Qatar’s legal system upholds equality

Rights of citizens, expats granted equal protection: Chief Justice

From left: Ramez Itayeh, Chairman, Supreme Court of Azerbaijan; Paul de Jersey, Chief Justice of Queensland; Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales; Sam Rugege, Chief Justice of Rwanda and Mohamed Muzzammel Hossain, Chief Justice of Bangladesh, during a panel discussion yesterday.

**DOHA:** Qatar has a fully independent judicial system that guarantees protection to the rights of the citizens and the residents in equal terms. The country’s constitution and legal system are up to international standards, the Chief Justice, Mohammed Al Ameri said here yesterday.

Delivering the keynote address at the ‘Chief Justices Panel’ on the concluding day of Qatar Legal Forum, the Chief Justice said the citizens and the residents must support each other in strengthening the rule of law. The Chief Justice called for a dialogue between the citizen and the state system to protect their respective rights.

The Chief Justice also discussed the question how to foster a global understanding and commitment to the rule of law. Chaired by the Chief Justice of England and Wales, Lord Judge, the panel was comprised of the Chief Justice of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Rwanda and The State of Queensland.

Lord Judge stressed that a global understanding of the rule of law and freedom of communication and international courts in advancing the rule of law in the future. He remarked how the speed of technological change was extraordinary and the exchange of information between people of different nations across the globe would undoubtedly help to foster a greater global understanding of the rule of law in the coming years.

The Emir receives Sudan FM

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