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### **1- The Egypt Economic Development Conference:**

Over three days from 13-15 March 2015, 2,000 delegates from 112 nations, 30 heads of state, international leaders and multinational executives descended on Sharm el-Sheikh for the Egypt Economic Development Conference. Dozens of deals worth billions of dollars were announced, providing the framework for future economic growth, innovation and prosperity for Egypt and its people. [read more...](#)



## **2- Statement from President El Sisi following the terrorist incident that targeted innocent Egyptian civilians in Libya:**

I extend my sincere condolences to the Egyptian people and would like, on behalf of all Egyptians, to offer my deepest condolences in this time of grief to the families of our martyrs, who fell victim to this abhorrent act of terrorism; for their sorrow is the nation's sorrow.

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## **3- President El Sisi visits Saint Mark's Cathedral to offer his condolences to Pope Tawadros II:**

This morning, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi paid a visit to Saint Mark's Cathedral in Abbassiya to pay his respects to Pope Tawadros II, the Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark. The President offered his condolences for the innocent Egyptian citizens who fell victim to the heinous act of terrorism that took place in Libya yesterday. The President expressed his sympathy to the families of the victims, affirming that they will receive all the necessary care and support from the competent state authorities. [read more...](#)



## **4- Promoting the EEDC in Sharm el-Sheikh:**

On February 26, 2015 I, in coordination with the Harvard Business Club in Washington DC, hosted twenty-one Chairmen, CEOs and Presidents of leading US enterprises working in different fields, such as the cement industry, investment fund management, tourism, international consultation, construction, food and beverage etc.

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## **5- Ambassador Mohammed Tawfik speaks at reception commemorating 25 January 2011 revolution:**

On 22 January 2015, Ambassador Tawfik spoke at an Embassy-hosted reception commemorating the 25 January 2011 revolution. Speaking to an audience of friends and colleagues, Ambassador Tawfik's remarks highlighted that the quest of all Egyptians for liberty, democracy, and human dignity was epitomized in Tahrir and other Egyptian squares four years ago, and that major steps have been taken after the second revolutionary wave on 30 June. [read more...](#)



#### **6- Meeting the BOD of the Women's National Democratic Club:**

My wife and I met with members of the board of directors, officers, and governors of the Women's National Democratic Club. We exchanged points of view pertaining to the current developments in Egypt, [read more...](#)

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#### **7- Condolence ceremony of the 21 Coptic Martyrs:**

It was the least I could do to participate in the condolence ceremony held by the Saint Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Virginia and to send a message to all Coptic Orthodox Churches in the US to express my deep sorrow and sympathy for our 21 Egyptian Coptic Martyrs murdered in Libya by the hands of the coward terrorist militias of ISIL who have no respect for religion, nation or sect. [read more...](#)

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#### **8- Information on requesting new national identity cards :**

As the Embassy is preparing to host a delegation from the Egyptian Civil Affairs Authority next May, to issue and renew the I.D cards for the members of the Egyptian Community, we urge all community members who expressed their willingness to issue and renew I.D. cards to send their requests and contact information to: [IDrequest@egyptembassy.net](mailto:IDrequest@egyptembassy.net). [read more...](#)

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#### **9- The delay of Parliamentary elections:**

The Egyptian Government decided to delay the Parliamentary elections, which were supposed to be held on March 21, 2015, after The High Constitutional Court ruled the third item of the elections law to be unconstitutional. The Administrative Rules Court also decided to stop the decision of the Elections High Committee to hold the elections on its scheduled time.

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#### **10- Egypt's Classical Pianist Mohamed Shams To Make Solo Debut at Weill Recital Hall/Carnegie Hall:**

Egyptian classical pianist Mohamed Shams makes his Carnegie Hall debut on Wednesday April 15 at 8pm with a program blending Eastern and Western musical cultures, demonstrating Mr. Shams's belief that music breaks down barriers and builds bridges between nations and people, the diverse program of works includes Mendelssohn, Ravel, E. Carter, Liszt, and Egyptian composer Gamal Abdel Rahim. [read more...](#)





**11- Minister Shoukry and Secretary Kerry discuss the threat of extremism:**

Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry met with Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday following the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism to discuss bilateral issues and regional challenges of mutual import, particularly in Libya. Minister Shoukry emphasized the efforts that Egypt has taken to fight terrorism and the importance of increased cooperation to combat extremist groups “because we know the dangers that such organizations pose to the stability of the region.” [read more...](#)

