



Place in News - Qatar

Context: India has condemned the recent attacks in Doha during the UNHRC session, labeling them a breach of Qatar's sovereignty.

- India reaffirmed its support for Qatar's security and regional stability, without explicitly naming Israel, which has taken responsibility.



About Qatar:

- A sovereign nation located in West Asia, officially referred to as the State of Qatar.



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- Governed as a hereditary monarchy by the House of Thani since 1868; achieved independence in 1971.
- **Borders:** Shares a single land border with Saudi Arabia and is encircled by the Persian Gulf on the other sides.
- **Nearby:** Separated from Bahrain by the Gulf of Bahrain.
- **Topography:** Predominantly flat, low-lying desert peninsula.
- **Capital:** Doha (which is home to over 80% of the population).

Key Features:

Economy:

- A high-income economy, supported by the third-largest natural gas reserves and substantial oil reserves.
- One of the leading exporters of LNG worldwide.
- Among the highest GDP (PPP) per capita and GNI per capita globally.

Politics:

- The Emir possesses executive, legislative, and judicial powers, while a partially elected Consultative Assembly has the authority to block legislation.



Strategic Role:

- A member of the GCC and a significant non-NATO ally of the United States.
- Hosts a major U.S. military base at Al Udeid.
- Exerts influence through the Al Jazeera Media Network and is active in regional diplomacy.