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MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT IVANOV WITH SHEIKH AL THANLIN DOHA

Qatar and Macedonia to boost business cooperation

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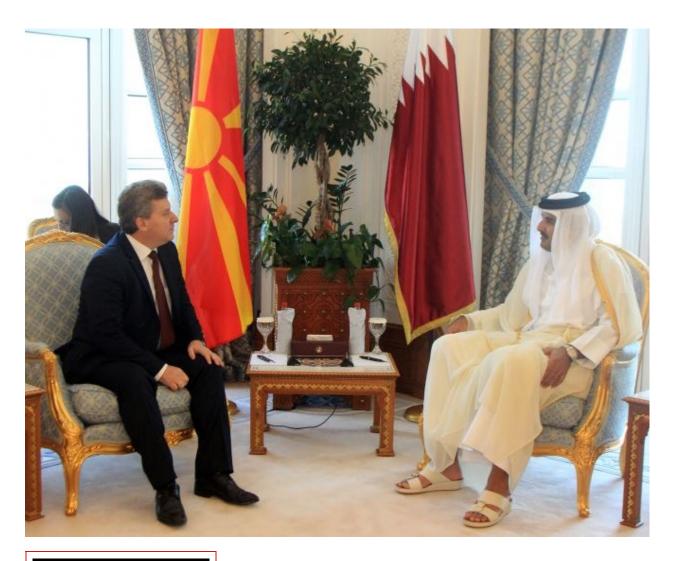
The President of the Republic of Macedonia, Ivanov, began his visit to the State of Qatar yesterday with a meeting with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. As noted by the Office of the President, at the meeting, the first after entering into agreement by the Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, mutual satisfaction was expressed with the readiness for further successful development of relations and cooperation between the two countries.

" - The good political relations, the regular dialogue at the highest level and the solid legal framework created the conditions for intensifying economic cooperation and Qatari investments in Macedonia, President Ivanov said at the meeting.

In this context, planned in the next period is the exchange of official visits at the highest level, and the time between the implementation will be used to further improve the legal framework and particularly to develop concrete economic projects, securing the Qatari investment.

Emir Al Thani said that Qatari companies are willing to cooperate with the Republic of Macedonia.

" - In the next period I expect contacts at the business level to intensify, said Emir Al Thani.



President Ivanov Sheikh Al Thani

Areas in which there is interest for investment are agriculture, food production, construction, infrastructure, tourism, real estate, telecommunications.

President Ivanov met Emir Al Thani with a favorable investment climate in the country, with conditions of the Macedonian economy, as well as estimates of the relevant international factors for reforms and economic results.

The meeting focused on cooperation at the multilateral level. It is agreed to continue cooperation and mutual support in the United Nations system, especially within the Alliance of Civilizations, where the Republic of Macedonia and the State of Qatar have an active role. Emir Al Thani welcomed the role of the Republic of Macedonia in the Alliance of Civilizations.

" - The Macedonian model of respect for diversity is a very positive example, which should be promoted as part of this global initiative, said the Qatari Emir at the meeting.

During the meeting information was exchanged on the current situation in the region of Southeast Europe and the Middle East. President Ivanov headed congratulations for the organization of the World Handball Championship and wished Emir Al Thani success for the Qatar national team.

President Ivanov met with Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Chamber of Commerce. During the meeting information was exchanged on the possibilities and interest to intensify economic cooperation. President Ivanov presented the benefits that foreign investors have in the Republic of Macedonia. The President of the Qatar Chamber of Commerce promised that he will soon send a team to the Republic of Macedonia to explore the possibilities for economic cooperation, and noted that he expects interested Macedonian companies in Doha.

President Ivanov wished luck to the handball players of the World Cup in handball



The President of the Republic of Macedonia, Ivanov visited Macedonian handball players in Doha, just before the opening of the World Cup in Qatar (January 15-February 1).

" – You know what Macedonia expects of you. All are looking forward to the start of the championship, with the hope that you will bring new joy - Ivanov said to the handball players.

From 15:00 today, Macedonia will play the first match in Group B against the selection of Tunisia.

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