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H.E Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Ambassador for Qatar called on Minister for Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif here in his Office Islamabad today. Minister for Defence welcomed the dignitary and conveyed that Pakistan attaches great value to its relations with Qatar. Qatar is an important country for us and has a key role to play in the region. Our relations with Qatar are very smooth governed by mutual respect and cooperation.

The Minister said that we need to work closely to further extend our cooperation beyond the economic domain to defence, military exercises and training of personals and joint ventures. Our military institutions are open for Qatari Armed Forces to avail maximum training facilities. The Minister highly appreciated the contribution of Qatar in the flood relief efforts.

The Qatar Ambassador highly praised the efforts of the new government and said that we have every confidence that new government will deliver and we are ready to cooperate with it.

The visiting dignitary acknowledged the existing scope and scale of cooperation in the field of defence between the two countries and desired to undertake the joint ventures in the respective field on progressive basis.

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