

## President El Sisi and King Salman Hold Egyptian-Saudi Summit in Riyadh

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi arrived in the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, where he was received by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz.

After the official reception ceremony, President El Sisi and King Salman headed to Al-Yamama Palace, where they held an Egyptian-Saudi summit, attended by a large number of Saudi princes, ministers and senior officials. President El Sisi and King Salman held a session of talks attended by the two countries' delegations. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman, commenced the meeting by welcoming President El Sisi and reiterating the longstanding and steadfast historic relations that bind the two countries and their peoples. He underscored the Kingdom's commitment to enhancing consultations and coordination with Egypt so as to realize the interests of the Arab and Muslim nations and their peoples. King Salman confirmed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's position in support of Egypt, particularly in its war against terrorism.

President El Sisi emphasized that he values the strategic relations between Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He confirmed his commitment to strengthening bilateral relations across all fields so as to enhance joint Arab action to address various challenges currently facing the Arab world.

The meeting tackled a range of bilateral issues. The two sides agreed on the importance of strengthening and further advancing bilateral relations across various areas, and of capitalizing on the opportunities and potential that the two countries offer so as to fulfil the ambitions of the two peoples.

President El Sisi and King Salman also reviewed a number of regional dossiers. They agreed on the importance of enhancing Arab cooperation and solidarity so as to remain united in the face of challenges facing the Arab world and to end crises in a number of countries in the region. This shall contribute to restoring security and stability in these countries.

The Egyptian-Saudi summit also addressed the most important challenges facing the region, primarily combating terrorism. The two leaders agreed that the current stage and the reality the Arab region is facing necessitate more coordination of efforts and intensifying consultation among all parties concerned in the international arena to formulate a holistic strategy to address this phenomenon that has become a threat to the entire world.

President El Sisi and King Salman underscored the need to confront all attempts to intervene in the internal affairs of Arab countries and to prevent all endeavors to sow division among them in order to

preserve Arab national security. They viewed this as the only guarantor to realize security and stability in Arab world.

President El Sisi extended an invitation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman to visit Egypt. King Salman welcomed the invitation and promised to visit Egypt at the earliest opportunity.