

Huge military buildup underway in Qatar

Qatar has announced a series of multi-billion dollar defence purchases, as the Gulf state adds more aircraft, ships and military vehicles to its arsenal amid a bitter diplomatic dispute with its regional neighbours

\$20 billion

Contracts signed since June 2017 for 96 fighter jets – set to replace Qatar's fleet of just 12 ageing *Mirage 2000s*



■ Aircraft on order: 36 U.S. **F-15QA Advanced Eagle** fighter-bombers, 24 **Typhoons** from UK and 36 French-built **Rafales** (option for 36 more)

■ 28 **NH90** medium-lift and 16 **Airbus H125** light helicopters

\$3.7bn



NH90 built by European consortium NHIndustries

■ Six **Bayraktar TB2** armed unmanned aircraft from Turkey

■ **MBDA Marte ER** anti-ship missiles for NH90 naval variant

■ **Armoured vehicles:** 490 French **VBCIs**, plus 85 **BMC** and 214 **NMS 4x4s** built by Turkey

Nexter VBCI



\$5.9bn

Seven ships built by Italy

Kalaat Beni Abbes
Algerian ship similar to Qatar's LPD



■ **Warships:** Italy's **Fincantieri** shipyard building one LPD (landing platform dock) amphibious ship, four corvettes and two patrol vessels. Turkey also supplying patrol boats