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### **1- Foreign Minister Shoukry Visits DC and Meets with Secretary of State John Kerry:**

Minister Shoukry visited D.C., February 8-11, and met with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. During the meeting, Secretary Kerry and Minister Shoukry discussed a wide range of regional and international foreign policy issues.

Regarding Egypt-U.S. relations, Minister Shoukry said, “I am here to reiterate and emphasize the importance that Egypt attaches to the strategic relationship that exists with the United States. This is a foundation, a cornerstone of our foreign policy for the last decades, and continues to be one that has been beneficial to Egypt, and I hope beneficial to the United States.” [Read more...](#)



## **2- Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State Visits Egypt, February 9-11:**

Ambassador David Thorne, senior advisor to the Secretary of State, visited Egypt, February 9-11, 2016. During the visit, Thorne met with H.E. Egyptian Prime Minister and a number of the economic cabinet ministers to discuss strengthening economic and trade relations between the two countries.

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## **3- President El Sisi Makes First Address to Newly Elected House of Representatives:**

On Saturday, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi addressed Egypt's House of Representatives in his first visit to the Parliament that was elected in December of last year. President El Sisi announced that legislative power had been transferred from the executive branch to the Parliament, and called on the legislative institution to set aside political differences in order to meet the people's needs.

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## **4- President El Sisi Unveils “Egypt Vision 2030” Sustainable Development Strategy:**

On Wednesday, February 24, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi outlined Egypt's progressive sustainable development strategy, “Egypt's Vision 2030.” The strategy aims to achieve a comprehensive set of goals to place Egypt among the world's top 30 countries in the areas of economic and social development. In addition to developing critical infrastructure, such as the 5,000 kilometer national road network currently under construction and the 133 bridges scheduled for completion within 20 months, the 2030 vision calls for bolstering small and medium-sized enterprises, developing of water resources, strengthening rule of law, and improving overall life quality indicators. [Read More...](#)

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## **5- Minister of Immigration and Egyptian Expatriate Affairs Visits DC:**

The Minister of Immigration and Egyptian Expatriate Affairs Nabila Makram visited Washington DC in February 2016, where she met with the US-Egyptian Chamber of Commerce and members of the Egyptian community on the East Coast. [Read more...](#)



## **6- Reception for Members of the World Affairs Council:**

I hosted a reception for members of the World Affairs Council on February 11, 2016. The reception was followed by a lecture by me, I explained the latest developments in the bilateral relations between Egypt and the United States, and the various fields of cooperation between the two countries. [Read more...](#)



## **7- My Meeting with Representatives of the Prominent American Companies:**

On February 22, I met with representatives of prominent American companies in a round table discussion organized by the Business Council of International Understanding (BCIU). I explored the development of bilateral relations with the United States, and efforts of the Egyptian government to revive the economy and enhance the investment climate in Egypt.

