

‘US defense pact gives terror-sponsoring Qatar an insurance policy’

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Noa Lazimi: The importance of this step must be understood against the backdrop of Qatar’s considerable investment in recent years in the modernization of its air force, as part of a comprehensive policy to strengthen its military capabilities.

“According to an in-depth monitoring report by MEMRI [Middle East Media Research Institute], about a decade ago, Doha’s air fleet consisted of only 12 fighter jets in total (of which 9 were operational). Today, following an accelerated strategy of armament, the fleet has been dramatically expanded due to purchases from the U.S. and a number of European countries.”

This expansion is not just in hardware but also in operational know-how, with Qatar gaining experience through multinational joint exercises, including air training with hostile countries like Turkey and Pakistan.

“This raises the fear that Qatar will serve as a bridge for transferring advanced Western technologies and tactics to elements hostile to Israel, such as Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, and others.

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