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ECONOMY

Alexandria Port Achieves Record 82m Tonnes Throughput in FY2025/26

The Alexandria Port Authority recorded its highest-ever operational performance during fiscal year 2025/26, with total cargo throughput exceeding 82 million tonnes, a 10% increase from the previous year. This growth was led by dry bulk cargo, which rose 19.3% to 36.5 million tonnes, while containerised traffic handled 2.6 million TEUs.

Vessel traffic reached a record 7,026 ships, with maritime tourism showing exceptional growth as passenger arrivals surged by 70% to exceed 82,000 visitors. Minister of Transport Kamel Al-Wazir attributed these results to the adoption of advanced digital management systems and infrastructure modernisation aimed at transforming Egypt into a global logistics hub.

INVESTMENT

Egypt to Launch Sovereign Industrial and African Investment Funds

Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Mohamed Farid announced the upcoming launch of a sovereign industrial investment fund to localise manufacturing in priority sectors like EV batteries, pharmaceuticals, and machinery.

This fund aims to attract long-term institutional capital to boost exports and improve the trade balance. Simultaneously, an African investment fund will be established to bridge funding gaps and support the expansion of Egyptian companies across the continent. Additionally, the ministry is introducing the "National Initiative to Enhance Exports from Governorates" and an "Investor Care" digital platform to unify complaint tracking and streamline services for local and international investors.

EXPORT

Building Materials Exports Surge 36% to $14.9bn in 2025

Egypt's building materials, refractory, and metallurgy exports jumped 36% year-on-year to reach 4.8 billion in the first five months.

The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade is conducting strategic consultations with export councils to diversify markets, particularly in Africa and Europe, and maximise value-added production. Key priorities include utilising idle production capacity, enhancing local manufacturing, and increasing utilisation of the government's export rebate program.

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INVESTMENT

Integrated Logistics Zone Approved in Toshka to Support South Valley Trade

The Egyptian Cabinet has approved the establishment of an integrated logistics and service zone on 30 acres in Toshka, Aswan. This strategic project is designed to support the planned dry port in the region and facilitate the movement of trade, transport, and logistics in the South Valley.

By enhancing supply chain connectivity, the zone aims to boost Egyptian agricultural exports and other commodities, reinforcing Egypt's position as a regional and global center for trade and logistics.

INVESTMENT

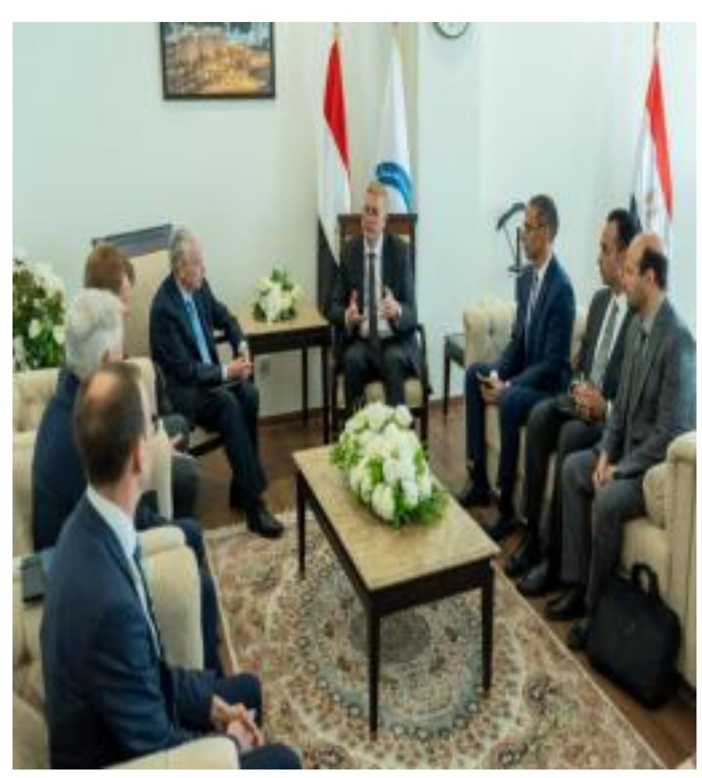
Strategic Partnership with EU to Boost SME Competitiveness and Green Industry

Minister of Industry Khaled Hashem met with the EU Ambassador to Egypt to discuss deep economic integration, focusing on SMEs as the backbone of the industrial strategy. The ministry plans to announce new land allocation systems and vocational training programs tailored for small enterprises to bridge the skill gap in the domestic market. A key focus is the "Productive Villages" program, starting with 10 villages and expanding to 100 over three years, to localise industry and provide rural employment.

Furthermore, the ministry is preparing local industries to comply with the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) through solar energy adoption and sustainable resource management.

INVESTMENT

US Quantum Capital Targets Portfolio Establishment in Egypt's Energy Sector



Minister of Petroleum Karim Badawi held talks with the US-based Quantum Capital Group regarding the establishment of a long-term investment portfolio in Egypt's oil and gas sector.

The ministry highlighted flexible economic models like the "R-Factor" (profitability model) to incentivise high-cost infrastructure areas such as the Red Sea and West Mediterranean. Additionally, Egypt is promoting a $4.5 billion refinery modernisation program and an "Open Blocks" system that allows serious investors to secure exploration areas within 30 days. Quantum Capital officials expressed strong interest in Egypt's potential as a regional energy hub, citing its advanced logistical assets like the SUMED pipeline and new partnerships in New Alamein.