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## Executive summary

International world paid attention to covering President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi's meeting with foreign media representatives on Monday 16/12/2019, on the sidelines of the World Youth Forum, held in Sharm El-Sheikh.

State information service (SIS) monitored in its report on the overall coverage of this report, a set of indicators, including:

- Focusing on President Sisi's statements about Arab reconciliation with Qatar, affirming that Qatar's attitude on the controversial points with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, and Egypt has not changed.
- Egypt has taken a firm stance on the water issue, based on negotiations with the Ethiopian government.
- Libya is considered a national security for Egypt, emphasizing that no one will be able to approach it.
- Egypt's keenness to develop Arab relations, through openness in its relations with its Arab brothers.
- Egypt has moved to arrange a meeting between the President of South Sudan, Salva Kiir, and his deputy, Riek Machar, in order to forming a government from forces from both sides, followed by the launching the path of stability.

## Content

### 1- US Media

- CNN and Al-Hurra channel reported that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi said that Qatar's attitude on the controversial points with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, and Egypt has not changed, expressing his hope for succession of any sincere efforts to reach permanent commitments. He Confirmed, in his meeting with representatives of the foreign media, on the sidelines of the World Youth Forum held in Sharm El-Sheikh, yesterday, that Doha's attitude has not changed, and that there is 13 conditions have been set and until now nothing has happened.

### 2- European Media

- BBC said that President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi confirmed that Egypt, Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, demands from Qatar hasn't been achieved to reconciliation with it. He said during his response on journalists' questions, on the sidelines of the "World Youth Forum" in Sharm El-Sheikh yesterday "Egypt's position on reconciliation with Qatar is consistent, and that is to meet the 13 conditions developed by the four countries boycotting the Gulf state for the return of relations. He added that there were sincere efforts being made and we hope it will succeed.
- Russia Today reported that President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi affirmed - in his first response to the statement of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Abyei Ahmed, who said that his country would recruited a million people against Egypt - that his country "does not want to spend its resources in wars."

- During a meeting yesterday evening with a number of foreign media as part of the "World Youth Forum" in Sharm El Sheikh, Sisi said, commenting on Ahmed's statement: "Egypt has never spoken during my presidency in a thorny way, and we do not want to spend our resources in wars, but on development and reconstruction". He added that if the Ethiopian Prime Minister praises the dam for development, then the cost of mobilizing a million people will devour the reward of this development. He also pointed out that recruiting a million people costs billions of dollars, saying: "don't you search of development? Would you build a dam and a development or spending on war? "
- Mr. president stressed that his country "took a steady stance regarding water issue, explaining: "If Egypt had been stable over the past years, we would have had negotiations quietly, asking for a fourth party intervene to facilitate the negotiation". He continued: "we hope to reach a positive result in this regard by January 15th", pointing out that failure to reach any agreement during the upcoming negotiations will mean that there will be a fourth party to solve the dam crisis.

### 3- Arabic Media

- Al-Sharq Al-Awsat newspaper reported that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi showed, yesterday, adherence to the 13 demands announced by Cairo, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and Manama more than two years ago to proceed with "reconciliation with Qatar."
- During a meeting with representatives of foreign media, Sisi, called for actions that promote building of "stable relations away from interference in internal affairs." The Egyptian President touched on Yemeni affair saying: "The case is on the right track, and we will see a solution through few months ahead."

- Sisi reiterated his commitment to the support of the Libyan army, stressing: "We will not abandon it, and this is from our position in support of the national state."
  - On the Renaissance Dam, Sisi stressed that "Egypt will turn to a fourth party to negotiate, if the talks sponsored by Washington do not result in an agreement in the middle of next month". He pointed that Egypt has never spoken in a thorny way about Ethiopia, and that the path of understanding is the best for both parties.
- Sky News Arabia reported that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi confirmed that Cairo's position is clear on the two agreements Turkey concluded with the Fayez government, explaining that the stability of Libya and Sudan is a national security issues for Cairo, which will not allow anyone to touch its stability. Al-Sisi's comments came during an interview he made for media representatives on the sidelines of the World Youth Forum held in Sharm El Sheikh.
  - Rabab al-Shazly wrote in report on the Irm News website: "President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said that the Yemeni crisis is on the way to a solution, but it will take a time to consider the complex issues, stressing that things are on the right track."
    - He also pointed out, that the two-state solution is the best for the Palestinian issue, stressing that Egypt has a firm stance on that issue, and if the two-state solution is reached, stability will be achieved in the region.

#### 4- African Media

- The southern Sudanese newspaper "Niamil Pedia" reported that President Abdel Fattah El Sisi said that his country was moving to arrange a meeting bringing together the main rivals in South Sudan - President Salva Kiir, and the leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, Riek Machar - to discuss forming a government of national unity.
  - The Egyptian President, who is also occupying African Union presidency, said: "We have always been supportive of all the efforts that have been made and are still being made to find a solution and reach a cease-fire in South Sudan". He noted that the government should start and go beyond what happened in South Sudan during the past two years. Sisi also affirmed that Egyptian policy adopts solving problems and extinguishing crises in Africa "even if Egypt does not head the African Union."

## 5- News Agencies

- The Russian Sputnik Agency reported that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi talked about the developments reached in Ethiopian Renaissance Dam issue, and the Egyptian negotiations in it.
  - He said: "Egypt has a path regarding the Renaissance Dam", according to the Egyptian official newspaper, Al-Ahram.
- On the latest developments in negotiations on the Renaissance Dam, Sisi said, "Egypt has a steady line in dealing with its issues, including water, stressing that he seeks for reconstruction and rebuilding, not devastation and demolition.