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Islamabad, July 15, 2020: Ambassador of Qatar to Pakistan, Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrehman bin Faisal Al-Thani, called on the President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, **today**. The President congratulated him on assuming the assignment and said that Pakistan attached significant importance to its ties with Qatar and wanted to transform the existing relations into a robust political and economic partnership. He informed the ambassador that tremendous potential of cooperation existed between the two countries in various fields that needed to be capitalized upon for the mutual benefit of the two sides.

While talking to the ambassador, the President said that Pakistan offered enormous investment opportunities and Qatar needs to take advantage of the emerging opportunities in Pakistan. He apprised the ambassador of the atrocities against Muslims in Indian Occupied Kashmir, and expressed the hope that Qatar would take full cognizance of Indian brutalities against Muslims because the situation in Kashmir posed a serious threat to regional peace and security. He also urged the International community, including OIC and Islamic countries, to play its role in to take practical steps to grant Kashmiris their right to self-determination, and to stop India from the continuing brutalization of the Kashmiri people. The President also appreciated the role of Qatar in hosting the Afghan peace talks. He expressed the hope that all parties to the agreement would abide by its provisions and turn the dream of peace in Afghanistan into reality. He reaffirmed Pakistan's support for promotion of peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The Ambassador said that his country wanted to further expand bilateral ties with Pakistan and was willing to invest in Gawadar port. He also appreciated Pakistan's continuous support in hosting Afghan refugees.
