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Executive Summary

The international media has continued to cover the activities of the World Youth Forum (WYF) held in Sharm El Sheikh City for the third day in a row and last until December 17, 2019.

The State Information Service (SIS) has continued to follow up coverage of the international media and prepared a report on the content of the handling, as follows:

- The **Arab media** focused on President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi's assertion that it is necessary to confront these countries that back terrorism and use it to achieve its interests and goals.
 - Terrorism, regardless of its origin, is a phenomenon that affects the culture and ideology prevailing in the country.
 - Terrorism mixes traditional methods and modern technologies.
 - Discussing ways of fostering Mediterranean regional cooperation in addressing common challenges, ways of facing challenges related to illegal immigration, and ways of activating the positive opportunities available in accordance with the common interests.
- The **European and American media** were keen on confirming what was mentioned in President Sisi's speech regarding Europe's suffering from the return of terrorist elements that were with ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

- The President affirmed that the Egyptian national security is linked to the Sahel and Sahara region bordering the Libyan territories. He added that terrorist events occur in these five countries and their security and economic capabilities will not alone manage to eliminate the phenomenon.
- In addition, terrorism has become a cover for many of the goals that some countries seek.
- The African media has stressed that the World Youth Forum is a platform designed by promising youth, and it sends a message of peace, prosperity and harmony and advances to the whole world.

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1- Arab Media

- The State Information Service (SIS), during its follow-up to the Arab media covering the activities of the World Youth Forum, monitored what was published by Sky News Arabia. Sky News Arabia said that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi stressed, during the “International Peace and Security: Current Challenges” session, the need to confront countries that provide support, in all its forms, to Terrorist groups.
 - He also called for reaching a unified stance against states that support terrorism. Sisi affirmed that the organized crime is part of terrorism. Sisi affirmed the need to collaborate with the countries facing terrorism and to support it against such growing phenomenon.
 - El-Sisi added that he warned before and said that Europe will suffer a lot after the return of the fighters from Syria and Iraq, stressing the importance of developing the international work system, developing the United Nations and modernizing its mechanisms to meet the current challenges.
- Abu Dhabi News highlighted the speech of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi in the “International Peace and Security: Current Challenges” session during the activities of the World Youth Forum. President Sisi said that although terrorism started in fifties of the last century, but now it is making a big difference.

- Egyptian and Arab youth in general are the most affected by the issue of terrorism. Terrorism is reused through new ways, Sisi said, referring to Egypt as an example as to how terrorism is utilized to impact the tourism sector and destabilize the country, with financial losses from the instability of the tourism sector estimated at US\$15 billion.
- Sisi pointed out that Egypt is not a rich or industrialized country, but rather a state with limited resources, and so is under threat from a massive crisis if terrorist operations are launched nationwide.
- The Saudi “Sabq” website quoted the statements of Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry during “International Peace and Security: Current Challenges” session in the presence of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, during the activities of the World Youth Forum held in Sharm El-Sheikh. The remarks of President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in the 2014 session of the United Nations General Assembly, underscoring the necessity to combat terrorist ideology through reforming religious discourse were of a significant impact, Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said.
 - Sameh Shoukry affirmed the importance of the comprehensive fight against terrorism, through cultural and economic aspects, and through boycotting the countries that harbor terrorist groups and secure media platforms for them.
 - Egypt's participation in international gatherings to fight ISIS was essential. Egypt, during its membership in the Security Council, contributed to the issuance of a resolution against the promotion of terrorist rhetoric and fundamentalist ideology that seek to exclude others and expand its influence by violence and unlawful means.

- The website published a report about the session saying that Christina Schori Liang, director of the Terrorism and Organized Crime Program at the Geneva Center for Security Policy concluded her speech at the session by saying that "terrorist groups have the brain, eyes and ears of every having a smartphone". She added that current terrorism mixes traditional methods and modern technologies and that their strength increases with the growth of their criminal activity. Liang pointed out that the profits made by the terrorist group ISIS amounted to more than two billion dollars, which makes it a criminal company as well, and not only a terrorist group.
- The network mentioned the speech of Mohamed Sobhi, the champion of Egypt and Africa in the sport of wheelchair tennis. He said that this year's forum is different from the past years, in terms of the number of attendees and workshops, stressing that the forum is a great human gesture that occurs every year to exchange experiences and information from the participating youth from different countries of the world. He called officials to prepare public places, roads, restaurants, and others to be equipped to receive people with special needs.
- The report highlighted the speech by Augsburg Habila from Nigeria participating in the World Youth Forum, in which he said that Egypt's interest in the youth of the African continent confirms its knowledge of the real problems of the countries of the continent. He noted that youth are the future of the continent. He added that the World Youth Forum is a unique event that confirms that Egypt has a clear plan to support and empower young people in all fields. He thanked President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and the organizers of the forum for giving the opportunity to young people to reveal their thoughts, as well as for the excellent organization and hospitality.

- The Saudi News Agency said that on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah region, participated in the opening ceremony of the World Youth Forum (WYF) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. During his speech at forum's opening ceremony, President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi welcomed the attendees, noting that this event doesn't distinguish between humans on the basis of religion, gender, race or color.
 - The agency added that climate change, energy, development in Africa, terrorism, armed conflict, digital transformation, industrial revolution and social media challenges are at the forefront of the debate during the forum's sessions.
 - The Forum will witness this year a discussion of strengthening cooperation between Mediterranean countries in facing common challenges and challenges related to illegal immigration, and activating opportunities according to common interests. The forum also includes nine themes, including major international issues, which are addressed through dialogue, round tables and free discussions. While, the Union for the Mediterranean simulation model will take place on 15 and 16 December. The forum will conclude its work by announcing the final recommendations.
- The UAE Erem News talked about Emirati engineer Reem Al Marzouqi, who received the granted U.S. patent for designing a car that can be driven without the use of hands. The idea of Reem's invention crossed her mind when she watched a TV interview with Jessica Cox, as she mentioned in her interview difficulties of driving cars for long distances using only her feet.

- Jessica Cox is the world's first licensed armless pilot. She talked about her life and her experience with aviation, during her participation in the World Youth Forum, which is held for the third year in a row in Egypt, in the presence of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and other leaders from all over the world. She talked about the stages of her life, her eagerness to exercise sport and her desire not to feel helpless.
- Al Ain UAE portal confirmed the happiness of UAE Minister of State for Youth Affairs Shama bint Suhail bin Faris Al Mazrouei for participating in the World Youth Forum hosted by Egypt during the period from 14 to 17 December in Sharm El Sheikh. Al Mazrouei said about the forum in a tweet via her Twitter account: "We were delighted to participate in the World Youth Forum, which is hosted by dear Egypt ... A global youth gathering that inspired us with all its ideas and creativity, values and humanity, experiences and achievements."
- The Kuwaiti newspaper "Al-Watan" talked about the speech of Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres via the video conference to the youth of the world participating in the forum. He stressed that many young people face obstacles that prevent them from realizing their hopes and aspirations.
 - He referred to United Nations Strategy 2030, which aims not only to achieve the goals of sustainable development but also by empowering young people and encouraging the defeat of poverty, eliminating corruption, confronting hatred and supporting human rights and others. He noted that next year the United Nations will celebrate its

75th anniversary and a global dialogue will be launched, calling on young people to participate through their ideas to help achieve a better world for all.

2- European & American media

- The State Information Service (SIS), during its follow-up to the European and American media covering the activities of the World Youth Forum, monitored what was published by The Russian Sputnik News. Sputnik News Agency said that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi's statement at the World Youth Forum was intended to listen to the diverse ideas, in addition to listening to each other and exchanging views.
 - During a session dubbed "International Peace and Security: Current Challenges," which is part of the third edition of the World Youth Forum in South Sinai's Sharm El Sheikh, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi called terrorism a "diabolical industry" that aims to harm humans and obstruct their development, affirming that the organized crime is part of terrorism. One of the most dangerous forms of terrorism is using beliefs and ideology to achieve political interests and purposes, Sisi said, affirming the need to collaborate with the countries facing terrorism and to support it against such growing phenomenon.
- Russia Today Channel said that President Abdel Fattah El Sisi called for intensifying efforts to confront these countries that back terrorism and use it to achieve its interests and goals.

- Sisi said during his intervention in the session “International Peace and Security: Current Challenges,” held in Sharm el-Sheikh, today, Sunday, that "terrorism is a tool that has been used over many years to achieve political goals and has become a cover for organized crime.
- The president said that “The phenomenon of terrorism is growing and does not decrease, and Europe will suffer greatly from terrorist elements returning after the end of their mission in Syria.”
- He added that Europe faces an issue with its laws that allows tourists to penetrate into its countries.
- In a report by correspondent Ahmed Al-Ashqar, it was stated that President Abdel-Fattah El Sisi accused some countries of using terrorism to achieve their interests, affirming the need for a decisive and firm stance toward the countries funding terrorism.
- The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, pointed out that the events witnessed by the Arab world since 2011 cannot be called Spring after the killing of half a million Syrians and the destruction that occurred in Libya and Yemen.
- President Sisi ended the session with a number of statements, saying that terrorism is growing and not retreating, and calling for putting pressure on countries that contain terrorism.
- El-Sisi accused, unnamed countries, of supporting terrorist organizations and appealed for the need for international action to confront these countries and these organizations. Sisi said that Europe will suffer from the return of terrorist elements that were with ISIS in Iraq and Syria.
- Sisi said that Sahel and Sahara countries in Africa are linked to Egypt’s national security. Sisi called for helping the Sahel and Sahara countries in Africa

confront terrorism, as their security and economic capabilities will not alone manage to eliminate the phenomenon.

- El-Sisi ended his speech by saying, "Terrorism impedes development", adding that Iraq is an example. He explained that Iraq has fought ISIS for a period of three or four years, and after the war, Iraqis did not find any development.

- Radio Sawa has broadcast a report about the meeting between President Abdel Fattah El Sisi and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the sidelines of the 3rd World Youth Forum, which is held in Sharm El-Sheikh. The two leaders discussed the latest developments regarding the Palestinian cause in light of the challenges it faces, as well as the role of Arab countries in supporting the Palestinian stances in all arenas.
 - During the meeting, President Abbas briefed president Sisi on the latest developments related to the Palestinian issue, specifically the ongoing Israeli assaults on Jerusalem. He also reviewed the issue of holding general elections in Palestine as a basic requirement and merit.
 - President Abbas and his Egyptian counterpart discussed bilateral relations between the two countries, and ways to develop them in various fields.
 - For his part, President Sisi reiterated Egypt's unchanged stances towards Palestine and its just cause, stressing that Egypt continues to play this role for the sake of the Palestinian people.

3- African media

- On December 12, Senegalese Limametti website published a report by Marie Touré, accompanied by photos of Senegalese President Macky Sall at the World

Youth Forum. During the forum, Sall said that the World Youth Forum is a platform designed by promising young people with the aim of sending a message of peace, prosperity, harmony and progress to the whole world.

- He explained that It engages youth from around the globe in an enriching set-up, allowing them to exchange views and recommend initiatives to decision-makers and influential figures.
- The forum is a chance for you to engage with top policymakers, network with promising youth from the region and the world that are determined to make our world a better place for everyone.