

Doha to host religious conference in January

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Doha is expected to play host to an inter-sect religious conference on January 20-22, with the focus to be made on diverse sectarian and doctrinal issues and relevant ramifications on Muslim societies in the region.

An official of the Permanent Committee on Conferences at the Qatari Foreign Ministry told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the religious gathering would be meant to unify Muslim ranks, bring different viewpoints closer, ease out intellectual disputes and focus on the favorable points of Muslim sects.

Doha conference will be an opportunity for Muslim scholars to mull and exchange views over various sectarian issues in a bid to reach a consensus, the source added.

Some 200 Muslim scholars, jurists, thinkers, muftis and Muslim university professors have been invited to attend the first inter-sect conference in Qatar, it pointed.

The 3-day gathering is also expected to consider a set of working papers on the significance of dialogue for unifying the Muslim nation and facing cultural challenges and obstacles.

Extremism and estrangement are also to be involved in working papers.