



Date: August 10, 2015

No: 550-LR-1246

President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
His Excellency Abdel Fattah al-SISI
Office of the President
Heliopolis Palace
Cairo,
Arab Republic of Egypt

Re: Congratulatory Message on the Inauguration of the New Suez Canal

Dear President El-Sisi,

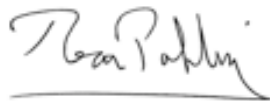
On behalf of the Iran National Council and my compatriots, I would like to express my sincere congratulations on the inauguration of the New Suez Canal, which marks a historic milestone in Egypt's path to economic growth and sustainable development. This is a significant accomplishment, as Egypt under your stewardship has successfully completed a major development project that is bound to be an additional artery for prosperity and for connecting civilizations to enhance the movement of international trade. My compatriots and I share the joyous sentiments of the Egyptian people on this great occasion, as well as the desire for international peace and stability.

Throughout history, the people of Egypt and Iran have had a close brotherly relationship. Our two nations have had shared hopes, desires and interests in regional and international economic prosperity and security.

This has been exemplified in joint efforts and partnership that resulted in the reactivation of the Suez Canal in early 1970s. Years later, as I recall, during my first official visit to Egypt, President Anwar Sadat and the Egyptian people welcomed our delegation and celebrated this bound at the Suez Canal and across your beautiful county.

As we extend our best wishes to your Excellency and the people of Egypt on this historic occasion, millions of my compatriots live under the tyranny of a theocratic regime that violates basic human rights, disregards democratic values, and threatens regional and global security. The Iran National Council is an alternative force that is resolved to lead the transition from theocracy to secular democracy in our beloved homeland, to facilitate fair, free and transparent elections, and to secure Iran's rightful place among the community of free nations.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Reza Pahlavi', written in black ink on a white background.

Reza Pahlavi

President of Iran National Council for Free Elections