

## **Prime Minister: Common interests Between Islamic World and US Contribute to Achievement of International Peace**



HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani has stressed that mutual interests and shared responsibilities between the Muslim world and the United States have resulted in establishing a common understanding and distinguished relations focusing on the need to continue work to deepen the bonds of these relations on the basis of dialogue and understanding, strengthening of cooperation frameworks in various fields, achievement of effective partnership between the Muslim World and America, especially in issues where the American role is particularly important especially in the attainment of international peace and security to serve the common interests of the two sides.

Addressing the opening session of the 12th session of the U.S.-Islamic World Forum, organized by Brooking Foundation in conjunction with the Foreign Ministry's Permanent Committee for Organizing Conferences (PCOC) at Sheraton Doha Hotel, this forum assumes great importance at the current time in the shadow of the circumstances the world is going through, and in which the severity of divisions has increased as a result of tensions, conflicts and instability in many regions of the world.

He said divine religions have devoted dialogue as one of the most important pillars of the sustainability of human life and goodness of all people, noting that the Holy Qur'an includes many verses that refer to that such as the verse:"O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other". HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior noted that out of this, the State of Qatar has been working to adopt dialogue among civilizations and cultures and to find mechanisms to deepen

understanding and peace among peoples through enlightened dialogues discussing the chronic and contemporary issues and future challenges to reach effective solutions that meet peoples' aspirations for security, stability and sustainable development, saying this forum is the best proof of that.

HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa AlThani emphasized that dialogue should not be directed only to the renunciation of differences and rapprochement of viewpoints, but dialogue should be a higher form of constructive cooperation to address the pressing issues facing peoples such as hazards of climate change, terrorism, realization of international peace and security, water shortage, desertification, eradication of poverty, illiteracy and hunger and the achievement of sustainable development.

"The continued Israeli occupation of Arab territories is still the core of the problem of Arab and Muslim peoples", He said pointing out that the desire for peace is a feeling and aspiration of all peoples of the world, and that the United States could contribute tangibly and greatly to the achievement of a genuine peace in the Middle East.

HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani said everyone understands that the stalemate in the Middle East peace was due to Israeli government's intransigent positions. Instead of going in the right track of the solution that provides security and recognizes the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, foremost their right to establish an independent State with East Jerusalem as its capital, Israel continues to violate the international law and the international legality resolutions and its attempt to impose a fait accompli policy by its continued occupation of Arab territories and continuation of the Jerusalem Judaizing policy, and the intensification of settlements in the Palestinian territories, the latest of which was the first decision of the new Israeli government of building 90 housing units south of Jerusalem.

HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani said the issue of Israeli settlements is one of the most serious issues of Israeli-Palestinian peace as it makes the Palestinian side feel that the remainder of Palestine to negotiate is on a steady decrease, and that Israeli has no serious intention to realize the peace process.

He called on the international community, foremost of which being the United States and the Security Council, to abandon selectivity and double standards that are contrary to international legality counter the Israeli government's settlement decisions and to work hard to put pressure on Israel to comply with the international will to achieve peace with the Palestinians by ending the Israeli occupation in accordance with the international resolutions and the Arab initiative according to the principle of the two-state solution approved by the international community through a binding resolution issued by the Security Council under Chapter VII. Without this binding resolution, we will remain before a noise of law words dissipated by the policy of fait accompli, HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser added.

HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani said the tragedy of the Syrian people, who are seeking freedom and legitimate rights, is further exacerbated by the failure of the international community, especially the failure of the Security Council, and the failure to stand firmly against what is happening in Syria.

He adding that on the basis of these facts and circumstances the international community has compelling imperative to deal with these unfortunate repercussions on Syria differently through a firm international position, the provision of international protection and assistance to the Syrian people to enable them defend themselves against the heinous crimes committed in their right, pooling of efforts to find the appropriate political solution which is to leave the Syrian people enjoy the self-determination that guarantees Syria sovereignty and unity, restores stability to the

country, and meet the legitimate demands of the people. The phenomenon of terrorism is posing a threat to all peoples, he said stressing that acts of terrorism continue to test the will of the international community to combat them.

HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani meanwhile reiterated the State of Qatar's condemnation of the two criminal acts of terrorism which occurred over the past two weeks of which one targeted a mosque in Qateef and another in Dammam in the brotherly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the position of the State of Qatar and its support for Saudi Arabia in all the measures it takes to safeguard its security and stability.

He added that the hotbeds of tension and conflict have contributed to the emergence of terrorist organizations, noting that the failure of the international community to address sources of tension and conflicts contributed to creating the environment for the implementation of terrorist operations. In this context terrorism with its serious consequences cast serious political, security and economic challenges on the shoulders of states and peoples, HE the Prime Minister pointed out saying this requires on the international community to cooperate, join efforts and take all necessary measures to fight this phenomenon which is a danger threatening the individual and collective security and squandering human rights.

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior stressed that no religion calls for terrorism, and that all religions call for noble values, tolerance, cooperation and constructive dialogue for the benefit of human society, therefore it is unreasonable to hold the Islamic states responsible for crimes perpetrated by some mislead people belonging to them.

Concluding, HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani hoped that the discussions of the Forum would be an important factor and an assisting addition to the strengthening of ties between the Muslim world and America for the good of the common interests and the major issues.