

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar in Doha, Qatar

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Amir Tamim. Well, President, if you allow me, first of all, welcome to Qatar. We're extremely honored to have you here. We're very excited, very happy. It's a historic visit. And I don't know if you know that you are the first American President to officially, as—to visit Qatar.

President Trump. Right.

Amir Tamim. So we're very honored.

President Trump. It's a great honor.

Amir Tamim. We're very honored. We're going to have a great agenda today. We're going to be discussing a lot of things—

President Trump. Right.

Amir Tamim. —of course what's going between us, our great bilateral relationship, whether it's investments, energy, military cooperation, security as well. So we're very excited.

Also, one of the very important things is bringing peace in the region.

Mr. President, I've known you for many years. I know that you're a man of peace. I know that you want to bring peace to this region. We all want to do so.

President Trump. Right.

Amir Tamim. And we hope that this time, we can do the right thing and bring peace here in the region, Mr. President.

Also, two exciting things in your country. You're going to be hosting the World Cup—

President Trump. Right.

Amir Tamim. —football—and, as you guys call it, soccer.

President Trump. Right.

Amir Tamim. You're going to be also hosting the Olympics as well—

President Trump. Right.

Amir Tamim. —which is very, very, very important. The two biggest sports events. We were lucky that, in 2022, we had the World Cup here in Qatar, and there wasn't one incident during the World Cup.

President Trump. Yes. You did a great job.

Amir Tamim. We had 1.5 million people during these couple of weeks. We didn't have one incident. So we are also sharing our experience on how to deal with the World Cup with your security forces. We have people visiting each other.

So, once again, Mr. President, thank you for this visit, and you're welcome here in Qatar.

President Trump. Well, I have to say that we've been friends for a long time. Hard to believe. Right?

Amir Tamim. Yes.

President Trump. I remember that first meeting very well. And we've liked each other, and we've worked with each other, and now we can work in the highest capacity.

And we'll bring peace not only here, but I know you're very much involved in helping us in other regions, like what's happening with Russia-Ukraine, et cetera. And I think we're having some pretty good news coming out of there today and maybe tomorrow and maybe Friday, frankly. But we'll see about that.

But I just want to thank you for everything, and maybe, in particular, our friendship. It's been a very loyal, great, beautiful friendship, and the job you've done is second to none.

You look at this. It's so beautiful. As a construction person, I'm seeing perfect marble. [Laughter] This is what they call "perfecto." [Laughter]

Amir Tamim. Thank you.

President Trump. And just a great job you've done. And what a beautiful place. And we appreciate those camels. [Laughter] I haven't seen camels like that in a long time. And that was some greeting. We appreciate it very much.

Amir Tamim. Thank you.

President Trump. Thank you very much.

Amir Tamim. Thank you very much.

President Trump. We're going to have a lot of fun.

Amir Tamim. Thank you, sir. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 3 p.m. at the Amiri Diwan complex.

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