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#### 1- A delegation from The Egyptian Civil Affairs Authority visits five U.S. cities for national ID card work:

The Egyptian Civil Affairs Authority's delegation visited five U.S. cities (Washington, D.C., Houston, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles) during the month of May. During the visit they accepted applications for renewing and issuing thousands of ID cards. [read more...](#)



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#### 2- Egypt Judicial and Military Service Committee lands in Washington, D.C. to begin its work to reconcile military service cases:

A delegation from the Ministry of Defense arrived in Washington, D.C. and began its work to reconcile military service cases for U.S. members of the Egyptian community. The delegation will conclude its visit by 16 June 2015. If you have any inquiries related to the visit please contact the Egyptian Ministry of Defense office in Washington, D.C. [read more...](#)

### **3- The Embassy of Egypt's response to *The New York Times* editorial from 19 May:**

The following is a letter to the editor submitted by the Embassy to *The New York Times* regarding their editorial board's commentary from 19 May 2015, "In Egypt, Deplorable Death Sentences" [read more...](#)

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### **4- Nominations open for Embassy "Leading by Example" award:**

During my visits to various cities I have had the pleasure of speaking with many members of the U.S. Egyptian community. During my conversations I was particularly inspired by our youth, young Egyptians who play a key role in their local communities, and proudly represent Egypt while doing so. Their achievements and success stories are recognized and highly appreciated by many international and local associations. However, many of their stories are not known amongst our community. As such, the Embassy would like to honor these community members by granting them the Embassy's "Leading by Example" award presented during Egypt's National Day celebrations in July. [Read More...](#)

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### **5- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges Egyptian citizens abroad to apply for new electronic passports:**

Upon the instruction of the International Civil Aviation Organization regarding the expiration of manually issued passports in all international airports on 24 November 2015, the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges all Egyptian citizens abroad who do not have electronic passports to apply for them before this date. This will help citizens avoid any obstacles in traveling abroad or returning to Egypt.

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### **6- International "Culture Under Threat" conference presents declaration to protect antiquities:**

Egypt hosted the "Culture Under Threat" Conference in Cairo, bringing together UNESCO and ten nations from the MENA region to address the growing destruction, looting and trafficking of antiquities across the Middle East. These antiquities also finance terrorist groups such as ISIL. The conference resulted in several recommendations under the auspices of a new "Cairo Declaration" including:

- A working group formed from the ten participating Arab countries to combat looting and smuggling
  - The establishment of an international advisory committee, chaired by Egypt, to support the working group and study means to combat antiquities looting.
  - An exploration of additional regional and global efforts to fight against illicit looting and trading of stolen antiquities [read more...](#)
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### **7- The Embassy co-chairs Africa Day 2015 celebration:**

The Embassy has co-chaired the Africa Day 2015 celebration with the Moroccan Embassy on behalf of the African Ambassadors Group in Washington, D.C. The celebration included an exhibition of African artifacts and several performances. [read more...](#)





### **8- General Motors hosts dinner commemorating partnership with Egypt:**

On 27 April, General Motors (GM) hosted a dinner in honor of Egypt and our long-standing partnership. GM maintains a strong presence in Egypt, directly employing more than 1,900 people, and indirectly employing over 25,000 people in dealerships and supporting industries. Over the past seven years, GM has invested more than \$78 million in its Egyptian operations. At March's Egyptian Economic Development Conference (EEDC) in Sharm El Sheikh, GM also announced plans to invest an additional \$46 million, reaffirming its commitment to Egypt. [read more...](#)



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### **9- Minister of Social Solidarity H.E. Ghada Wally visits Washington, D.C.:**

H.E. Mrs. Ghada Wally, Egypt's Minister of Social Solidarity, paid a visit to Washington, D.C. from 10-13 May 2015. The Minister's visit was part of the "Door knock mission" organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt. On 12 May Minister Wally delivered a keynote speech at a breakfast hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This breakfast was attended by representatives from U.S. political leadership, think tanks, and business executives from both Egypt and the United States. [Read More...](#)