Qatar expels Yemen ambassador

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Qatar expelled Yemeni officials working at the country's embassy from its capital, Doha, yesterday reported *Al Masdar*.

Diplomats at the Yemeni Embassy have been given 48 hours to leave the country.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt <u>cut diplomatic and transport ties</u> with Qatar on 5 June, accusing it of supporting terrorism and forming an alliance with Iran, all of which Doha categorically <u>denies</u>. Yemen's internationally recognized, government, headed by President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, has <u>backed the siege</u>.

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In March 2015, Qatar joined a Saudi-led coalition in Yemen aimed at restoring power to Hadi after Houthi fighters, allied with forces loyal for former President Ali Abdullah Saleh overran the country's capital Sana'a. Riyadh <u>expelled</u> Qatar from the coalition on 5 June.