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President El Sisi Meets the Governor of Port Said and the Prime Minister

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with Governor of Port Said, Adel El Ghadban, and a number of executive, popular and students' leaders in the governorate.

The meeting comes within the framework of a series of periodic meetings that include all governorates across the republic, which started with the Governor of El Wadi El Gadid and leaders of the governorate on January 12. The meetings come within the framework of the President's keenness on following up on the implementation of developmental plans and services' programs delivered to the citizens. The President is also keen on directly engaging with the state's central authorities in order to improve the services delivered to the citizens in each governorate, remove any obstacles in this regard and enhance societal participation in the decision making process.

President El Sisi emphasized the need to remove any impediments and solve problems facing the governorate in coordination with all relevant ministries and authorities in the state.

The President confirmed that the success of the comprehensive health insurance project requires mutual commitment by the state and the citizens, whereby all parties assume their role

in the best way possible so as to enable the implementation of this vital national program at the highest international levels and standards.

President El Sisi underlined the need to continue the work underway to enhance the capacity and develop El Manzala Lake, after violations and encroachments that reduced the lake size over the past decades. The President confirmed that the state will not allow any forms of violations on the lakes, which represent a national treasure that must be exploited economically and for tourist purposes for the benefit of the Egyptian people. President El Sisi also asserted the importance of changing the old methods in managing these resources, as part of the comprehensive vision for the form of the modern state that we aspire for in the future.

The President stressed the need to provide the funding necessary for the youth to operate factories which have been completed, and confirmed that concerted efforts are exerted by state apparatuses and banks to reduce the cost and encourage the youth to engage in the industrial and production fields. The President underlined the state's commitment to encouraging small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and to providing all forms of assistance for their success.

The President also affirmed the need to increase awareness as to how to obtain the funding necessary for the implementation of these projects and others currently being implemented across Egypt. He reiterated that the development of Egypt is a collective responsibility that requires concerted efforts by all, the government and the citizens.

Also today, President El Sisi met with Prime Minister and Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities Moustafa Madbouly.

The meeting reviewed progress in the implementation of a number of developmental national projects currently being implemented.

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