



Egypt and the U.S.: A Strong, Growing Partnership

The resumption of the Egypt-U.S. Strategic Dialogue in August 2015 marked a new milestone in a decades-old partnership that continues to grow in scale and importance. Building on this foundation, since the beginning of 2016, Egyptian and U.S. national security, military and elected officials as well as economic leaders have held more than 30 high-level bilateral meetings, including with Secretary of State John Kerry seven times. These critical bilateral engagements continue to expand and solidify the Egypt-U.S. partnership, a vital strategic relationship for regional and global stability and prosperity.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

On the Egypt-U.S. Strategic Partnership:

“I want to emphasize that the United States views Egypt as critical to the peace and security of the entire region. We care enormously about succeeding in overcoming the difficult challenges that Egypt faces at this moment.”

—John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State (4/20/2016)

“We believe that we can only succeed with the continued support of the United States, and we value what has been provided in the past and we are reassured of the commitment of the United States towards Egypt’s prosperity and its role in the region.”

—Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Foreign Minister (3/30/2016)

“[Egypt] is our ally. It’s one of the reasons as the first trip as speaker of the House...I met with the parliamentarians, I met with their speaker, I met with the president of Egypt, al-Sisi himself, to reaffirm our mutual interests, our mutual security interests, and that they are, in fact, our ally.”

—Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (6/09/2016)

On Egypt’s Leadership Role:

“[President Abdel Fattah El Sisi] is somebody we can do business with...he’s the right guy at the right time.”

—Senator Lindsey Graham, chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (5/10/2016)

“We came back with a renewed sense of urgency about what we should be doing in that part of the world to help address some of the crisis issues. [President Abdel Fattah El Sisi] has the potential of being a great partner of the United States.”

—Senator David Perdue, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (4/7/2016)

“What I liked about President El Sisi is that he wants to make things happen. I’ve done this now for a long time in a lot of different places, and I noticed he wants to do it on behalf of the people, and that’s not always true in other places.”

—Jeffrey Immelt, CEO of General Electric (5/23/2016)

On Military and Security Cooperation:

“They can be an important partner in the region...Although we have a broader relationship between our two countries that is bigger than security, the military-to-military relationship can be a foundation.”

—General Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff (4/26/2016)

“We also wanted our Sunni allies—Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt—we wanted them to know that we appreciate how they are on the front lines of this fight.”

—Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House (4/14/2016)

We need to step up our cooperation with Egypt and work more closely with their military on enhancing counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations.”

—Rep. Michael McCaul, chair of the House Homeland Security Committee (5/24/2016)





30 BILATERAL MEETINGS OVER FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2016

27-29 May: Egypt's Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Mahmoud Hegazy met in Washington, D.C. with Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford and other senior American officials.

23 May: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi meets with Chairman & CEO of General Electric Jeff Immelt in Cairo.

17 May: President El Sisi meets with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Cairo.

13 May: Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry meets with U.S. Secretary of State Kerry in Washington, D.C.

14 May: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with Representative Kay Granger, Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, in Washington, D.C.

11 May: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with United States Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power in New York.

3 May: President El Sisi meets in Cairo with Representative Michael McCaul (Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee) and Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), Senate Majority Whip, as well as Representatives Bill Keating, Pete Sessions, Kathleen Rice, Lynn Westmoreland and Michael Pompeo.

24 April: President El Sisi and Minister of Defense Colonel General Sedki Sobhi meet with Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff General Dunford in Cairo.

23 April: Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Hegazy meets with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Dunford in Cairo.

20 April: President El Sisi and Foreign Minister Shoukry meet with U.S. Secretary of State Kerry in Cairo.

18 April: President El Sisi meets with the head of U.S. Central Command General Joseph Votel in Cairo.

7 April: President El Sisi, Foreign Minister Shoukry and Speaker of the Egyptian Parliament Ali Abdel Aal meet in Cairo with Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul Ryan and Representatives Mac Thornberry (Chair of the House Armed Services Committee), Devin Nunes (Chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence), Michael Turner, Gregory Meeks, Kristi Noem, Ron Kind and Will Hurd.

4 April: President El Sisi and Minister of Defense Colonel General Sobhi meet with Senators Lindsey Graham (Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs), David Perdue and Thom Tillis in Cairo.

31 March: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with Ambassador David Thorne, Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Washington D.C.

30 March: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with U.S. Secretary of State Kerry in Washington, D.C.

20 February: Minister of Defense General Sobhy and Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Hegazy meet with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Dunford in Cairo.

17 February: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL Brett McGurk in Cairo.

11 February: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice in Washington, D.C.

11 February: Prime Minister Sherif Ismail meets with Ambassador David Thorne, Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Cairo.

9 February: Foreign Minister Shoukry meets with U.S. Secretary of State Kerry in Washington, D.C.

8 February: Foreign Minister Shoukry holds meetings in Washington, D.C. with Senators Orrin Hatch (President pro tempore); Richard Burr (Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence); Bob Corker (Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee); Ben Cardin (Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee); and Dianne Feinstein (Ranking Member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence); and Representatives Mac Thornberry (Chair of the House Armed Services Committee); Kay Granger (Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs); Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa); and Mario Diaz-Balart.

24 January: President El Sisi meets with the head of U.S. Central Command General Lloyd Austin, in Cairo.

17 January: President Abdel El Sisi meets with Director of the Central Intelligence Agency John Brennan in Cairo.

