



DEVELOPMENT

New Delta expands Egypt's cultivated land by more than 20%



P rime Minister Mostafa Madbouly described the New Delta Project as a major integrated national initiative that reflects the state's commitment to strengthening food security and reshaping Egypt's agricultural landscape. Prime Minister made the remarks during the government's weekly meeting at the Cabinet headquarters in the New Administrative Capital, where ministers reviewed a range of political, economic, and development files.

Reviewing the week's presidential activities, PM highlighted President Al-Sisi's inauguration of the New Delta Project along the Sheikh Zayed Axis in Giza Governorate, describing it as one of Egypt's largest development projects completed within a record timeframe through coordinated efforts among ministries and state institutions.

The prime minister said the project underscores the government's commitment to agricultural development, food security, and integrated economic growth, noting that extensive infrastructure works and significant investments have been directed toward the initiative.

"The New Delta Project provides agricultural land exceeding the cultivated area of four agricultural governorates combined," PM said, adding that "through a single project, Egypt is increasing its cultivated land area by more than 20%." He emphasised that the project is expected to create substantial employment opportunities for young people in agriculture and related industries, while contributing to higher production levels of strategic crops.

INDUSTRY

Toyota Egypt Group enters electric vehicle market with launch of bZ4X and Lexus RZ



T oyota Egypt Group has officially entered the electric vehicle (EV) market in Egypt for the first time with the launch of two new models: the Toyota bZ4X and the Lexus RZ.

The introduction of the vehicles, announced during an event at the Grand Egyptian Museum, aligns with the state's emissions reduction targets and marks a new sector for the company after 45 years of domestic operations.

Ahmed Monsef, CEO of Toyota Egypt Group, stated: "We feel great pride in announcing the official entry of our Group into the electric vehicle sector in Egypt, through two models that represent the pinnacle of development from Toyota and Lexus. What distinguishes this launch is its full reliance on authentic Japanese 'Know-How', which is the cornerstone that makes our electric vehicles a unique model in precision, quality, and technological innovation. Our historical leadership of more than 45 years is today further strengthened by presenting future solutions that reflect the excellence of Japanese engineering and its ability to set new standards of distinction in the Egyptian market."

INDUSTRY

Egypt launches initiative to support cotton-based SMEs, strengthen production clusters



T he Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency (MSMEDA) launched the "Egyptian Cotton Festival" initiative in cooperation with Cairo Governorate and in collaboration with the Egyptian Marketing Studies Foundation,

aiming to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and production clusters operating across Egypt's cotton value chain.

The initiative seeks to help businesses establish stronger linkages with major brands, enhance production and marketing efficiency, and expand access to local and international markets.

It will support enterprises specialising in cotton furnishings and textile manufacturing, spinning and weaving industries, ginning and spinning machinery, chemicals and dyeing, in addition to suppliers and agents dealing in cotton raw materials. Participating businesses will also receive assistance in developing operations through financial and technical support programmes.

Bassel Rahmy, CEO of MSMEDA, met Mahmoud Hassan, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Egyptian Marketing Studies Foundation, to announce the agency's sponsorship of the initiative.

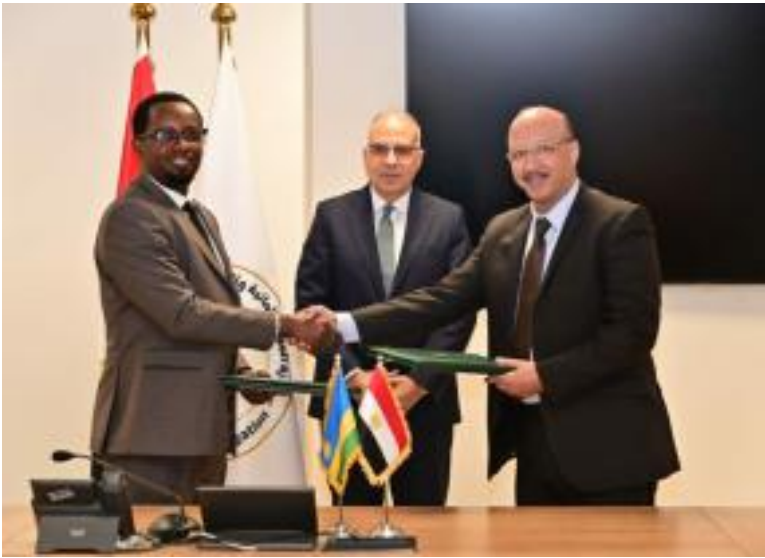
Rahmy said the programme aligns with directives issued by Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, who also chairs MSMEDA's board, to strengthen the capabilities of domestic small-scale industries, support export potential, and expand locally manufactured products capable of replacing imports while remaining competitive.

He noted that enterprises operating within Egypt's cotton sector represent a promising industry that MSMEDA is keen to support, alongside sectors including furniture manufacturing in Damietta, handicrafts, heritage industries and complementary industries serving larger enterprises.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Egypt, Rwanda explore joint water projects and capacity building



Egypt and Rwanda discussed expanding cooperation in water resources, including rainwater harvesting projects, groundwater exploration and technical capacity building, during the second meeting of the joint steering committee overseeing bilateral water cooperation.

In a statement, Egypt's Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation said Minister Hani Sewilam received the Rwandan delegation participating in meetings held in Cairo to review progress in implementing a bilateral memorandum of understanding on water cooperation.

Sewilam also witnessed the signing of the meeting's final report by representatives from both countries, as discussions focused on advancing technical and development projects in the water sector. The minister underscored the strong relations between Egypt and Rwanda, noting that the meetings produced a set of recommendations and a roadmap aimed at accelerating

implementation of joint initiatives.

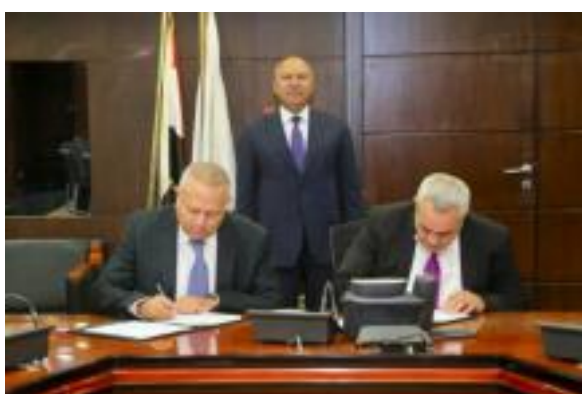
According to the statement, both sides agreed to integrate flood protection measures with rainwater harvesting dams through nature-based solutions to enhance sustainability while reducing erosion and sedimentation. The discussions also identified four proposed sites for groundwater stations, with geophysical studies expected to begin ahead of project implementation.

Sewilam highlighted progress in capacity-building and knowledge-transfer programmes, including preparations for the first joint training programme scheduled for June 2026, alongside activities related to groundwater exploration.

He said technical cooperation between Egypt and Nile Basin countries represents a successful model of regional partnership capable of delivering tangible benefits to local communities. The minister also referred to Egypt's recently launched \$100m regional financing mechanism aimed at supporting development projects in southern Nile Basin countries.

LOGISTICS

Egypt signs MoU for financing, development of Borg El Arab dry port, logistics zone



Egypt's Minister of Transport, Kamel Al-Wazir, witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Borg El Arab dry port and logistics

zone in Borg El Arab City, covering an area of 133 feddans.

The agreement was signed between the General Authority for Land and Dry Ports (LDP) and Sky Ports. The memorandum was signed by Sayed Metwally, Chairperson of the General Authority for Land and Dry Ports, and Tarek Hussein, Chairperson of Sky Ports.

Al-Wazir said the agreement aligns with the Ministry of Transport's strategy to implement directives issued by President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi aimed at transforming Egypt into a regional hub for transport, logistics and transit trade.

The project also forms part of a broader national plan to establish 33 dry ports and logistics zones across Egypt, alongside seven integrated logistics corridors linking industrial, agricultural and mining production centres with seaports, while connecting ports on the Red Sea with those on the Mediterranean.

These corridors are designed to serve emerging urban communities through railway networks and major road infrastructure, passing through dry ports and logistics zones situated along the routes. The Borg El Arab dry port and logistics zone is considered a key component of the Cairo-Alexandria logistics corridor.

EXPORTS

Egypt opens new export markets for oranges, grapes and strawberry seedlings



Egypt has opened new agricultural export markets in Peru, Panama and Mexico for oranges, grapes and strawberry seedlings, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation Alaa Farouk announced. The move comes in line with the country's political leadership vision to boost national exports and create new sources of foreign currency.

Farouk said the achievement followed technical negotiations led by the Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) with plant quarantine authorities in the three countries. According to an official report from Ahmed Rizk, Head of the Agricultural Services Sector, Peru has now approved imports of Egyptian oranges, Panama has opened its market to grapes and strawberry seedlings, and Mexico has authorised imports of strawberry seedlings.

The minister noted that CAPQ is currently finalising executive procedures to begin shipments. Egypt has received the official technical requirements from the importing countries and is preparing circulars to communicate them to exporters, ensuring full compliance with regulations.

These developments reflect the continued momentum in expanding Egypt's agricultural exports into global markets, driven by high quality standards and adherence to international phytosanitary requirements.