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President El Sisi Meets President of Yemen

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi received the President of Yemen, Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, at the Ittihadia Palace where an official reception was held and guards of honor inspected.

President El Sisi and President Hadi held bilateral talks that later expanded to include delegations from the two countries. President El Sisi confirmed the strong and special relations, both historic and brotherly, that Egypt and Yemen share. The President affirmed Egypt's unyielding position on supporting the current legitimate Yemeni government and the Yemeni state's unity. The President emphasized that the security and stability of Yemen are of extreme importance to the security of the Arab region in general and the security of the Red Sea region and Egypt's national security. President Hadi expressed his happiness to visit Egypt and explained that his country appreciates Egypt's positions in support of Yemen. He noted the importance of Egypt's role in supporting the region's security and stability and added that his country looks forward to increasing cooperation between the two countries at various levels in the coming period. President Hadi reviewed developments in Yemen and the government's efforts to restore peace and stability. He also pointed out the challenges that Yemen faces as a result of the ongoing years- long war and its catastrophic impact on the Yemeni people.

President El Sisi affirmed Egypt's full support to the legitimate government's efforts to restore the foundations of the state and its unity as well as to end the devastating humanitarian situation in Yemen. He noted the importance of continuing endeavors led by the UN to reach a political solution, in line with international legitimacy, Gulf initiatives and the outcome of national dialogue so as to pave the way for the reconstruction of Yemen at the soonest time and end the plight of the Yemeni people.

The meeting touched on cooperation between the two countries to strengthen the protection of maritime navigation in the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab strait in order to prevent it from being negatively affected by the current situation in Yemen. The meeting also discussed a number of issues pertinent to the bilateral ties and ways to provide assistance to Yemen in order to overcome the crisis. President El Sisi affirmed

Egypt's readiness to increase the training and support provided to build the capacity of Yemeni cadres in various fields, as well as increasing the number of scholarships and training programs for them. This is in addition to increasing grants to receive and treat Yemenis who have been injured.

The two presidents witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Bank of Egypt and its Yemeni counterpart on cooperation in the banking sector , particularly exchanging expertise and training those who work in this sector. The two presidents later held a joint media conference.

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