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**QATAR'S MUSEUM** PROVIDES VISITORS WITH A SENSE HOW QATARIS LIVED IN PAST

The National Museum of Qatar is a unique landmark where visitors get acquainted with the Qataris' lifestyle in the past and manifestations of modern times' modes of living since the 19th century. The museum encompasses 11 halls, with displayed old dhows and various objects and tools, depicting the Qataris' old lifestyle. Some had earned their bread from venturing into the sea and others from investing in land wealth. Some of the displayed objects are handmade and signal the Qataris' unique culture.—KUNA



**Bad Bunny ex seeking \$40m in unauthorized use of voice note**

Former girlfriend of Bad Bunny has filed a \$40 million lawsuit against the Puerto Rican megastar, alleging he used a recording of her voice in several songs without permission. Carliz De La Cruz Hernandez, who dated Bad Bunny from 2011 to 2016, filed the lawsuit at a Puerto Rican court in San Juan earlier this month, though the outlet Notice first reported it just this week.

In 2015, before Bad Bunny had skyrocketed to global fame, she recorded a voice note for him saying the phrase "Bad Bunny, baby," court documents say. She alleges that the singer, born Benito Martinez Ocasio, used the recording shortly thereafter without authorization, in the introduction of the song "Pa Ti" and a few years later in "Dos Mil 2016," a track off his latest blockbuster album "Un Verano Sin Ti." For that most recent release, the

artist's team sent contracts seeking consent to use De La Cruz's voice, one day before the album release, according to the lawsuit. But the documents say representatives did not wait for a response before putting out the record. "Since then, thousands of people have commented directly on Carliz's social media networks, as well as every time she goes to a public place, about the 'Bad Bunny, baby,'" says the lawsuit. "This has caused, and is currently causing De La Cruz to feel worried, anguished, intimidated, overwhelmed and anxious."—AFP



**Paltrow defends against 'meritless' skiing lawsuit in Utah court**

Gwyneth Paltrow appeared in court in the western US state of Utah on Tuesday, where she is being sued for damages by a retired optometrist over a skiing accident seven years ago. In opening statements, Terry Sanderson's lawyer said the alleged collision on the slopes of Deer Valley had caused him damages worth \$3.3 million. The "Shakespeare in Love" actress has in turn countersued. Paltrow's lawyer Steven Owens told the Park City court on Tuesday that Sanderson is "obsessed" with the lawsuit, and that the case was a "meritless claim of false allegation."

"Really kind of an offensive one. That she somehow left him an unconscious man and bolted? I can tell you, we believe it to be utter BS," said Owens. The alleged collision occurred in February 2016 at Deer Valley, a glamorous ski resort above the swanky larger resort of Park City in the Rocky Mountains. Deer Valley hosted Winter Olympics skiing events in 2002, while Park City is home to the annual Sundance film festival. Paltrow, wearing a white turtleneck sweater, sat silently beside Owens as proceedings began

Tuesday. She is expected to later take the stand in her own defense.

Paltrow's husband Brad Falchuk and children Moses and Apple are due to address the court, Owens said. Sanderson says Paltrow skied into him from behind and then vanished, leaving him unconscious, lying in the snow. Lawrence D Buhler, representing Sanderson, said in his opening statement that Paltrow had been skiing in

a "dangerous" and "reckless" manner, and had caused his client "four broken ribs and permanent brain damage." Paltrow says Sanderson skied into her back, and is countering for a nominal \$1 plus legal expenses.

Her lawyer Owens said "Gwyneth is a conservative skier" who was "not going fast," and said she had initially feared she was "being assaulted" when Sanderson appeared directly behind her. "It rattled her and physically hurt her," he said. Owens also said Sanderson is "blind in one eye" and suffers from "decreasing vision" in the other—suggesting poor eyesight was a reason for the crash.

In addition to her Oscar-winning acting career, Paltrow has forged a second career marketing wellness products on her Goop website. The online blog and store promotes healthy eating and stress-free living, as well as a range of unorthodox products—from DIY coffee enema kits to a line of scented goods made with cedarwood, bergamot, rose and ambrette.—AFP



US actress Gwyneth Paltrow looks on before leaving the courtroom in Park City, Utah. — AFP