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Qatar has always been a country that defends human rights all over the world and has been an important ally to countries seeking freedom from any unhuman interventions by other countries. When speaking before the 49th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Doha's top diplomat Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani stressed Qatar's "respect for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.

In the Gulf region, Qatar has always kept its relation with all the countries as peaceful as they could be respecting their sovereignty to keep the political stability and keeping in mind that to achieve any future prosperity peace is always the first priority. However, Russia has always had a role in the region that Qatar and many countries found to be a threat to achieve peace. Russia has had interests in Syria, Libya, and elsewhere that frequently align with those of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and clash with Qatar's foreign policy agenda. Despite not having any concrete hostility between Russia and Qatar, they have had their differences in various conflicts plaguing the Middle East and North Africa. Within this context, Doha siding with Ukraine was no shock.

To illustrate this peace and conciliation between the two nations, here are some statistics:

"Guaranteeing the safety of civilians should be at the utmost priority in these circumstances. What is most concerning, above all, is the difficult humanitarian situation millions of refugees will face should this conflict continue," *Said Sheikh Mohammed*

Ukraine's president Zelensky stated on one of his social media posts that he Discussed with [Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani] Russia's aggression against Ukraine and some bilateral issues over the phone. I am grateful for the unconditional support to Ukraine in such a difficult time,"

It has also had negative repercussions at all levels, namely the human and economic level.

The UN said that 227 civilians in Ukraine have been killed and 525 have been injured since the start of the invasion. The agency believes that the total civilians casualties is believed to be "considerably higher"

The 2022 figure assumes average from first quarter for whole year; hydrocarbons and products derived from them account for over 90% of exports.

Europe's clamouring for liquefied natural gas, or LNG, comes after Qatar started a \$30 billion project to boost its exports by 60% by 2027. The extra demand means more competition among buyers for long-term supply contracts and, most likely, better terms for Qatar.

Qatar has the same position as most of countries in the world, despite the fact that 35 countries abstained from voting at the UN General Assembly, more than 140 had the same vision as Qatar deploring in the strongest terms Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

All in all, standing here today, presenting Qatar, this beautiful oasis that offers endless possibilities to all its visitors, being a leading economy in the gulf region, I can only feel pride to be able to share with you today, my love and respect towards every citizen of the world. Qatar is a clear example of how much hard work and dedication pay off over long-term, and with a clear ambitious vision for the future, prosperity of the country's citizens is always a priority. Nonetheless, this cannot be applied to all of the nations of the world, as many have not been blessed with the same wise leadership of the brains power, what could be even more devastating, is having a neighbour that seeks taking your land, and depriving your people from their basic rights of simply surviving. Standing here today, Qatar is urging each and every nation of the world, to support the legitimate right of Ukraine to get rid of the unnecessary invasion of Russia. Regardless of the reasons that led to the current situation that can only be described as disastrous, we should be hand in hand helping the people of this nation to rise again from the aches they have been unfairly put under. The citizens of the world, the leaders and everyone sensible human being would only feel guilt as every single day passes by without being able to stop this war. In a world of differences, let's for once find a common ground to agree that the Qatari noble message of peace is what we need to be united again as peaceful citizens of a peaceful world.

Economic Repercussions Statistics Source: Bloomberg, Qatar's Ministry of development planning and statistics: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2022-04-29/war-in-ukraine-is-making-qatar-even-richer-as-europe-ditches-russian-gas>

Human Repercussions Statistics, Zelensky's Tweet and Sheikh Mohammed speech's Source: [Qatar votes on UN resolution demanding Russia's withdrawal from Ukraine - Doha News | Qatar](#)

