

## President El Sisi Meets U.S. CENTCOM Commander

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with Commander of the United States Central Command (CENTCOM), General Joseph L. Votel.

President El Sisi underscored the importance of the strategic relations between Egypt and the United States, primarily their military cooperation. He confirmed that the current circumstances in the region necessitate concerted efforts to address and counter the challenges that threaten its security and stability. President El Sisi reviewed Egypt's ongoing efforts to combat terrorism at all levels.

General Votel commended the robust military relations between the two countries. He emphasized his country's commitment to further strengthening its partnership and cooperation with Egypt. The CENTCOM commander valued Egypt's counter-terrorism efforts, noting that terrorism is a common challenge facing the entire world. He also commended Egypt's key role in the region as well as its efforts to reinforce regional security and stability.

The meeting focused on further advancing and promoting military cooperation between Egypt and the U.S., and also tackled the latest military and political developments in the region, given the ongoing crises in a number of its countries.