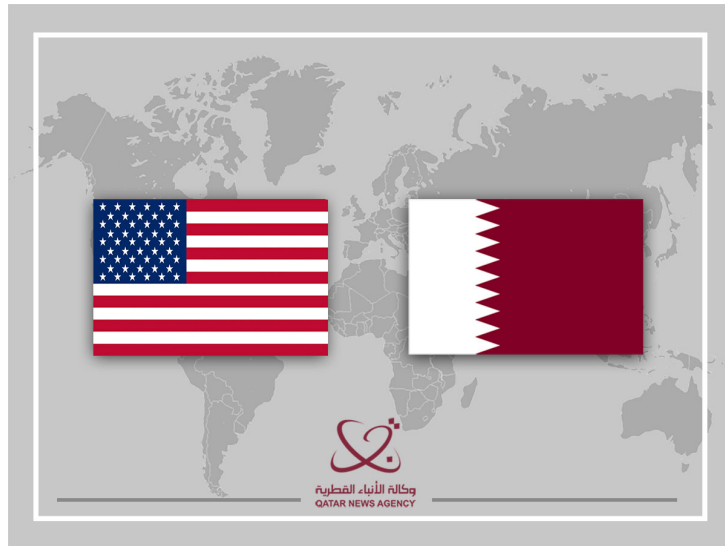

How Qatar, US Developed Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Built on Trust, Shared Interests



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Doha, May 14 (QNA) – Over five decades, Qatar and the United States have built a comprehensive strategic partnership grounded in stability, mutual trust, and shared interests across diplomacy, defense, energy, and economic development. Since establishing diplomatic ties in 1972, the partnership has evolved into a model of cooperation, reflecting a robust presence in addressing

global issues and enhancing regional stability.

The alliance reached a significant milestone in February 2022 when Qatar was designated a Major Non-NATO Ally of the United States, marking a new era of defense and strategic cooperation amid rising global and regional challenges.

The Qatar-US Strategic Dialogue, launched in 2018, serves as a vital platform for advancing joint interests. During its sixth session held in Washington in March 2024, both sides discussed security, defense cooperation, biometric data sharing, counter-terrorism, economic growth, and cultural exchange. Critical issues like the crises in Gaza, Afghanistan, Yemen, and Ukraine were addressed, with both nations pledging support for humanitarian aid, food security, climate change, and energy transition.

The joint statement praised Qatar's contributions to regional stability, energy security, and humanitarian aid, particularly in Gaza, Afghanistan, and Sudan. Both sides committed to further strengthening this strategic partnership, with the next dialogue scheduled for Doha.

Qatar's role as a mediator has been instrumental in global diplomacy, particularly evident in the historic Doha Agreement with the Taliban in 2020, facilitating the US withdrawal from Afghanistan. Qatar's effective mediation was also pivotal in the US-Iran detainee exchange agreement in August 2023, reinforcing its reputation as a trusted diplomatic partner.

Amid ongoing Israeli aggression in Gaza since October 2023, Qatar has coordinated with the US and Egypt to facilitate ceasefires and humanitarian aid, showcasing its proactive diplomatic engagement.

Qatar and the US maintain a robust economic partnership, with the US being the largest foreign investor in Qatar's vital energy infrastructure. Trade and joint ventures between the two nations exceed USD 200 billion, spanning technology, infrastructure, and LNG sectors. More than 120 fully American-owned companies and 640 joint ventures operate in Qatar, reflecting deep economic cooperation.

Educationally, Qatar's Education City hosts prestigious American universities, such as Georgetown and Carnegie Mellon, further solidifying cultural and academic ties that align with Qatar National Vision 2030.

US President Donald Trump's visit to Doha marks a pivotal step in reinforcing strategic cooperation amid global and regional challenges. The visit underscores Washington's commitment to strengthening alliances in the Gulf region, focusing on defense, economic growth, and joint diplomatic efforts.

The visit is expected to deepen collaboration in energy, technology, education, and regional security, reinforcing Qatar's role as a key US partner in maintaining Middle Eastern stability and

supporting global peace initiatives.

Qatari-US relations continue to demonstrate strategic maturity, grounded in mutual respect and a commitment to addressing complex global issues collaboratively.