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## 17 teams registered, Petacchi awaited

The sixth edition of the Tour of Qatar that will be held from the 28th of January to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2007 will again be one of the big moments of the start of the cycling season. Seduced by the favourable weather conditions, numerous champions have chosen Qatar to start off their seasons. For 2007, 17 teams have been selected to take part in the Middle-East's biggest event. Among the three Belgian teams that will be in the main pack, Quick Step – Innergetic hasn't yet confirmed if their leader and title holder Tom Boonen would be competing. A winner of five of the six stages in 2006, he will possibly have to face fierce opposition to carry his domination in Doha. Alessandro Petacchi who is among his toughest rivals when it comes to sprints has planned to test out his legs on the roads of Qatar. Wait and see...

### THE SEVENTEEN TEAMS SELECTED

#### **Belgium**

Chocolade Jacques – Topsport Vlaanderen

#### **Davitamon-Lotto**

Quick Step – Innergetic

#### **Spain**

Astana Cycling Team  
Saunier Duval-Prodir

#### **France**

AG2R Prevoyance  
Bouygues Telecom

#### **Germany**

Gerolsteiner  
T-Mobile Team

#### **Iran**

National team

#### **Ireland**

Murphy and Gun-M Donnelly – Sean Kelly Team

#### **Italy**

Liquigas  
Team Milram

#### **Kazakhstan**

Cycling Team Capece

#### **Netherlands**

Rabobank  
Skil – Shimano

#### **Qatar**

Doha Team