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## **President El Sisi Arrives in Abu Dhabi and Meets Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi arrived in Abu Dhabi and was received by the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and a number of senior Emirati officials. An official reception was held.

President El Sisi held talks with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, who affirmed that the UAE and the Emiratis hold Egypt and its people in high regard. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed confirmed the UAE's unwavering position in support of Egypt at all levels to realize the aspirations of the Egyptian people for stability and development. He emphasized that Egypt's stability is the entire region's stability, given its strategic and historic depth for the Arab region. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed looked forward for President El Sisi's visit to further enhance ongoing cooperation frameworks between the two countries and to expand them to wider horizons so as to fulfill the aspirations of both peoples. He noted that this visit demonstrates the vital relations between the two countries and their leadership's keenness on coordinating to serve the two countries' interest as well as other Arab countries'.

President El Sisi affirmed that the leadership and people of Egypt value the strong bonds and cooperation Egypt shares with the UAE under the leadership of the President of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The President expressed appreciation for the positions of the UAE in support of the Egyptian people's will. He stressed the need to continue enhancing bilateral relations at all levels and noted that the current moment poses grave challenges on all Arab countries, which requires concerted Arab efforts to strengthen Arab national security.

President El Sisi reviewed ongoing development projects implemented in Egypt, particularly establishing new cities and infrastructure projects in the sectors of energy and transportation. It is worth mentioning that the "Egypt Property Show" takes place between May 5-7 in Dubai and offers an opportunity to outline investment opportunities in the new cities.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed highlighted Egypt's role in supporting efforts aimed at realizing stability in the region and finding solutions to its crises. This is in addition to its great efforts to counter terrorism and extremism that target the security and stability of Egypt and the entire region. He offered once again his condolences for the victims of the latest terrorist attacks that targeted their houses of worship. He affirmed his confidence in the Egyptian people's ability to confront these cowardly acts and to confront plans and acts that seek to undermine their fabric and unity.

The talks reviewed regional developments, in light of the crises in Syria, Yemen and Libya and the challenges that the Arab region is facing ,namely terrorism and foreign intervention to tamper with the security and stability of Arab countries. There was convergence of views on the need to intensify joint Arab action and international efforts to reach political solutions to these crises in a way that preserves their unity, territorial integrity and national institutions and that ends the humanitarian plight of their peoples and realizes their higher interests.

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