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Qatar and Ukraine sign Defence Cooperation Agreement (2026)

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Qatar and Ukraine signed a defence cooperation agreement during the visit of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to Doha, aimed at strengthening bilateral security ties amid rising regional tensions.

Key Highlights

Agreement signed between:

Defence authorities of Qatar and Ukraine

Focus areas include:

Countering missile threats

Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) cooperation

Exchange of military expertise

Includes:

Technological collaboration

Joint projects & defence investments

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Leaders discussed:

Regional & international security developments

Ongoing conflicts and need to reduce escalation

Background

Agreement signed during Zelensky's Gulf tour to strengthen strategic partnerships.

Ukraine is leveraging its war experience against drone & missile attacks in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Comes amid:

Rising tensions in the Middle East

Increasing use of drone warfare in modern conflicts

Significance

Strengthens Ukraine–Gulf strategic ties

Enhances Qatar's capabilities in:

Air defence

Drone countermeasures

Helps Ukraine:

Gain international support

Expand defence partnerships beyond Europe

Additional Key Facts

The agreement is reportedly part of a 10-year defence cooperation framework.

Ukraine has signed similar agreements with:

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Around 200+ Ukrainian defence experts have been deployed in Gulf countries for security cooperation.

Focus on low-cost drone defence systems, which are crucial in modern warfare.

Diplomatic relations between Qatar and Ukraine were established in 1993.