

## **President El Sisi Meets Libya's Chairman of the Presidential Council and Prime Minister of the Government of National Accord**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with the Chairman of the Presidential Council of Libya Fayez Al-Sarraj and a delegation that included Libyan officials.

President El Sisi confirmed Egypt's unwavering position that calls for the need to resolve the crisis in Libya through political means and that political consensus is the cornerstone for restoring stability in the country and preserving its sovereignty and territorial integrity, noting the strong historic bonds between the two peoples.

Mr. Al-Sarraj highlighted the special relations between the two countries and thanked Egypt's exceptional efforts that seek to realize security and stability in Libya, especially sponsoring the ongoing meetings of the Libyan army delegation. This is in addition to combating foreign attempts that seek to interfere and undermine the country's stability.

The meeting reviewed the latest political developments in Libya and the efforts of the UN envoy. It also touched on Egypt's endeavors with various Libyan political parties to encourage the political track, which is considered the only acceptable track locally, regionally and internationally. President El Sisi affirmed the importance of continuing political efforts and assisting the UN special envoy to Libya in his mission and completing Libyan accord on various pending issues. The President called on all Libyan parties to uphold national interest and stability in Libya above narrow interests and to focus on rebuilding the state institutions. The meeting reviewed ongoing efforts to unify the military institution. President El Sisi and Mr. Al-Sarraj affirmed that progress made in this regard represents a model to be emulated by all parties engaged in the political track to realize equal progress.

The meeting also touched on ways to enhance cooperation to combat terrorism. Both sides agreed on the importance of strengthening international efforts to formulate a comprehensive strategy that addresses terrorism. This is given the growing phenomenon of fighters moving from conflict hotbeds to other zones, which terrorist organizations exploit to spread chaos in the region.

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