

NATO Discusses Regional Security and Strengthening Partnership with Egypt

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On May 22, 2025, NATO Deputy Secretary General Radmila Shekerinska welcomed the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dr. Badr Abdelatty, at NATO Headquarters to discuss NATO-Egypt relations and regional security during a meeting of the North Atlantic Council (NAC).

Egypt's Role in Regional Stability

Allied representatives recognized Egypt's crucial role in ensuring stability in NATO's southern neighborhood, appreciating its close collaboration with the Alliance. During the meeting, Minister Abdelatty shared his assessments of recent developments in the Middle East, also offering perspectives on how to further strengthen the partnership with NATO, particularly in the areas of cybersecurity, counter-terrorism, countering improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and mine clearance.

Deputy Secretary General Shekerinska emphasized the importance of advancing this collaboration, expressing confidence that the relationship between NATO and Egypt can be developed to a higher level.



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NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue and Strategic Partnership with Egypt

Egypt has been part of NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) since 1995, an initiative aimed at promoting security and stability in the Mediterranean region through political dialogue and practical cooperation. This partnership is essential for addressing common security challenges in the region.

In addition to regional cooperation, NATO and Egypt have been collaborating since 2011 in personnel training through the Cairo International Centre for Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Activities (CCCPA). The CCCPA plays a key role in enhancing the capacity of peacekeepers in Africa and the Arab world, offering training in areas such as peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and security management.



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Opportunities for Enhanced Cooperation

The partnership between NATO and Egypt focuses on specific areas of capacity building, crucial for regional security. Minister Abdelatty discussed ongoing efforts to improve military education, counter-terrorism strategies, and overall resilience against various threats. He also expressed interest in strengthening these areas, contributing to NATO's broader security objectives.

Furthermore, discussions focused on enhancing regional cooperation, addressing issues such as terrorism, cyber threats, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, which pose significant challenges for both NATO and Egypt.



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The Strategic Future of NATO-Egypt Relations

NATO's approach to strengthening partnerships with countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), including Egypt, is continuously evolving. This collaboration is part of NATO's broader regional strategy, reinforced in 2024 by the appointment of a Special Representative for the Southern Neighborhood. This move reflects the Alliance's commitment to consolidating political and practical engagements with countries in the MENA region.

As Egypt continues to be a central player in NATO's southern strategy, it is likely that talks between the two parties will continue to evolve, aiming to enhance regional stability and improve security in the Mediterranean and beyond.

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