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ROME – An American naval vessel went to the aid of a rubber boat that was sinking off the coast of Libya, rescuing 41 people and collecting 12 bodies, a humanitarian group said yesterday after its ship was contacted by radio to help out. The US navy vessel Trenton called the German charity Sea Watch, which operates the only charity rescue ship currently on patrol off the Libyan coast, to alert them to the shipwreck and ask for assistance, a spokesman for Sea Watch said.

## Egypt confirms commitment to resolving Syrian crisis - Sisi

Ashraf Sadek

**PRESIDENT** Abdel Fattah El Sisi yesterday repeated Egypt's call on the international community to find a comprehensive and permanent political solution to the Syrian crisis, to end the unprecedented humanitarian crisis in the war-torn Arab country.

President Sisi, who said that Syria's state structure and territorial integrity must remain intact while the legitimate aspirations of the Syrians to achieve their aims and ambitions are upheld, re-emphasised Egypt's full commitment to supporting any endeavour by the UN to resolve the Syrian crisis.

President Sisi also urged the international community to unify its efforts to end the Syrian crisis and halt the spread of terrorism on its soil, clearing out that terrorism was a threat that endangered Syria's neighbouring countries and the whole world.

During his meeting with the UN

Special Envoy to Syria Mr Staffan de Mistura, President Sisi said that Egypt would continue to offer every possible assistance to protect Syria's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity as well as the promotion of a political settlement to the Syrian crisis.

"Egypt will spare no effort to help its brotherly Syrian people stop their suffering and achieve their goal to restore security and stability to their country," President Sisi said.

He also pledged that Egypt would intensify its contacts with international community members to reach a permanent solution to the crisis in accordance with all the related resolutions pertaining to that matter.

The Sisi-de Mistura meeting covered the latest developments in the Syrian scene, Presidency Spokesman Ambassador Bassam Radi said.

Ambassador Radi added that President Sisi had also stressed the importance of resuming the UN-sponsored efforts, which

aimed at finding a political solution to end the Syrian crisis in accordance with the international resolutions in that regard.

He said that Mr de Mistura praised Cairo's important role in the efforts to resolve the Syrian crisis, as well as Egypt's key role in preserving peace, stability and security in the Middle East.

Mr de Mistura also said that he was looking forward to intensifying co-operation and consultations between Egypt and the UN in order to resolve the Syrian crisis through peaceful means, Ambassador Radi said.

"Egypt has international and regional political weight that can enable it to play a vital role in resolving the Syrian crisis," Mr de Mistura said.

He warned that the continuation of the Syrian crisis has had serious repercussions on regional and international security in addition to its destructive effects, which have left thousands of Syrians either dead, displaced or refugees.



**PRESIDENT** Abdel Fattah El Sisi during his meeting with the UN Special Envoy to Syria, Mr Staffan de Mistura, in Cairo yesterday.

## Government denounces Kabul blast

**THE** Cairo government condemns the latest terrorist attack on a ministry office western of Afghanistan's capital Kabul that killed at least 13 people and injured more than 30 others, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

The statement expressed Egypt's condolences as well as its solidarity with the Afghan government and people "in confronting the sinful terrorism that targets innocent people during the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan".

"The attack violates the tolerant principles of Islam," the statement said.

The explosion took place Monday when a bomber detonated his explosive vest at the front gate of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development western of the capital Kabul.

The Islamic State (IS) terrorist group claimed responsibility for the blast.

The attack came a week after a similar suicide bombing on a gathering of Afghan clerics in Kabul that left at least 14 dead and more than 20 wounded.

Afghanistan has been hit by insurgency over the past couple of decades with the presence of different terrorist groups including the most dominant Taliban, in addition to al-Qaeda and recently the IS.



**THE** historic handshaking between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump that lasted some 13 seconds.

## Cairo welcomes outcome of Trump-Kim summit

**EGYPT** welcomes the positive outcomes of the historic US-North Korean summit, which was held in Singapore yesterday, a Foreign Ministry statement has said.

The statement said that Egypt expressed hope that the summit between Presidents Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un would be a move towards complete denuclearisation and ending of tensions in the Korean Peninsula.

It said that Egypt also hoped that the Trump-Kim summit would help restore peace and stability to the Korean Peninsula and create a nuclear-free world.

Meeting with staged ceremony on a Singapore island, Trump and Kim came together for a summit that seemed unthinkable months ago when the two nations traded nuclear threats.

The gathering of the two unpredictable leaders marked a striking gamble by the US president to grant Kim long-sought recognition on the world stage in hopes of ending the North's nuclear programme.

Both leaders expressed optimism throughout roughly five hours of

talks, with Trump thanking Kim afterward "for taking the first bold step towards a bright new future for his people".

Kim, for his part, said the leaders had "decided to leave the past behind" and promised: "The world will see a major change." Soon, Kim was on a plane headed home, while a clearly ebullient Trump held forth for more than an hour before the press on what he styled as a historic achievement to avert the prospect of nuclear war.

Along the way, Trump tossed out pronouncements on US alliances, human rights, and the nature of the accord that he and Kim had signed.

Light on specifics, the accord largely amounted to an agreement to continue discussions, as it echoed previous public statements and past commitments.

Trump said he would freeze US military "war games" with ally South Korea while negotiations between the US and the North continue. Trump cast the decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises "inappropriate" while talks continue.

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

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MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Building Capacity and Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation Project

Developing ODA Information Management Systems at the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation

The Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation (MIIC) acting as the government entity in charge of bridging the financing gap for Government Developmental Projects through Official Development Assistance (ODA), has a Grant from the MENA Transition Fund with technical implementation by the African Development Bank to support the Ministry in strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of the coordination and management of Official Development Assistance (ODA).

The grant also supports the Ministry's role in resource mobilization to contribute to the socio-economic welfare of the country. One of the objectives of this grant is to improve and enhance the ODA Information Management System within the Ministry.

The services included under this assignment should cover-but are not limited to- the following:

- Developing, Testing and Implementing a result-based ODA Information Management System to support the Ministry's planning, operation, monitoring and evaluation functions
- Preparing the system's user manual, conducting training for potential users and providing maintenance support.
- Supporting the comprehensive digital transformation plan of the Ministry to ensure that all sectors, departments and units use and share the ODA information Management system.
- Developing information management policy to ensure that ODA information management requirements, concerns and uses are adequately addressed an

The Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation (MIIC) thus invites eligible Consulting firms to express their interest in providing the above mentioned services. Interested consulting firms must provide the appropriate credentials which include:

- Company brochures.
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- Extensive experience in the development of organizational program software
- Professional and technical consultancies in the field of Information Management with a good understanding of systems for capturing and disseminating ODA data
- Experience in setting up information systems in complex institutions
- Ability to develop the system in Arabic and English languages

Consulting firms may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria (restricted to Member Countries of the African Development Bank only): Establishment of the short-list and selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's: "Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consulting firms May 2008 Edition-Revised July 2012" which is available on the Bank's website at: <http://www.afdb.org>. MIIC is under no obligation to shortlist any consulting firm who expresses interest.

Interested consulting firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours [from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.].

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the email or the address below by [28.June.2018] at [3:00 P.M.] and mention "[Developing ODA Information Management Systems at the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation]".

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