

# Newsletter - February 2016

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# 1- President El Sisi Attends Christmas Mass:

Amid a warm welcome and roaring cheers, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi joined Pope Tawadros and Coptic Egyptians for Christmas mass, which took place at the St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Abbasiya. President El Sisi, who was the first Egyptian President to make an appearance at Christmas mass last year, sent his warm greetings to Coptic Christians and reassured them that Egyptians can overcome all hardships as long as they remain united.





## 2- Egypt's Newly Elected Parliament Convenes, Including An Historic Number of Female Members:

Egypt's newly elected House of Representatives convened for the first time on the 10th of January. In a statement issued by the Presidency of the Arab Republic of Egypt, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi congratulated the Egyptian people on the occasion and "wished success" to the newly-formed Parliament, the first since 2012. The new Parliament will be the most diverse and empowered



in Egypt's history with significant representation from women, youth, and Christians, who respectively hold 87, 54, and 39 seats in the 596 seat legislative body. <u>read more...</u>

## 3- Egypt Officially Kicks-Off Two-Year Stint on the UN Security Council:

Egypt has officially kicked-off its two-year term as a non-permanent United Nations Security Council member on Friday, with predictions that it will start its term promoting the causes of some of its troubled neighbors. This is the first Security Council term for Egypt since 1997, but the fifth term in total.

#### 4- Egyptian Trade Delegation Visits Washington D.C.:

An Egyptian trade delegation visited Washington, D.C. January 5-7, 2016. During the visit, the trade

delegation conducted consultations with the Americans within the context of the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). The consultations included discussions about pending trade related issues, targeted to enhance trade relations between the two countries and overcome existing challenges.

### 5- President El Sisi's Christmas Message to the Egyptian Community Abroad:

President Abdel Fattah El Sisi sent warm wishes to the Egyptian community abroad on the occasion of the Christmas. <u>read</u> <u>more...</u>

### 6- My Participation in the Christmas Mass:

I attended the Christmas mass that was held at the Coptic Church in Maryland on Wednesday January 6, 2016 on the occasion of the Eastern Christmas. I extended heartfelt congratulations to Egypt's Copts in the USA, wishing them more happiness and success and security and prosperity to all Egyptians. <u>Read more...</u>







# 7- <u>The Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the</u> <u>January 25 Revolution</u>:

To mark the fifth anniversary of the January 25 Revolution, the Egyptian Embassy held a cultural reception at the headquarters of the Egyptian Cultural Office in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2016. Numerous members of the Egyptian community in Washington, D.C. attended the celebration.

I delivered a speech extending sincere greetings to all Egyptians on this occasion and spotlighted numerous achievements Egypt has witnessed since the January Revolution, thus enhancing Egyptian participation in all walks of life end enabling them to forge the future of their homeland. <u>Read more...</u>

