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1- Egypt's New Parliament: The Most Empowered and Diverse in Our History:

From October to December at polling stations across the country and abroad, millions of Egyptians exercised their democratic right to vote in the parliamentary elections. With significant participation from women, youth, and Christians, Egypt elected the most diverse and empowered Parliament in our history. [read more...](#)



2- World Bank Announces New Egypt Country Partnership, \$1 Billion Development Policy Operation:

On December 17, the World Bank Group announced a new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) to support Egypt during its ongoing economic and social transformation. The CPF “builds upon the Government of Egypt’s medium-term strategy and national priorities for promoting macroeconomic stability and private sector-led job creation, strengthening service delivery, and fostering social justice and inclusion.” [read more...](#)



3- President El Sisi Urges Reform of Islamic Discourse, Sends Christmas Greetings :

In a recent speech marking Mulid El-Nabi, the anniversary of Prophet Muhammad's birth, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi urged reform of Islamic discourse and sent Christmas greetings to Christians.

During his speech, the President said, "No one should define someone by their appearance or religion. We are all Egyptians... We are one and we will remain one." [read more...](#)



4- President El Sisi Meets with Iraqi Yazidi Rape Victim of ISIL:

On December 26, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi received Iraqi citizen Nadia Murad at Egypt's presidential palace. Ms. Murad is one of the Yazidi women who was kidnapped and assaulted by Daesh when the fanatical regime took control of Sinjar city and the surrounding Iraqi villages in August 2014. Ms. Murad recently managed to escape Daesh's captivity and is informing world leaders and others about the horrors she and many others endured.

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5- President El Sisi's Prophet Muhammad's Birth Message to Egyptian Community Abroad:

President Abdel Fattah El Sisi sent warm wishes to the Egyptian community abroad on the occasion of the Prophet Muhammad's birth. [read more...](#)

6- Ambassador Reda's Meetings to Promote the Egyptian Economy:

Throughout December 2015, Ambassador Reda conducted several meetings with top executives of U.S. companies, such as General Electric, Coca-Cola, Cargile, and Blumberg Grain, to promote the Egyptian economy. He also met with the leaders of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S-Egypt Business Council. These meetings paralleled efforts of the Egyptian Government to attract foreign direct investment and to overcome any obstacles to American investment in Egypt.

In addition, Ambassador Reda met with several officials from the U.S. Administration, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank Group, including Mr. Stanley Fischer, Vice Chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Vice President of the World Bank for the MENA region, and the CEO of the U.S. Private Investment Corporation. These meetings focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation with Egypt and exploring the impact of the global economy's performance on Egypt.