

Egypt, Eritrea pledge to strengthen relations

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Aboul Gheit reviews the current developments of achieving peace and stability in the African Horn region with the Eritrean Foreign Minister.

The Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry stated that Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit met with **Eritrean Foreign Minister Osman Saleh**, on June 25th, at the headquarters of the Foreign Ministry.

The Spokesman added that during the meeting, the two Ministers reviewed the positive developments witnessed by bilateral relations and means of their enhancement.

Both Ministers also discussed the current developments of achieving peace and stability in the African Horn region as a whole, the efforts of achieving peace in Darfur, and implementing the comprehensive peace agreement in Sudan. Moreover, Aboul Gheit and Saleh discussed the Egyptian efforts to achieve success in the Palestinian dialogue and achieve peace in the Middle East, as well as the outcomes of President Obama's visit to Cairo.

The Spokesman pointed out that the discussions witnessed convergence in the view points of both countries towards means to push forward bilateral relations, intensifying Egyptian-Eritrean efforts to achieve peace in Somalia, and achieving success in the efforts to ceasefire in Darfur.

CAIRO, June 25 (KUNA) -- Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit met here Thursday his visiting Eritrean counterpart Osman Saleh on the latest situations in Somalia and Sudan's Darfur.

During their meeting, they exchanged views on security and stability in the Horn of Africa, together with peace efforts for Darfur and Somalia, Spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry Hosam Zaki told reporters following the talks.

They also discussed Egyptian efforts to achieve inter-Palestinian reconciliation and to push forward the Middle East peace process, as well as the outcomes of US President Barack Obama's recent visit to Cairo, he said.

For her part, Egypt's Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs Mona Omar told reporters that both foreign ministers had discussed a recent call by the Somali government for Arab and African troops to be deployed in Somalia to tranquilize the country.

But, he said the problem was that several Somali tribes had voiced opposition to such a called-for troop deployment. She quoted the Eritrean minister as dismissing allegations that his country was backing Somali rebels.