

Cuba underlines friendship, co-operation ties with Qatar

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Cuban ambassador to Qatar Eumelio Caballero Rodriguez underlined that Cuba and Qatar enjoy very good relations of friendship and co-operation, expressing admiration for Qatar's diplomacy and adherence to the principles of international law and its permanent defence of dialogue and negotiations as the only civilised ways of settling international differences and conflicts.

In statements to Qatar News Agency (QNA) on the occasion of Qatar National Day, the ambassador of Cuba said that these principles should prevail in the search for a prompt peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis, thus creating the proper conditions for all neighbouring countries and brotherly peoples of the region to concentrate their efforts and resources in the economic and social development, in an harmonious atmosphere of peace and security for all.

The ambassador extended warmest congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, and to the whole Qatari people, on the occasion of the country's National Day, wishing His Highness the Amir, and all the people and residents of Qatar, much successes in their efforts to continue advancing in the economic and social development of the country in a climate of peace and security, particularly in its efforts to create the best possible conditions for the successful holding of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

The envoy underlined his admiration for the extraordinary dynamism of the State of Qatar, its patriotism and defence of national sovereignty, its well-defined strategies for economic and social development, the wise way in which it uses the bonanza of its natural resources to



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guarantee the well-being of its people and that of the future generations, as well as their spirit of solidarity with other peoples in need.

The ambassador noted that the historical relations between the two countries were forged by His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani and late Cuban leader Fidel Castro and these relations continue to be the bases for mutual efforts of both countries in favour of the development and strengthening of the political and economic relations for the benefit of the two peoples.