



Joint Statement on the Seventh United States-Qatar Strategic Dialogue: An Enduring Strategic Partnership

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Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani convened the seventh U.S.-Qatar Strategic Dialogue on December 17, 2025, in Washington, D.C. Senior U.S. and Qatari officials also participated. The event attests to the enduring strategic partnership between the two countries under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. The topics for the dialogue included strengthening cooperation to advance peace, security, and investment. Discussions and working groups will continue in early 2026, encompassing law enforcement, security cooperation, and deepening cultural ties between both countries.

His Excellency, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, lauded President Trump's leadership to end the war in Gaza and bring lasting peace to the Middle East. On behalf of President Trump, Secretary Rubio thanked His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the government of the State of Qatar for their important role as a mediator to enable President Trump's Gaza Peace Plan and resolution of other conflicts. On wider Middle East security, the two Ministers affirmed their support for efforts to stabilize Syria, counter terrorism in the country, and boost its economy.

Global and Regional Cooperation

Secretary of State Rubio affirmed the U.S.-Qatari partnership as a model of peace through strength to meet regional and global challenges together. U.S. and Qatari officials discussed shared strategic priorities, including Gaza, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Haiti. The United States and Qatar reaffirmed their partnership as a force for peace and stability, emphasizing a shared commitment to confront regional and global threats through unity.

Prime Minister Al Thani praised the leadership of President Trump in forging a new coalition of nations, of which Qatar is a part. Together, the United States and Qatar are partners in shaping a future grounded in peace, where extremism and terror have no place.

Economic Affairs and Investments

The United States and Qatar highlighted their strong economic partnership, which continues to generate economic growth, support job creation, and foster collaboration in advanced technology and energy, particularly given the two countries' uniquely aligned interests to promote global energy abundance and stable energy markets. This builds upon the over \$240 billion in economic deals secured during President Trump's visit to Qatar in May. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al Thani Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs affirmed that as Qatar charts a path to a diversified economy driven by technology, innovation, and knowledge, its deep investment partnership with the U.S. has been central to their mutual success. The United States highlighted ongoing efforts to streamline regulatory processes and promote a welcoming investment climate, while Qatar reiterated its dedication to economic diversification and technology-driven innovation.

Deals secured this year include:

- ◆ \$96 billion deal from Qatar Airways to acquire up to 210 American-made Boeing 787 Dreamliner and 777X aircraft powered by GE Aerospace engines. The Qatar contract will support over 154,000 U.S. jobs annually, totaling over one million jobs in the years to come.
- ◆ \$97 billion offered by Qatar to U.S. Company Parsons on projects advancing innovation. This deal will also support hundreds of thousands of well-paid jobs across the United States.
- ◆ \$8.5 billion contract from Qatar Energy with McDermott to advance critical energy infrastructure.
- ◆ \$1 billion will be invested in the Quantinuum Joint Venture Agreement with Al Rabban Capital, advancing state-of-the-art quantum technologies.

Defense and Security Cooperation

The United States and Qatar reaffirmed their defense and security partnership as recognized in the September 29 Executive Order Assuring the Security of the State of Qatar. Both sides continue to enhance regional deterrence, strengthen joint defense capabilities, and support economic growth through defense investment. The partnership includes significant military infrastructure upgrades at Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, advancing air and maritime security, and increasing NATO interoperability through joint training and operational initiatives. The United States reiterated its commitment to Qatar's security and territorial integrity, while Qatar underscored the value of continued cooperation in addressing shared security challenges.

Qatari defense investment enhances regional deterrence and boosts U.S. defense manufacturing to drive economic growth and well-paid U.S. jobs. Both sides reaffirmed the statement of intent signed during President Trump's May trip outlining over \$38 billion in potential investments including support for burden-sharing at AUAB and future defense capabilities. They further discussed the establishment of the first bilateral combined command post for air defense, strengthening joint defense capabilities in the Gulf and beyond. Secretary of State Rubio welcomed Qatar's procurement of cutting-edge military equipment including innovative defense technologies as part of the \$2 billion deal with General Atomics of remotely piloted aircraft systems. The two sides also reviewed a further \$1 billion agreement with Raytheon for the purchase of counter-drone capabilities to protect Qatar.

Counterterrorism and Law Enforcement

The two governments emphasized their long-standing partnership addressing terrorist threats and crime highlighting their close cooperation in counterterrorism and law enforcement. Both sides recognize Qatar's frontline role in global counterterrorism efforts and commitment to international standards in combating terrorist financing and anti-money laundering including, identifying and disrupting illicit networks, protecting citizens, and advancing shared security objectives. As the United States prepares to co-host the 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup, Qatar pledges full cooperation and support to the United States to ensure the tournament's success. Such cooperation includes the recent signing of two Memoranda of Understanding between the Ministry of Interior and Lekhwiya and the FBI to advance security cooperation mechanisms and coordinate training, information exchange, and capacity-building, in support of both countries' shared interests. The United States and Qatar also signed statements of intent on countering unmanned aerial systems and civil aviation security.

Culture, Sports, and Education

The United States and Qatar underscored the importance of deepening cultural and educational cooperation, noting the value of our decades-long academic and educational institutional partnership. The two governments highlighted the renewal of a memorandum of understanding between Qatar Museums and the Smithsonian Institution as a foundation for expanded collaboration. Both sides intend to share best practices in the arts through a Strategic Dialogue Working Group on Culture, Sports, and Education, including potential cooperation on the Art in Embassies program and engagement during Art Basel.

Enduring Strategic Partnership

The United States and Qatar emphasized the importance of their enduring strategic partnership and continued cooperation across key issues. Both sides look forward to the next Strategic Dialogue in Doha in 2026.

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