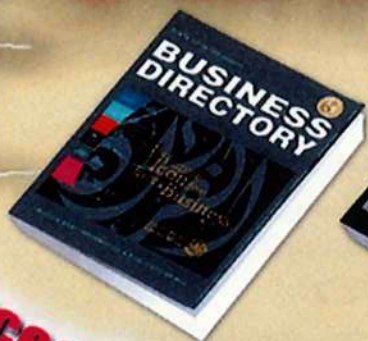


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(Surah al-Anbiya 21:33)**



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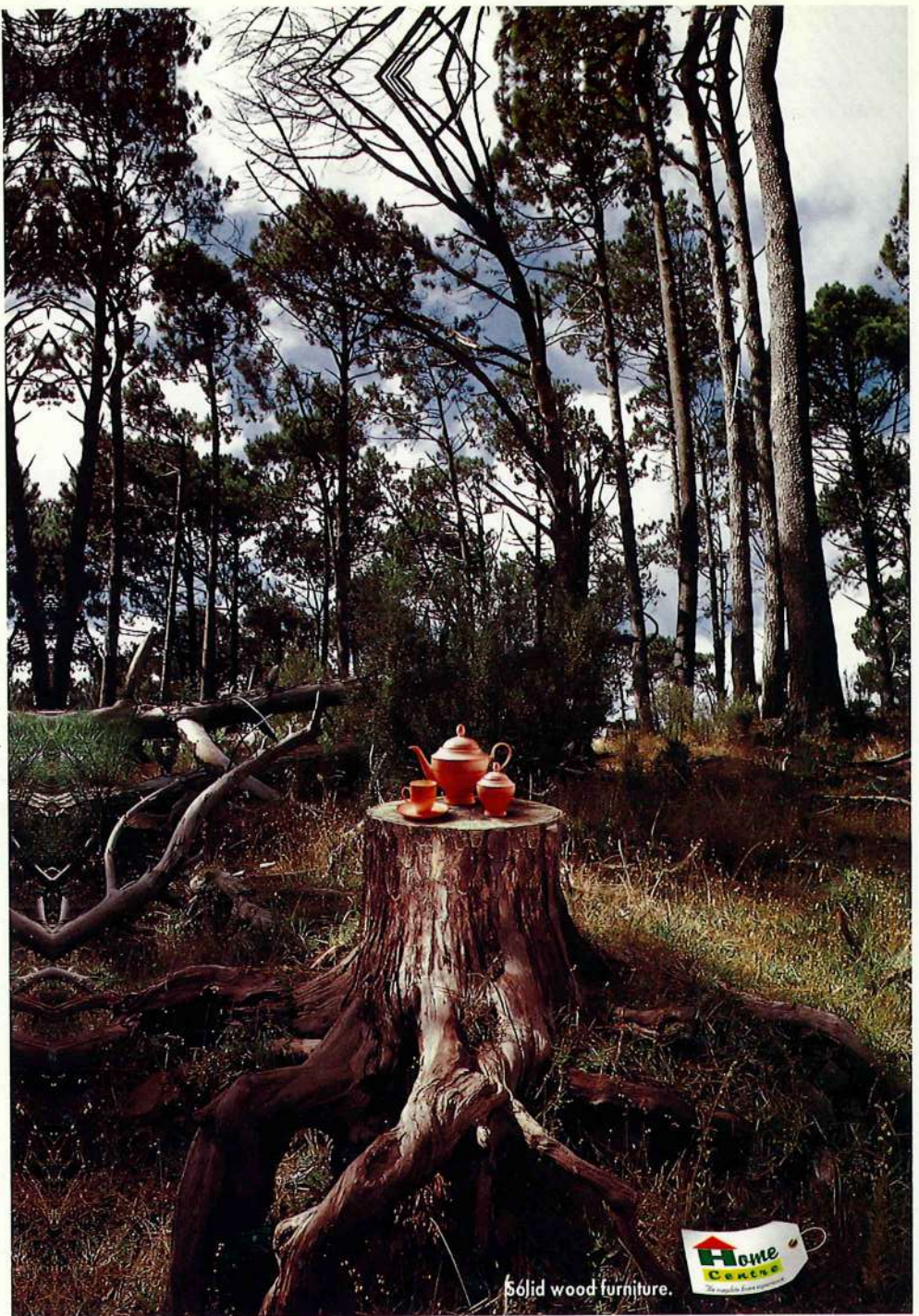
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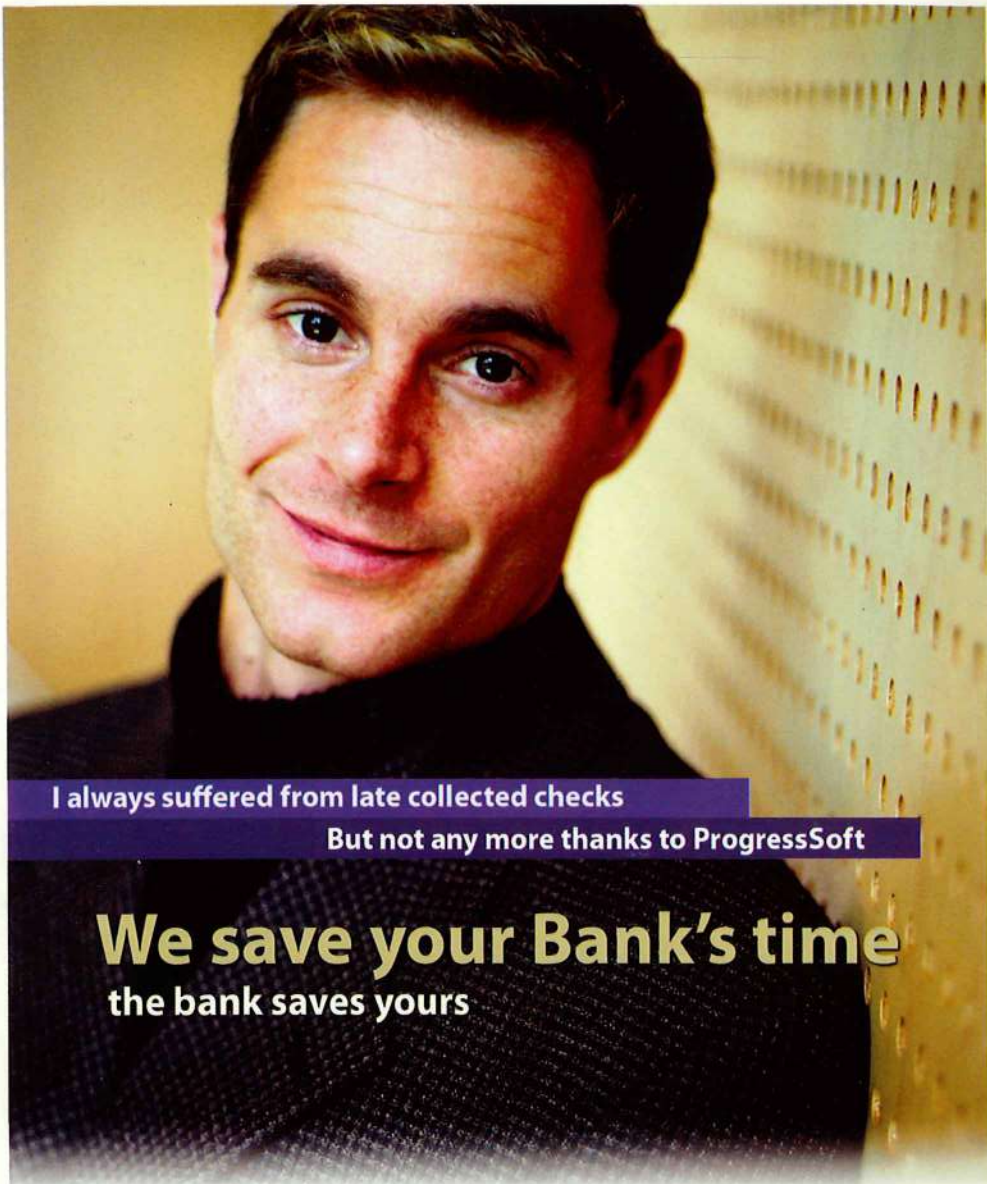
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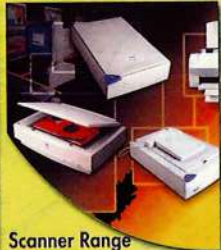
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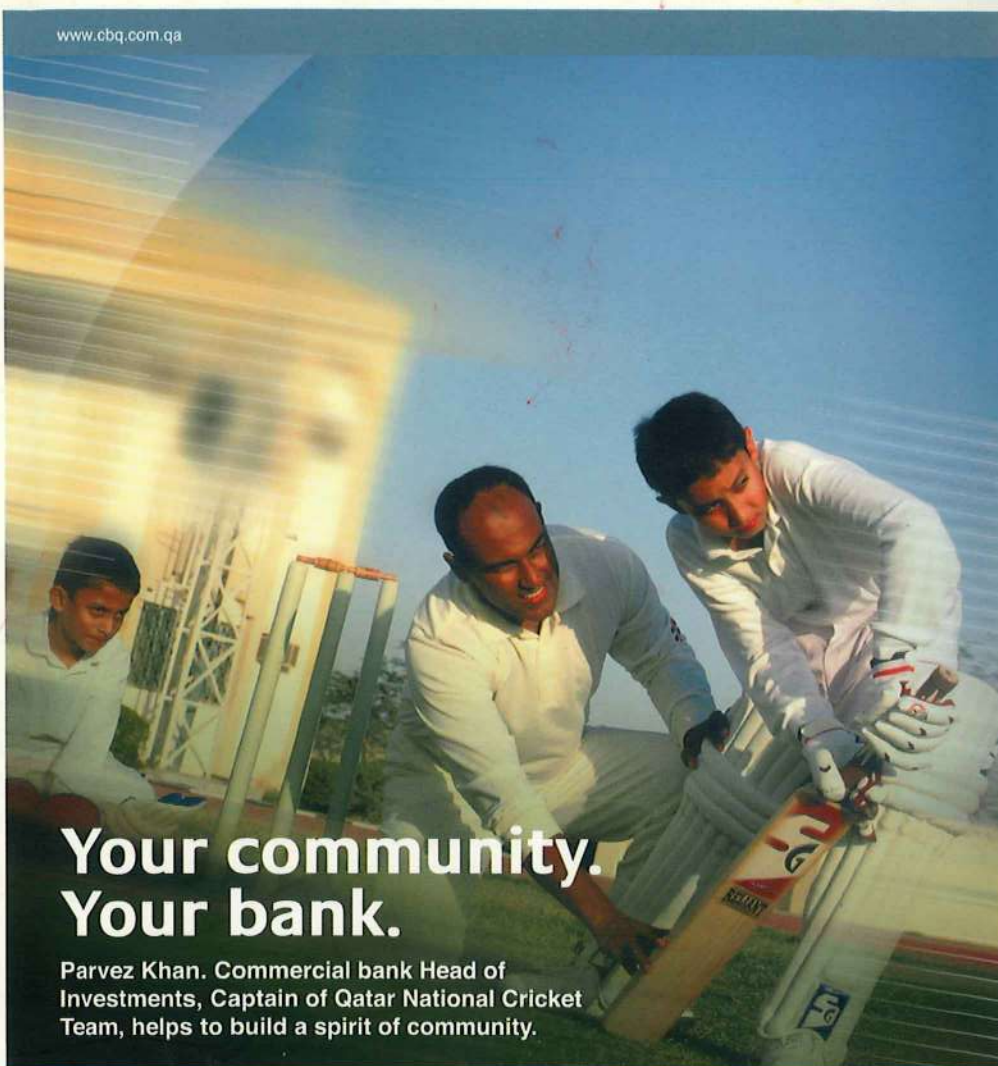


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