

President El Sisi Meets Libya's Army Chief

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with the Commander of the Libyan Armed Forces, Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar.

President El Sisi affirmed Egypt's unwavering position on the Libyan crisis and its continuous endeavors to reach a political solution by encouraging dialogue among different factions so as to restore stability and maintain the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Libya. The President explained that all Egypt's endeavors with different Libyan political powers aim at reaching a practical formula to resume dialogue on specific issues agreed upon to be amended in the Skhirat agreement, as a consented political reference.

Field Marshal Haftar expressed his appreciation for Egypt's key role in the Libyan crisis and valued its efforts to assist various factions to reach an agreement. He lauded Egypt's keenness on ensuring Libya's security in light of the close bonds that the two peoples share.

The meeting reviewed the latest political developments in Libya. President El Sisi and Field Marshal Haftar stressed the importance of efforts to continue dialogue among the Libyan factions and to uphold Libya's national interest in order to rebuild the state institutions and fulfil the aspirations of the Libyan people for a decent living and stability.

President El Sisi affirmed the importance of reuniting the Libyan military institution that was established 77 years ago by Libyans who came from different parts of the country. He stressed the need to lift the arms embargo imposed on the Libyan army, given it is a fundamental pillar for eradicating terrorism in Libya. This is in addition to halting the flow of funds, arms and fighters to terrorist groups and confronting foreign intervention that seeks to undermine the country.