

## **President El Sisi Meets Sultan of Oman**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi arrived in the Sultanate of Oman. The President was received by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said at the Al Alam al Amer Palace, where a formal reception was held and guards of honor were inspected.

President El Sisi and Sultan Qaboos held talks that included delegations from the two countries. The Sultan of Oman affirmed the special Egyptian-Omani relations and the long history of cordiality and cooperation that the two peoples and countries share. His Majesty Sultan Qaboos noted that Egypt and the Egyptian people are held in high esteem by the people and government of Oman and valued the role of Egypt as a cornerstone for the security and stability of the Gulf countries and Arab region. He also affirmed his country's full support to Egypt's war against terrorism.

The Sultan of Oman affirmed his country's keenness on enhancing relations with Egypt at all levels and looked forward for President El Sisi's visit to further bolster ongoing cooperation frameworks.

President El Sisi expressed the appreciation of the leadership and people of Egypt for the valuable positions of the Sultanate of Oman under the leadership of Sultan Qaboos bin Said towards Egypt and its people. He noted that the Sultan and people of Oman are highly appreciated by the Egyptian people. The President affirmed that Egypt looks forward to strengthening cooperation with Oman across various fields, so as to achieve the interests of both countries and peoples.

Talks touched on ways to enhance bilateral ties. The two sides agreed on the importance of promoting cooperation, especially trade, through the joint committee, to be held in Muscat. Talks also touched on a number of regional and international issues of mutual interest. Both sides' views were aligned on the need for the international community to consolidate efforts to reach political solutions to crises in the region, particularly in Yemen. The President listened to the Sultan's views on the crisis in Yemen and ways to resolve it in a manner that alleviates the daily struggle of the Yemeni people. They also discussed the situation in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq and agreed on the importance of preserving the institutions in these countries so as to protect their territorial integrity and people's resources.

The President reviewed developments in Egypt since the January 25 revolution to date as well as the challenges that Egypt faced since that date until the June 30 revolution, which preserved the Egyptian state's identity. Economic reform and development across the country were also discussed.