ABSTRACT

The paper aims to answer the question about how Qatar’s foreign policy strategy in overcoming the Gulf States’ diplomatic sanction in 2017. The diplomatic sanction that was imposed by Arab Saudi, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Egypt has given massive impact towards its politics, economics, and also security. To puzzle out the question, this paper utilized “Strategy” concept by John Lovell, “Foreign Policy” concept by K. J. Holsti, and “Soft power” by Joseph Nye. This research found out that Qatar foreign policy strategy in overcoming Gulf States’ diplomatic sanctions in 2017 by: (1) Qatar Improve the Effectiveness of Diplomatic Relations with Iran and Turkey (2) Enhances Independent Foreign Policy to Reinforce Diplomacy and Negotiation during the Crisis, and (3) Qatar’s Conducts Strategic of Mediation through International Institutions. In addition, in order to deal with the current crisis, Qatar tried to utilize its soft power by attending several international conference and actively voice out its demand towards the United Nations, World Trade Organizations, and also through Gulf Cooperation Council. Those actions were taken by the government of Qatar in order to reduce the prolong tension and to create the stabilization within the region without eliminate the previous foreign policy objective.

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