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Saudi Arabia Announces Full Restoration of Ties with Qatar

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announced Tuesday the full restoration of diplomatic relations between Qatar and the Kingdom, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain.

During a press conference following the Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Al Ula, The Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, HH Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, said that "What happened today is the turning of the page on all points of difference and a full return of diplomatic relations."

Prince Faisal said the AlUla Declaration, which was signed by all member nations of the GCC stressed the need to combat entities that threaten the security of Gulf nations, adding that "this summit sends a message to the whole world that no matter how much disagreement is in the same house, wisdom is able to overcome all this and move the region to safety."

"The (summit) statement affirmed the solidarity of the Gulf states regarding any direct or indirect interference in their internal affairs, and members agreed that no country's sovereignty be violated or its security targeted. The Al Ula summit resulted in turning the page on the past and looking forward to a future dominated by cooperation and respect in a way that preserves the security and stability of states," Prince Faisal added.

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