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Doha, June 17 HE Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Dr. Ali bin Smaikh Al Marri, met today...

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February 15, 2019



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The strategic dialogue between Qatar and France should be accompanied by an open dialogue for the development of human rights

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we call on the French government to move to end the politicization of the Sorbonne and the Louvre

We appreciate France's unwavering commitment to the defense of human rights in various regions of the world

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Kuwaiti mediation and international diplomatic efforts have not succeeded in deterring the countries of the blockade to stop their violations

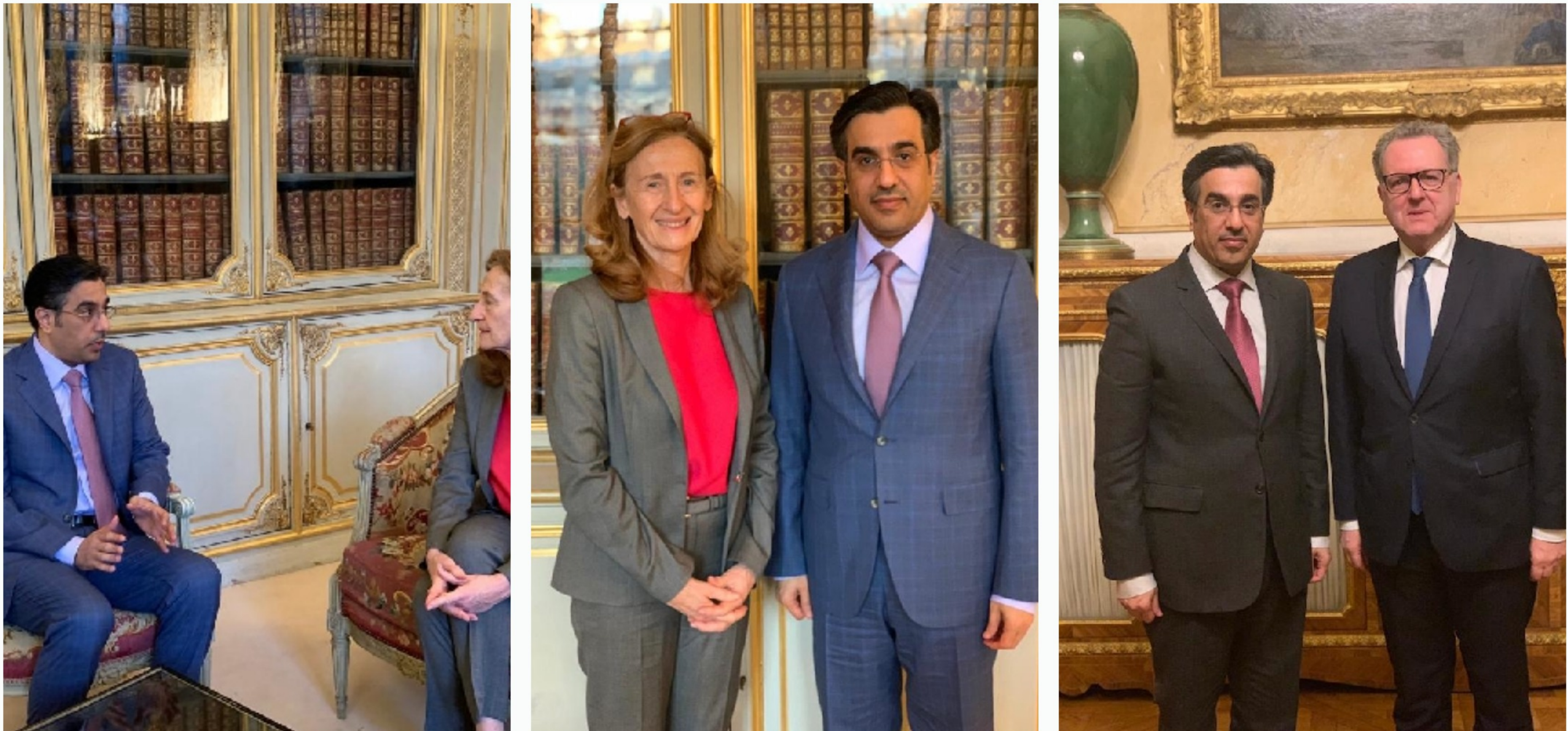
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Dr. Ali Ben Smaikh Al Marri, Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee, called on the French government and parliament to include the violations resulting from the blockade of Qatar on the agenda of meetings of French officials with their counterparts from the countries of the blockade, calling for the establishment of a strong partnership with the National Human Rights Committee to defend and promote human rights in Qatar and the world, in parallel with the strategic dialogue announced between the State of Qatar and the French Republic. This came during the first meeting of Dr. Ali Bin Smaikh Al Marri, on the occasion of his visit to France, with Mr. Richard Ferran, President of the French National Assembly (Parliament), and Mrs. Nicole Pelopi, Minister of Justice of France.

Al Marri also briefed the French officials on the latest repercussions of the blockade imposed on Qatar and the efforts and moves of the National Human Rights Committee to end the violations that the countries of the blockade continue to commit, pointing out that after June 5, 2017, most of the complaints submitted to the NHRC via hot lines and other means of communication, reported violations by the blockading countries of the rights of citizens and residents in Qatar.

Al Marri also presented a brief description of the human rights situation in the State of Qatar and the latest developments undertaken by the Qatari Government in the area of legislation and reform of laws dealing with workers' rights and human rights in general, as well as the ratification of the International Covenants on Human Rights. During his meeting with Mr. Richard Ferran, President of the French National Assembly (Parliament), the chairman of the National Human Rights Committee called on placing the repercussions of the humanitarian crisis during the regular meetings of the French National Assembly.

Al Marri stressed that the continuation of the Gulf political crisis can be the basis or pretext for violations of human rights, and ignoring the continued suffering of thousands of separated families and students expelled from the universities of the blockading countries, because of the discriminatory procedures that affect citizens and residents of Qatar, pointing out that” the Kuwaiti mediation and international diplomatic efforts have not been able so far to deter the countries of the blockade to stop violations of human rights. On the other hand, in his speech with Mrs. Nicole Belloubi, French Minister of Justice, Dr. Ali Ben Smaikh stressed the need to strengthen the partnership between the National Human Rights Committee, the French Ministry of Justice and various French institutions and bodies in the field of human rights. Al Marri praised the launching of the strategic dialogue between the State of Qatar and the French Republic, stressing that the ongoing Progress in operationalizing a strong partnership with French governmental and non-governmental organizations should focus on promoting human rights. He stressed the important role that the French government can play in addressing the human rights violations resulting from the Gulf crisis that has been going on for about a year and a half, calling on placing serious violations of human rights in the agenda of meetings held by the government and French officials with the countries of blockade. In this context, Dr. Ali Bin Smaikh called for the French government to move to put an end to the politicization of its long-standing institutions of education and culture, citing the expulsion of Qatari students from the Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi, calling on the French government to take effective action to protect its educational and cultural values, including asking the officials of the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi to redress the Qatari students who were forcibly and arbitrarily expelled under the pretext of a political dispute.



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