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Subject: Official Statement from Qatar

Good afternoon, as you know Qatar was targeted by Iran in retaliatory strikes. Below is the official from Dr. Majed AL Ansari, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Official Statement from Qatar: <https://x.com/majedalansari/status/1937195103602299242>

The State of Qatar strongly condemns the attack that targeted Al-Udeid Air Base by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. We consider this a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of the State of Qatar, its airspace, international law, and the United Nations Charter.

We affirm that Qatar reserves the right to respond directly in a manner equivalent with the nature and scale of this brazen aggression, in line with international law. We reassure that Qatar's air defenses successfully thwarted the attack and intercepted the Iranian missiles. A detailed statement regarding the circumstances of the attack will be issued later by the Ministry of Defense.

We also emphasize that the continuation of such escalatory military actions will undermine security and stability in the region, dragging it into situations that could have catastrophic consequences for international peace and security. We call for the immediate cessation of all military actions and for a serious return to the negotiating table and dialogue.

Furthermore, the State of Qatar was one of the first countries to warn against the dangers of Israeli escalation in the region. We have consistently called for diplomatic solutions to be prioritized and have stressed the importance of good-neighborliness and avoiding escalation. We reaffirm that dialogue is the only way to overcome the current crises and ensure the security of the region and the peace of its people.

The base had been evacuated earlier, following established security and precautionary measures, given the tensions in the region. All necessary steps were taken to ensure the safety of personnel at the base, including Qatari Armed Forces members, friendly forces, and others. We confirm that no injuries or human casualties resulted from the attack.

QATAR DEFENDED AL UDEID

The Qatari Ministerial Missile Defense System is what aided US defense systems in protecting Al Udeid airbase. Was not just US assists but a coordinated effort between us-Qatari systems.

Official MOD Comment: https://x.com/MOD_Qatar/status/1937196986970546600

The Ministry of Defense announced that Qatari air defenses successfully intercepted a missile attack targeting Al-Udeid Air Base.

Thanks to God, the vigilance of the armed forces, and the precautionary measures taken, the incident did not result in any deaths or injuries.

The Ministry reiterated that the airspace and territory of the State of Qatar are safe and that the Qatar Armed Forces are always ready to deal with any threat. The Ministry of Defence advises citizens and residents to seek guidance and the latest developments from official sources.

Finally, I wanted to pass along a message from the Embassy.

US-QATAR ALLIANCE

"The USA is our only our strategic ally, and we would do anything to protect and defend our strategic ally."

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to speak to the Embassy.

Best

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