

# National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt

## Ambassador's Message



**Muhammad Hosni Mubarak**  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Egypt celebrates the Glorious July 23rd Revolution; that was unique in changing the way of life in Egypt and, contributed towards the freedom of most Arab, African and Asian countries, hoisting banners of independence all over.

23rd of July 1952 was a culmination of a protracted struggle in defense of the Egyptian people's right to have a fully sovereign state, free of any imposing foreign power that drains out its resources.

It is a great pleasure to be representing my country here; in Bangladesh, furthering a warm and cordial relations existing since 1973. Ties between Egypt and Bangladesh are always close, solid and growing, based on mutual respect.

Egypt and Bangladesh do share a commitment to a stable, peaceful and moderate Islamic-world and, work together closely for achieving common goals, as both countries are active members in the international community's efforts, combating extremism and terrorism.

Both countries coordinate and cooperate as members in the international arena, through several organizations including NAM, OIC, D-8, amongst others.

Recently; President Mr. Hosni Mubarak, was invited to the latest G8 Summit in Italy, representing Africa and, Egyptian perspective for ensuring peace, resolving conflicts and creating conditions for sustainable development despite current Global Economic Crisis.

Also, Honorable Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh headed the Bangladeshi delegation participating in the NAM 15th Summit, hosted by Egypt (July 15 - 16, 2009), aiming to build Solidarity for Peace and Development amongst member countries.

Egypt, which is partially Asian (Sinai), considers Asia a major axis of its foreign policy and is always looking to increase cooperation with all Asian countries including Bangladesh.

We are glad to see an increase of Bangladeshi tourists visiting Egypt and, some of the Egyptian industries are recruiting Bangladeshi workers, especially in the RMG sector.

Egypt, cradle of civilization and beacon of all heavenly religions, is a gateway to Africa, Europe and both Arab & Islamic World. At the same time it is on top of the popular tourist destinations, holding more than 40% of World monuments.

Egypt is blessed with having AL Azhar Al Sharif, the oldest Islamic University, which has been, for centuries, enlightening the world with its sciences and moderate Islamic teachings, and where a number of Bangladeshi students go every year, increasing the bilateral cultural relations between our two nations.



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## Egypt; Land of Peace, A Story of Eternity

EGYPT is the cradle of civilization, beacon of religion and gateway to Africa.

Cairo is the foremost capital of the African continent which lies at the centre of all routes leading to and from capitals of three continents, Asia, Africa and Europe.

Egypt, for over seventy centuries engendered development of culture and civilization, Pharaonic, Coptic and Islamic, and all during those long years, has generously contributed in the history and treasures of mankind.

Consequently when in Egypt, land of peace, friendship and hospitality, you would never, not even for a moment, feel like a lonely traveler. In fact, you will enjoy traveling through time, from one period to another, exhilarated by the history of those who remained immortal through their bodies that were laid to rest thousands of years ago.

Egypt, a country of more than 7000 years of

civilization, where past and present meet, invites you to come and enjoy its beautiful, moderate all-year weather, and visit the immortal monuments and relics, especially the Pyramids, and Sphinx of Giza, the Great Temples and Tombs of Luxor and Abu Simbel, beauty of the unforgettable river Nile and the wonderful Nile Cruises.



### Cairo

Egypt's capital standing where East meets West and combining exoticism of one and sophistication of the other, is the largest city on the African continent, Middle East and the heart of the Arab World.

Cairo, which has enfolded various civilizations, does

not concede to mortality which it has overcome. With its "thousand minarets"; picturesque oriental bazaars, plush Nile side hotels and apartment blocks, and gracious residential districts, it is also a rare blend of the long past still throbbing with life and a vibrant, modern present.

The Giza pyramids and sphinx  
One of the Seven Wonders of the World, the trio of pyramids, 7.5 miles (12 kms) from the City Centre, contains the most important of the many Pyramids' edifices in Egypt. Nearby stands the Great Sphinx, a combination of a man's head, believed to be Khafra's and the body of lion, said to symbolize power. Try to make an evening trip to Giza and catch the "sound and light", a breathtaking nightly spectacle relating by sound and in eerie light the story of man's earliest civilization.

Alexandria  
Second largest city in Egypt, known as "Pearl of the Mediterranean", has a wonderful atmosphere, its ambience and cultural heritage gives it a unique charm.

Among its more splendid treasures are the funeral effects of Tutankhamen, the unfinished head of Queen Nefertiti, the

wooden statue of the Scribe and the diorite statue of the King Khafraa (who build the second Giza pyramid) there you will see the mummies of many pharaohs and Queen, among them Ramses II.

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Nowadays Alexandria is a modern city, most famous with the unique Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Grand Library of Alexandria) dedicated to recapture the spirit of openness and scholarship of the original Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

LUXOR  
The modern town of Luxor which is some 671 kms south of Cairo is part of ancient City Thebes, capital after Memphis, in Pharaonic Egypt. In ancient days, "Hundred Gated Thebes" as Homer called it, attracted visitors from all parts of the known world then and, since that time travelers to Egypt have come to Luxor to wander among its antiquity-stepped remains and absorb something of the delightful atmosphere of a long bygone age. Luxor gives visitors a never-to-be-forgotten chance of wandering through its breath-taking time-defying temples and marveling at the deep buried majesty of its tombs all lavish with inscriptions and etchings.

### Sinai

The Sinai Peninsula; in Asia, is a triangle of land, 36,600 miles in area with high granite mountains, deep chasms and fertile green oases. It was in the Sinai that Moses received the Ten Commandments, that prophet Elijah sought refuge and, that the Holy family traveled into Egypt.



### St. Catherine Monastery

Built by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century to shelter Christian monks, the Monastery contains the chapel of the burning Bush, the Mosaic of the Transfiguration of Christ and a library containing early Christian manuscripts.

### Mount Moses

Beyond the Monastery, the monks built a staircase of rocks with 3,750 steps leading to the summit.

### Aswan- Abu Simbel

Aswan is one of the world's foremost winter resorts. The mild climate in winter makes it, a heaven of peace and

man's genius. Only a few miles upstream from the granite quarries of the area where the Pharaohs of Ancient Thebes obtained the pink granite for their statues and monuments, rises today the new High Dam of Aswan which may be considered one of the world's most advanced engineering feats.

### Red sea

A virtual paradise for diving enthusiasts, the Red sea is recognized by experts as one of the best diving sites in the world. A huge variety of exotic species of tropical reef fish, hard and soft unique coral formations and beautiful desert add to the charm of the Red sea.

Hosting the world famous resorts of Sharm El Sheikh, Dahab, Neweiba, Hurghada and Safaga, they are best known for their fantastic coral reefs, with clean & comfortable accommodations at many deluxe hotels and tourist villages, and fully equipped dive centers run by professional diving instructors.

relaxation in a landscape that is at once a blend of the exotic atmosphere of the Orient and the throbbing vitality of Africa.

It is in this town, standing sentinel over one of the most important gateways to Africa, that antiquity can be seen alongside the very latest example of

## A salute to the glory of mystic Egypt

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