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1- President Abdel Fatah El Sisi's participation in the 70th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations:

During his address to the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi outlined Egypt's strategy to defeat the forces of extremism and terrorism and achieve regional stability and economic prosperity. He also highlighted the central role of Egypt's upcoming parliamentary elections.

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2- President El Sisi's Wall Street Journal op-ed: Re-Engineering Egypt's Economy:

In an opinion piece published in *The Wall Street Journal*, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi provided an update on Egypt's political and economic progress and outlined the government's plan for future growth and democratic advancement, particularly with parliamentary elections coming in October and November. Published in conjunction with President El Sisi's attendance at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the piece gave an optimistic but realistic assessment of both the progress thus far in Egypt and the challenges that still remain. [read more...](#)



3- Egypt's candidature for the non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council 2016-2017::

Egypt officially announced its candidature for the non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council for the 2016-2017 term on the sidelines of the 2014 United Nations General Assembly. The elections will be held on 15 October 2015. As a founding member of the United Nations, Egypt has played an important role in maintaining international peace and security for decades, and is committed to strengthening international action through the United Nations to achieve collective security and uphold the goals enshrined in the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. As a non-permanent member of the Security Council, Egypt hopes to make concrete and effective contributions to the work of the Council and the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security.



4- Diplomatic Courier launches special Egypt edition:

On 9 September 2015, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce hosted the launch of a special Egypt edition of *Diplomatic Courier*, a bi-monthly magazine dedicated to enhancing the global dialogue amongst diplomats, policymakers, and business and civil society leaders. The launch event included Egyptian officials and American business leaders who discussed Egypt's economic and political progress, and the positive trajectory of the Egypt-U.S. partnership. The special Egypt-focused edition features articles and analysis from Egyptian officials, business executives, and former high-ranking national security officials. [Read more...](#)



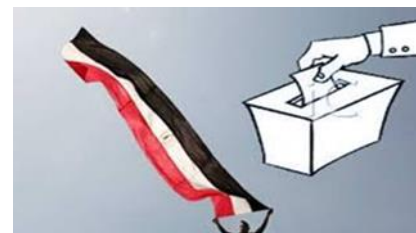
5- World class supergiant gas discovery:

On 30 August 2015, the Italian energy company Eni announced a world class supergiant gas discovery at its Zohr Prospect in the deep waters of Egypt. The discovery could hold a potential of 30 trillion cubic feet of gas covering an area of about 100 square kilometers. "Zohr" is the largest gas discovery ever made in Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea. [Read More...](#)



6- Parliamentary elections:

The Supreme Elections Committee (SEC) announced that the dates for the parliamentary elections will be from 17 October until 2 December 2015. [Read more...](#)



7- Presentation of credentials to Barack Obama, President of the United States of America:

On 17 September 2015, Ambassador Yasser Reda participated in the White House credentialing ceremony and met Barack Obama, President of the United States of America. Ambassador Reda presented President Obama with the Letter of Credence as the new Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Washington. During the meeting, President Obama expressed his best wishes for the Ambassador's success in the coming years, and said that he looked forward to improved bilateral relations between the two countries.



8- The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges Egyptian citizens abroad to apply for new electronic passports:

Upon the instruction of the International Civil Aviation Organization regarding the expiration of manually issued passports in all international airports on 24 November 2015, the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges all Egyptian citizens abroad who do not have electronic passports to apply for them before this date in order to avoid any obstacles in travelling abroad or returning to Egypt.