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Balance Sheets of Egyptian Banks Surge to EGP 24.9 Trillion Amid Robust Deposit Growth

The combined balance sheet of the Egyptian banking sector reached a record EGP 24.9 trillion as of February 2026. This substantial growth is driven by a steady rise in customer deposits and credit activities, reflecting high levels of liquidity and public confidence in the national financial system.

These indicators underscore the banking sector's resilience and its vital role as a primary financier for national development projects and private sector expansions. Despite global economic fluctuations, the expansion in lending activity demonstrates the sector's capability to support the state's strategy for industrial and commercial growth.

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Planning Ministry Targets 59% Private Sector Share in FY2026/27 Investment Plan

Minister of Planning and Economic Development Dr. Ahmed Rostom announced that the state's investment plan for the 2026/2027 fiscal year targets a 59% share for the private sector.

Speaking at the launch of a major economic impact study for L'Oréal Egypt, which has invested over €100 million in the local market, the Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering private enterprises. The ministry is focused on providing incentives to strengthen value chains and localize industry, as seen with L'Oréal's commitment to exporting 85% of its Egyptian production to regional and global markets. This vision measures investment success not just by financial returns, but by adherence to sustainability and environmental standards.

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Agricultural Development Programme to Double Portfolio to EGP 10 billion and Launch FX Lending

The Agricultural Development Programme (ADP), the financing arm of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, has announced a strategic expansion to double its total financing portfolio from EGP 5 billion to EGP 10 billion.

Director Hamdy Azzam emphasised that the programme relies entirely on international development funding from partners such as JICA, the EU, and AFD, placing no financial burden on the state budget. Operating through a network of 16 banks led by CIB as the agent bank, the programme is launching foreign currency lending with facilities up to $1.5 million per project to stimulate exports. The ADP prioritizes small farmers, modern irrigation, food processing, and renewable energy, particularly in Upper Egypt (Sohag, Asyut, Qena, and Minia). This initiative underscores the strategic importance of the agricultural sector, which contributes 15% to Egypt's GDP and employs 18% of its workforce, as a cornerstone of national food security.

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Comprehensive Reform Measures to Strengthen the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade has launched the "Startup Egypt" platform, a digital institutional bridge designed to unify founders, global investors, and government agencies. To enhance the ecosystem's competitiveness, Finance Minister Ahmed Kouchouk announced a simplified tax system for startups with an annual business volume below EGP 20 million, creating a predictable and transparent fiscal environment. Furthermore, the government is finalising legislative amendments to facilitate convertible notes and modernising methodologies for startup valuation.

Strategic partnerships starting in July 2026 will introduce specialised accelerators in food processing, industrial manufacturing, and EdTech. Additionally, the state is collaborating with the Sovereign Fund of Egypt to establish a publicly listed venture capital firm to encourage institutional investment from insurance companies and pension funds.

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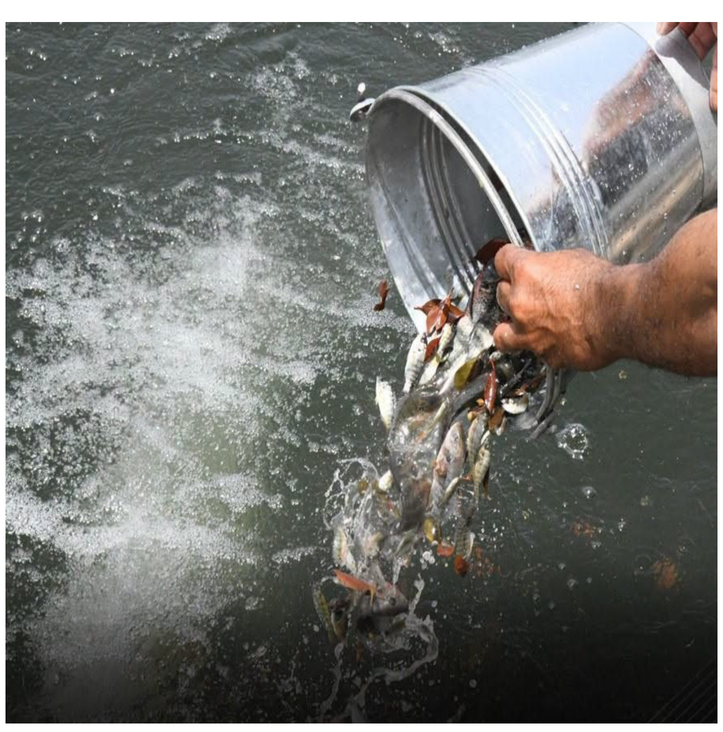
Egypt Implements National Strategy for Fisheries Development and Ecological Balance



The Agency for Lake Protection and Fisheries Development is implementing a nationwide plan to replenish Egypt's water bodies to support food security and ecological balance. As of June 2026, the agency has released large quantities of high-quality fish fry, including Nile tilapia, silver carp, and grass carp, across the provinces of Sohag, Asyut, Kafr El-Sheikh, Dakahlia, and Damietta.

This initiative utilises state-run hatcheries to produce high-quality stock year-round, aiming to maximise natural water resources and increase production rates. The strategy aligns with Egypt's broader goals for sustainable development, positioning the fisheries sector as a core pillar of the national economy.

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Banque Misr Inaugurates Riyadh Branch to Support Regional Trade and Investment

Banque Misr has officially launched its first branch in Riyadh, marking a strategic expansion of its banking operations within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This move is part of the bank's international growth strategy to establish a permanent presence in key regional markets.

The branch is equipped to offer a comprehensive suite of financial services to corporate and individual clients, with a focus on facilitating cross-border trade and investment between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. By strengthening its regional footprint, Banque Misr aims to provide integrated financial solutions that support the growing economic cooperation between the two nations.

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