



The Kremlin's Campaign in Egypt 2014-2018

Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Title	Description
05-23-18		05/23/18		Russia and Egypt sign the deal to establish a 2.02 sq. mile Russian Industrial Zone	Russia and Egypt signed a deal to establish a 2.02 sq. mile Russian Industrial Zone (RIZ) in East Port Said on 23 MAY 2018. The investment amount in the project is expected to reach \$7 billion. DNGTS: http://tass.ru/ekonomika/5225712 ; http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/3/12/300077/Business/Economy/UPDATED-Egypt,-Russia-sign-Russian-Industrial-Zone.aspx ;
03-28-18		03/28/18		Russia announces construction will begin in 2020	Rosatom CEO stated Russia will begin construction of a nuclear power plant in Egypt in 2020. DNGTS: http://tass.com/economy/996522 ; http://www.egyptindependent.com/dabaa-nuclear-power-plant-construction-will-start-2020-says-rosatom-chief/
03-28-18		03/28/18		Russian officers visit Cairo to discuss military cooperation and joint exercises	Officers from Russia's airborne forces (VDV) visited an Egyptian base from 25-29 MAR to hold talks with Egyptian officials in preparation for the annual joint exercise "Protectors of Friendship" likely taking place in Fall 2018. DNGTS: http://tass.ru/armiya-i-opk/5063528 ; https://ria.ru/defense_safety/20180325/1517213877.html ; http://www.redstar.ru/index.php/news-menu/vesti/iz-vmf/baltijskij-flot/item/36638-delegatsiya-vdv-ubyla-v-egipet-dlya-konsultatsij

03-07-18		03/07/18		Russian security will be permanently placed in the Cairo Airport	EgyptAir and AeroFlot signed an agreement on 07 MAR to allow Sheremetyevo Security, the company that provides security to the Moscow airport, to place permanent staff in Cairo ahead of a planned restart of flights between Moscow and Cairo in Summer 2018. https://ria.ru/tourism/20180306/1515886251.html
03-07-18		03/07/18		The Egyptian Cabinet approves the project	The Egyptian Cabinet approves the construction of the Russian Industrial Zone in East Port Said. Russia will reportedly invest \$7 billion into the project. It is expected to generate 35,000 jobs. Russian companies will be charged less taxes in the industrial zone. Negotiations over this project have been ongoing since 2014. Fifteen Russian companies confirmed their interest in this project in APR 2017. DNGTS: http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/3/12/292358/Business/Economy/Egypt-Cabinet-approves-agreement-to-establish--bln.aspx ; https://regnum.ru/news/2388393.html ; http://www.cabinet.gov.eg/arabic/MediaCenter/CabinetNews/Pages/the-Council-of-Ministers'-Meeting-No.-112.aspx
12-15-17		12/15/17		Russia promises to resume the flights	Russian Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov announced that flights between Russia and Egypt would resume on 01 FEB, 2017 . DNGTS: http://tass.com/economy/981456
12-11-17	12-11-17	Putin and Sisi meet in Cairo	Both leaders discuss resumption of flights and increased military cooperation	Cairo, Egypt	
12-09-17		12/09/17		Putin and Sisi sign agreement to construct the nuclear power plant	President of Russia Vladimir Putin traveled to Cairo to hold a meeting with President of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, during which they discussed increasing bilateral cooperation and the resumption of air services between Russia and Egypt. Russian and Egyptian officials also signed an agreement for the joint construction of the Dabaa nuclear power plant in Egypt. DNGTS: http://tass.com/economy/980267 , http://tass.com/politics/980192

12-09-17		12/09/17		Putin talks about flight resumption with Sisi	President of Russia Vladimir Putin traveled to Cairo to hold a meeting with President of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, during which they discussed increasing bilateral cooperation and the resumption of air services between Russia and Egypt. DNGTS: http://tass.com/economy/980267 , http://tass.com/politics/980192
11-30-17		11/30/17		Russian PM Medvedev signs draft agreement allowing Russia to use Egyptian airspace	Russia and Egypt are working on a draft agreement to allow the Russian Air Force to use Egyptian bases and airspace as Russia expands its military influence in Africa and the Middle East. https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-egypt-military-airspace-planes/russian-military-working-on-deal-to-use-egyptian-air-bases-document-idUSKBN1DU11D
11-29-17		11/29/17		4th Russian-Egyptian commission meeting	Defense Minister of Russia Sergei Shoigu arrived in Egypt to attend the 4th meeting of the joint Russian-Egyptian commission for military and technical cooperation DNGTS: http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12152784@egNews ; http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/282470/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt-defence-minister-Sobhy,-Russian-counterpart-.aspx
10-09-17		10/09/17		Russia invests in Zohr gas field	Rosneft purchased a 30 percent stake in the gas field from Italian oil company ENI in October 2017. https://www.albawaba.com/business/russian-oil-company-rosneft-buys-30-percent-stake-egypts-zohr-gas-field-1032494
10-03-17		10/03/17		Egypt states progress has been made in RIZ negotiations	DNGTS: https://ria.ru/economy/20171003/1506122665.html

09-09-17		09/25/17	Protectors of Friendship 2: combined paratroopers military drills	Egyptian and Russian paratroopers took part in the "Protectors of Friendship 2" joint military drills, which took place in the Russian city of Novorossiysk and came within the framework of a joint military exercises plan between the armed forces of both countries. DNGTS: http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/277683/Egypt/Politics-/Egyptian,-Russian-paratroopers-conclude-Protectors.aspx ; http://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/31239
09-04-17	09-04-17	Putin and Sisi talk at the BRICS conference	Putin and Sisi talk at the BRICS conference	Xiamen, China
##### #####	##### ##### ##	Egypt is considering a Free Trade Agreement with Eurasian Economic Union	Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry confirms Egypt is considering signing a Free Trade Agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union (Note: as of 08 APR Egypt has not done so ; http://tass.com/economy/962295 ; http://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-exports-russia-35-2017-minister/	

08-03-17		08/03/17		Russia and Cairo cooperate on Syria ceasefire deal	<p>The Russian Ministry of Defense (MoD) announced the start of a ceasefire between pro-regime and opposition forces in Northern Homs and Southern Hama Provinces brokered by Russia and Egypt in Cairo.</p> <p>DNGTS:</p> <p>https://www.enabbaladi.net/archives/164626, https://www.enabbaladi.net/archives/164709, https://www.enabbaladi.net/archives/164957, https://apnews.com/acb7110722384a92b2b61397ca95392e/Truce-goes-into-effect-in-another-Syria-'safe-zone, https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-russia-idUSKBN1AJ0S6, http://www.shaam.org/news/syria-news/%D8%A8%D8%B9%D8%AF-%D8%B6%D8%BA%D8%B7-%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%B3%D9%8A-%D9%88%D9%82%D8%B5%D9%81-%D8%B9%D9%86%D9%8A%D9%81-%D9%88%D8%B2%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%81%D8%A7%D8%B9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%B3%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D9%85-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AA%D9%81%D8%A7%D9%82-%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%89-%D8%AC%D8%B9%D9%84-%D8%B4%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%84-%D8%AD%D9%85%D8%B5-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B7%D9%82%D8%A9-%D9%85%D8%AE%D9%81%D8%B6%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%86%D9%81.html, https://www.enabbaladi.net/archives/165020, https://www.zamanalwsl.net/news/80631.html, http://www.syriahr.com/en/?p=3D71155, https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=3D1912555752403756&set=3Da.1610989025893765.1073741829.100009480486898&type=3D3&theater, https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.rus/videos/1964954737080606/</p>
04-18-17		04/18/17		Russia offers to sell equipment for Mistral ships	<p>A Russian delegation is travelling to Egypt to negotiate the sale of communication and control equipment for Egypt's two Mistral warships.</p> <p>DNGTS: http://tass.com/defense/941825</p>
03-24-17		03/24/17		Russia expects the agreement to be concluded in June of 2017	<p>Russian Deputy Minister of Industry Gleb Nikitin stated that Russia expects the agreement with Egypt on the establishment of a Russian industrial zone in Egypt's territory will be concluded during the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) in early JUN 2017.</p> <p>DNGTS: http://tass.com/economy/937405</p>
03-01-17	03-01-17	Sisi meets		Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi met with Deputy Prime Minister of Russia Dmitry Rogozin, Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov, Deputy Minister of	

		with Rogozin, Bogdanov	Industry Gleb Nikitin, and the Director of the Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation.		
02-27-17		02/27/17		Russia promises to resume flights	Russian Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov said that Russia will sign an agreement with Cairo on the resumption of Russian to Egypt in March .
02-25-17		02/25/17		Russia and Egypt continue to finalize agreement	<p>Egyptian Electricity and Energy official Mohamed Shaker announced that two of the four contracts dealing with the Dabaa nuclear power plant have been finalized, and the two others should be reviewed over the next few weeks. The contracts are reportedly expected to be signed in March. [Hassanein Analyst Note: It is likely that Russia is delaying the resumption of flights to Egypt until the contract for the nuclear power plant has been signed.]</p> <p>http://www.almalnews.com/Pages/StoryDetails.aspx?ID=3D323897</p>
01-29-17		01/29/17		Russia promises to resume flights	<p>Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich said the decision to resume flights between Egypt and Russia will be made soon.</p> <p>http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/257070/Egypt/Politics-/Possible-resumption-of-EgyptRussia-flights-could-s.aspx</p>
9-Jan-17		01/09/17		Egypt receives Ka-52 attack helicopters	<p>Egypt received the first batch of Ka-52 attack helicopters in 2017, out of an order for 46. They have also received AT-9 and AT-16 anti-tank missiles for its Ka-52s.</p> <p>DNGTS: http://www(egyptindependent.com/egypt-receives-first-delivery-russian-ka-52-helicopters/; http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48988:russia-completes-training-of-first-batch-of-egyptian-ka-52-crew&catid=124:military-helicopters&Itemid=282; http://aviationweek.com/awindefense/egypt-receives-first-ka-52k-helicopters; http://www.egyptindependent.com/attack-helicopters-egypt-russia/</p>

6-Jan-17		01/06/17		Egypt receives Antey-2500 air defense missile system from Russia	<p>Russia sold Egypt an Antey-2500 air defense missile system, an export version of the S-300 SAM, in 2014. Egypt has received the first batch of missiles in June 2017.</p> <p><u>DNGTS:</u> http://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/29920; http://defence-blog.com/news/egypt-receives-first-antey-2500-long-range-air-defense-missile-system-from-russia.html</p>
01-04-17		01/04/17		Egypt receives MIG-29M/M2 fighters from Russia	<p>Egypt ordered 50 MIG-29M/M2 fighters in December 2015. Egypt received the first batch in 2017.</p> <p>http://www.defenseworld.net/news/19141/Egypt_Recieves_First_Batch_Of_MiG_29M2_Fighters_From_Russia; http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=43029:russian-confirms-egypt-as-north-african-buyer-of-50-mig-29s&catid=35:Aerospace&Itemid=107</p>
12-29-16		12/29/16		Russia promises to resume flights	<p>The Egyptian presidency released a statement stating that Russian President Vladimir Putin called Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. President Putin reportedly told President Sisi that Russia will resume its flights to Egypt soon.</p> <p><u>DNGTS:</u> http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/254084/Egypt/Politics-/Russian-flights-to-Egypt-will-resume-soon-Putin-to.aspx</p>

12-01-16		12/01/16		<p>Russian President's envoy to the Middle East Mikhail Bogdanov met with the Egyptian Ambassador to Russia Mohammed Badri.</p>	<p>Both sides discussed the humanitarian situation in Syria, situation in Yemen and Libya, and bilateral relations between Russia and Egypt.</p> <p><u>DNGTS:</u> http://www.youm7.com/story/2016/12/1/%D9%85%D8%A8%D8%B9%D9%88%D8%AB-%D8%A8%D9%88%D8%AA%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B5%D8%B1%D9%89-%D9%81%D9%89-%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B3%D9%83%D9%88-%D9%8A%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%B4%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%AA%D8%B7%D9%88%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AB%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D8%A9/2992183</p>
11-30-16		11/30/16		<p>Russian officers visit Cairo to discuss military cooperation and joint exercises</p>	<p>A delegation of Russian officers arrived in Cairo to discuss military cooperation and joint airborne training between Egypt and Russia.</p> <p><u>DNGTS:</u> http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=3D12104898@egNews</p>
10-15-16		10/26/16		<p>Protectors of Friendship 1: Combined paratrooper military drills</p>	<p>Protectors of Friendship 1: Counter-terrorist exercises and are being coordinated from a joint command centre from the el-Hammam military base, located on the Mediterranean coast near Alexandria.</p> <p>http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/russia-hold-military-drills-egypt-october-reopen-soviet-bases-region-1083432065 ; https://www.reuters.com/article/us-egypt-russia-military/egypt-russia-to-hold-joint-military-exercises-in-mid-october-idUSKCN12C2Eo</p>

10-08-16		10/08/16		Egypt votes against its allies and in favor of Russia on Syria resolution in UN	Egypt voted against its traditional allies and in favor of a Russian resolution in the UN Security Council concerning Syria in October 2016. https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/russia-vetoes-un-resolution-to-end-bombing-in-aleppo-dividing-security-council-a7352301.html
09-05-16		09/05/16		3rd Russian-Egyptian commission meeting	<p>The Russian Defense Minister and the Egyptian Defense Minister held the third session of the joint Russian-Egyptian commission for military and technical cooperation.</p> <p>DNGTS: http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12094751@egNews; http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/242338/Egypt/Politics-/Egypts-defence-minister-heads-to-Russia-for-milita.aspx</p>
09-05-16	09-05-16	Sisi and Putin talk at G20 Summit	Both leaders met in Hangzhou on the sideline of the G20 summit	Hangzhou, China	
07-20-16		07/20/16		Russia pushes for Russian security in Egyptian airports	<p>Egypt's Ministry of Civil Aviation said Russian technical experts would soon assess Egyptian airport security measures as part of the process of resuming Russian flights to Egypt.</p> <p>http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2016/07/20/egypt-invites-russia-assess-airport-security-resumption-flights/, https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2015/nov/06/tourists-return-from-egypt-amid-reports-bomb-in-hold-downed-russian-airliner-live-updates</p>

05-20-16		05/20/16		Russia extends \$25-billion loan to Egypt to finance construction	Russia has extended Egypt a \$25-billion loan to finance the construction of the country's first nuclear power plant. http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/NN-Egypt-Russia-complete-Dabaa-plant-talks-07081701.html https://constructionreviewonline.com/2016/05/russia-extends-25b-loan-for-construction-of-egypts-nuclear-power-plant/; http://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2016/05/20/466502/Egypt-Sisi-Russia-loan-nuclear-power-plant; https://www.reuters.com/article/us-egypt-russia-nuclear/russia-to-lend-egypt-25-billion-to-build-nuclear-power-plant-idUSKCN0YA1G5
03-16-16		03/16/16		Russia talks about boosting economic cooperation with Egypt, emphasizes the Russian Economic Zone	Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov and Egyptian Foreign Minister Shoukry agreed to accelerate the process of restoring direct Russian flights to Egypt and boosting Egyptian-Russian economic cooperation with Russian State Duma speaker Sergey Naryshkin, including the planned Russian industrial zone at the entryway to the Suez Canal at Port Said. http://www.dw.com/en/russia-mulls-resuming-direct-flights-to-egypt/a-19120825, http://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2016-03-16/russia-says-air-link-with-egypt-will-be-restored-soon, DNGTS: http://tass.ru/en/politics/862716 , https://www.rt.com/business/330877-russia-egypt-free-trade, http://rg.ru/2016/02/02/v-egipte-sozdadut-rossijskuiu-promyshlennuiu-zonu.html
2-Jan-16		01/02/16		Russia and Egypt sign an MOU to establish a Russian industrial zone	Russia and Egypt signed a memorandum of understanding on their intent to establish a Russian industrial zone on the eastern side of Port Said. DNGTS: http://tass.com/economy/1005769

2-Dec-15		12/02/15		Russia considers resuming flights	Russian Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov announced that Russia is considering resuming air traffic to Egypt before the end of the year. http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2015/12/03/russia-ready-for-discussions-over-lifting-flight-ban-to-egypt/
12-02-15	12-02-15	Russia is considering resuming flights	Russian Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov announced that Russia is considering resuming air traffic to Egypt before the end of the year.		
24-Nov-15		11/24/15		2nd Russian-Egyptian commission meeting	The Russian Defense Minister Shoigu participated in the second meeting of the joint Russian-Egyptian commission on military and technical cooperation in Cairo. DNGTS: http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12066648@egNews ; https://function.mil.ru/news_page/world/more.htm?id=12066648@egNews
19-Nov-15		11/19/15		Russia and Egypt finalize deal to build nuclear power plant	The Russian state-owned nuclear power company Rosatom announced it is finalizing a deal to build Egypt's first nuclear power plant. https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nuclear-russia-egypt-idUSKCN0T81YY20151119 ; http://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/country-profiles/countries-a-f/egypt.aspx
10-Nov-15		11/10/15		Russia says flight ban will continue for months	Vladimir Putin's Chief of Staff announced the ban on flights between Russia and Egypt will continue for months. http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/11/10/russia-ban-on-flights-to-egypt-after-deadly-crash-will-last-months-official
11-10-15	11-10-15	Russia says flight ban will continue for months	Vladimir Putin's Chief of Staff announced the ban on flights between Russia and Egypt will continue for months		

9-Nov-15		11/09/15		Russia negotiating the sale of its new electronic countermeasure system with Egypt	The deputy director of a Russian state manufacturer of electronic warfare equipment reported that Russia was negotiating the sale of its new electronic countermeasure system. DNGTS: http://english.ahram.org.eg/News/164099.aspx , http://ria.ru/defense_safety/20151112/1319443801.html , http://www.rg.ru/2015/11/02/prezident-site-anons.html , http://ria.ru/defense_safety/20151112/1319137686.html
6-Nov-15		11/06/15		Russia suspends flights to Egypt	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34743216
11-06-15	11-06-15	Russia suspends flights to Egypt	Russia announces a halt in commercial flights between both countries following the downing of flight 9268 over the Sinai Peninsula on 31 OCT.		
31-Oct-15		10/31/15		Russian plane downed over Sinai	https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/01/world/middleeast/russian-plane-crashes-in-egypt-sinai-peninsula.html
10-31-15	10-31-15	Russia's plane downed over Sinai	Russian Metrojet flight 9268 crashes over the Sinai Peninsula en route from Cairo to Moscow.		
08-26-15	08-26-15	Sisi and Putin meet in Moscow	Sisi's state visit to Russia		Moscow, Russia
06-06-15		06/14/15		First combined naval exercise since the Soviet era	Russia and Egypt held their first joint naval exercise, called "Bridge of Friendship" since the Soviet era on 6-14 JUN 2015. https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-russia-egypt-navy/russia-and-egypt-hold-joint-naval-exercise-idUKKBN0OMoQR20150606 ; DNGTS: https://sputniknews.com/military/201506061023031027/
05-09-15	05-09-15	Sisi visits Moscow to take part in WWII celebrations	Sisi visits Moscow to take part in WWII celebrations		Moscow, Russia

03-31-15		03/31/15		U.S. reinstates military aid to Egypt	The U.S. lifted its hold on the supply of military equipment to Egypt which was frozen for nearly two years. https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-egypt-military-idUSKBN0MR2GR20150401
03-04-15		03/04/15		1st Russian-Egyptian commission meeting	The Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and his Egyptian counterpart Sobhi Ahmed held the first session of the Joint Russian-Egyptian Commission on military and technical cooperation in Moscow. DNGTS: http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12009420@egNews
02-05-15	02-05-15	Sisi and Putin meet in Cairo	Putin visits Sisi in Cairo to discuss military cooperation		Cairo, Egypt
01-08-15		01/08/15		Egyptian Navy receives Molniya missile boat from Russia	Egypt received a Tarantul-class missile corvette equipped with Moskit anti-ship missiles in August 2015. https://sputniknews.com/world/201606251041953909-russia-egypt-corvette/ ; http://www.navyrecognition.com/index.php/news/defence-news/2016/august-2016-navy-naval-forces-defense-industry-technology-maritime-security-global-news/4261-egypt-officially-inducted-russian-built-project-1241-missile-corvette.html ; http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=40334:egypt-receives-molniya-missile-corvette-from-russia&catid=51:Sea&Itemid=106
09-17-14		09/17/14		Russia and Egypt reach a major weapons deal	Russia and Egypt reached a preliminary deal for Egypt to buy arms worth \$3.5 billion from Russia https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-egypt-arms-idUSKBN0HC19T20140917
08-12-14	08-12-14	Sisi and Putin meet in Moscow	Sisi and Putin meet in Moscow to discuss military sales		Moscow, Russia
02-12-14	02-12-14	Sisi visits Moscow	Defense Minister Sisi visits Moscow to meet with Lavrov and discuss		Moscow, Russia

			military and economic cooperation		
01-08-14		01/08/14		Sisi and Putin agree to establish Russian Industrial Zone	Sisi and Putin agree to establish a Russian Economic Zone in Egypt during Sisi's visit to Sochi, Russia. DNGTS: http://tass.ru/ekonomika/5016334
01-02-14		01/02/14		Putin backs Sisi in his bid for the presidency.	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-26171142