

Doha, July 13: Bangladesh head coach Andrew Ord is looking forward to the U23 side's clash with the Qatar U23 team on Thursday.

Underlining the importance of thwarting Qatar's patient build-up play, Ord said that his team try to keep the midfield compact and play on the counter attack.

"I expect Qatar to play a technical game with slow patient build up. We need to control our build up carefully and improve our passing. We will try to be compact in the middle of the field and play on the counter attack," said Ord.

Assessing the narrow defeat against Nepal in order to avoid making the same mistakes, Ord said that his players will have to keep their composure in the final third and make better decision on and off the ball.

"I was happy with our pressing against Nepal we forced them into mistakes. But we need to improve our decision making in the attacking third to take advantage of the balls we win from our pressure," said Ord.

Uttering his expectation from his players in the game, the newly appointed head coach said, "I am looking for our forwards to play some quicker combinations to unsettle the Qatar defence and help us score."

Meanwhile, assistant coach Mahabub Hossain Roksy said that the players are even more eager to take to the field against Qatar after the loss against Nepal.

"After losing to Nepal, the importance of today's match has increased even more," he said.

Giving his words of advice to the players, Roksy said, "The players have to be more cautious

and play good football here in order to do well in the upcoming AFC U-23 Championship qualifiers tournament where they'll face stronger teams like Jordan, Tajikistan & Palestine; which is our main target."

The friendly fight between Bangladesh U23 and Qatar Olympic team will take place at Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium at 11pm Bangladesh time and 8pm local time.