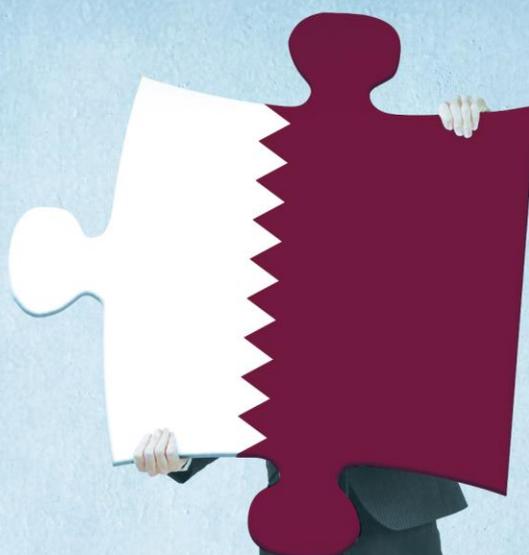




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Turkey come to the forefront with features of 75 millions population, its growing developing economy and also jeostrategical position middle of the Afro- Asian continent. Turkey has also became so prominent actor that belonging historical, political and cultural connections between Europe, Black Sea, Caucasians, Asia, Middle East and African countries, in particular to United Nations, growing its activity in international arena, and an important members of international organizations alike NATO, AGiT and CICA, also its active foreign policy improved in the recent period.

Qatar, is one of the most important country in regard to natural resources, economical, political and geographical aspects of the most prominent geography of Middle East and Gulf in respect to strategy in the world, a member of close by 40 regional and international organizations.

Qatar is one of becoming the most wealthy country of the World in respect to have national income per capita, has also ensured peak economical growth by contributing its natural gas and oil reserve rapidly increasing to its economy. These mentioned components have gained strong and huge effectivity to Qatar either region or universal area by also contribution its jeostrategical position.

Qatar gradually decrease the heaviness of oil and natural gas sector, constitute of 60% of its economy, and demand to change going favour of the sectors whose itself manufacturing industries, transportation, finance, trade and tourism sectors and also practice to have comprehensive economy diversification policy in accordance with this purpose.

It enter so many actions alike full-scale investment, new roads, subway, railway and new international airports in the framework of “Qatar National Vision Paper 2030” has been declared in 2008 and will be ensured of 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar are giving huge acceleration to in. In that regards, building trade currently is the most pre-eminent sector as important position. So many prominent progresses have been made between Turkey - Qatar relations in recent years.





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Qatar is attributing great importance to Turkey's undertaking position in region. Impressions of Administration and the Public toward Turkey are so positive. Qatar is also located a Arab country alike try to solve regional problem on a large scale.

Turkey - Qatar cooperation is on the rise in international organizations like in UN and OIC. In the year of 2008-2015, reciprocal visits on a top level concentrate upon, and these visits had provided into deep bilateral relations between two countries.

Problem-free, win-win economic centered relations are developed between Qatar and Turkey. In that regards, current relations and cooperations should take into great attention in strategical aspects between Qatar and Turkey. Turkey's main exportation toward Qatar has considerably consisted of iron steel industry, electric machines and devices, motor vehicles and machines, home textiles, furniture, food and other export items. Turkey's importation toward Qatar has consist of natural gas, plastic goods and chemical products groups. Turkish investments are fundametally ensured in the construction business and consultancy service. More than 30 Turkish companies, in between big building companies, have been reached around 10 billion dollar as undertaking project amount till today. Qatar's, one of the richest country in the World, stock-in-trade canalizing toward Turkey constructs to one of way to take vigorous efforts. The project to natural gas provision from Qatar to Turkey by pipeline is being utilized so positively.

Building up to security and stability is indispensable for the economical development and welfare. For this reason, there has taken so many efforts in order to solve problems in Region by dialogue, increasing mutual economical interdependence among regions countries and strengthening the current socio-cultural relations. In that aspects, Turkish – Arab Cooperation Forum (TAF), Turkey - Gulf Cooperation Council High- Level Strategic Dialogue has come into prominence as multi-dimensional platforms.

Both countries have also endeavoured to make an new and realist expansion each other whether explored one another in every increased sophisticated sphere. Turkey has tried to get support from Qatar in particular to Cyprus and other international issues. In following period, cooperation opportunity level will be more strenghten between two countries related political, economical, cultural and secure base areas within the scope of UN, OIC and the Arab League.



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In case of interconnection to all secure margins, any country are not able to cope with their own security with theirselves, so **international solidarity and international multi-dimensional governance** are needed. In international governance has been re-confirmed to need **institutional cooperation, consultation and solidarity** of World countries and regions in every aspects, that totally means **governance**, by overcoming to have collective security understanding.

In this context, the early 2015 Military Base agreement between Turkey and Qatar aims at deeper cooperation in military training, defense industry, joint military maneuvers and deployment of the two country's forces. The agreement covers cooperation in military logistics, assignment of advisor staff in military forces, exchange of military personnel and equipment between the two country's forces.

Turkey has signed various agreements and protocols with other Gulf countries on defense industry and military cooperation.

Now, it is impossible to establish a security climate unless conscious participation of all actors from individuals to NGO's, from states to transnational organizations is secured. In this context, it is crucial that Turkey and Qatar establish a multi-dimensional cooperation for their middle and long term interests. Cooperation opportunities exist especially in the fields of defense industry, military training and formation of joint operation force.

Defense and space technology, which represents the background of the defense and security policies, develops as a branch of economy and is a field of technological information production, provides economic and political superiority. A technology focused, efficient, and non-dependant defense industry will be the guarantee of peace, stability and security.

It is expected that worldwide defense expenditures will continue to decline in the US and Europe and to increase, though slightly, in the conflict areas, and that countries which invest more in defense industries will improve their military possibilities with technologies of the west. With a proactive approach, Turkey and Qatar could have a cooperation field in acquisition of original technologies in the middle and long term. Improvement of international cooperation in defense industry, enhancement in the infrastructure of defense industry, lowering of dependency, making use of scale economy, lowering manufacturing costs, sharing of risks, securing competitive advantage, penetration to the target markets, acquiring new technologies, reaching a governance synergy, increase in expertise and talent level would be useful in many fields.



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In this framework, the strategy to grow with stakeholders and improvement of regional and global cooperation are needed. Cooperation of Turkey and Qatar in military training and defense industry is important in consolidating the relations between the two countries. Among the fields in which cooperation between Turkey and Qatar is possible are as follows: Assigning observer in maneuvers, exchange of personnel in military academies, military high schools, military medical academy, military vocational academies, short term courses, duty training in squads, headquarters and institutions, exchange of family, squad and staff as well as support for in-place education, joint maneuvers, cooperation in training in military history and museology.

With the Strategic Policies Forum, it is expected that stronger familiarity with the relevant institutions will be achieved, the effect of civil society will increase, it will contribute to development, expertise in enhancement of resources and cooperation fields will be benefited from, publicity activities will be supported, opportunities of academic cooperation will be sought and an approach to carry out all these effort consistently will be developed.

At this point, the planned **The Doha International Policies and Strategies Forum 2017** will reveal the opportunities and mutual reciprocity in the Turkey Qatar relations and contribute to formation of an institutional and intellectual ground between the two countries.

The main and sub-themes of the meeting are as follows:

The Main Theme

“Qatar-Turkey: The Strategic Vision for Middle East Crises”

Sub - Themes

The Balance of International Powers - Facts and Aspects

Gulf States - Geopolitical Challenges and Strategic Vision to Build New Alliances and Meeting Challenges

Turkey Ambitions and challenges - Political Project and Regional Challenges

The Military Challenges in the Region - Management of Military Rivalry, External Plans, Conflicts, and Building Alliances

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