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Qatar pledges extra €15B for Germany as Merz seeks "360-degree" ties

The Emir's state visit brings new money and closer security ties while the Iran war squeezes Gulf energy

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Germany needs capital and steady energy, and Qatar has plenty of both. During the Emir's state visit to Berlin, Doha pledged another €15B for the German economy, on top of a portfolio that already makes it one of Germany's biggest foreign investors.

"I welcome Qatar's announcement that it will increase its investments in the German economy by another 15bn," Merz said on Friday at the Chancellery in Berlin after meeting Qatar's Emir, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. He called for a solution to the conflict with Iran, saying this would mean security for the people of Qatar and reliable energy prices again for Germany. The Emir is visiting Germany from 20 to 21 November 2026.

Merz wants a "360-degree partnership" that also covers cyber-security cooperation and rebuilding Syria. He was blunt about the motive: ending the Iran conflict would mean reliable energy prices for Germany again. Europe's largest economy is shopping for friends with deep pockets, and the Gulf is selling.

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