

Qatar Defense Strategies

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Abstract: Security become a crucial subject in the Arab world and Gulf region, particularly is that the security concept now include different aspects represent in social, cyber, economic and health security. So, the security of the small state of Qatar is a part of the security of the GCC countries. When the security concept of Qatar is connected to the GCC countries, it mainly revolve on the threats and the security variables in the Gulf region and Arab world. It is important to understand the security challenges for the GCC countries in order to understand Qatar security challenges. Adding to this, it is significant to highlight that the Gulf region security came under the American protection after the British withdrawal from East Suez in 1968. Therefore , Qatar has been keen to adopt different types of security strategies to keep its stability and security in a region replete with turmoil and clashes, which made Qatar gain an impressive influence not only in the region but also worldwide. It is important to mention that role of the active foreign policy of the small state Qatar. As a result of this active foreign policy was the blocked of Qatar in 2017. This paper will focus on the state of Qatar security in unstable region. Mainly is that Qatar is a small state located between two big countries “ Saudia Arabia – Iran”. This situation impose challenges for Qatar government in preserving it is security especially in dealing with the variables that can affect the defense and security strategy of the Qatar.

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