



## Press Review City, Mobility, Environment – April 2024

### Urban Development

#### *Housing*

Egypt [social housing](#) projects should expand to the new cities during 2024.

#### *New Cities*

President Abdel Fattah al-Sissi [inaugurated his third term at the New Administrative Capital](#) on April 2.

While attending the Arab Military Equestrian Championship in the [Olympic Games City](#), the President pointed out that the Olympic city had been built in just 5 years.

#### *Ras al-Hikma*

The [second installment](#) of the Ras al-Hikma deal should arrive in Egypt within April.

A similar project is discussed to develop [Ras Gamila](#) on the Red Sea, but nothing will begin before impact studies are carried out.

#### *Power Cuts*

While [power cuts](#) were on hold during Ramadan, they resume in April and should last one hour a day. The government fears [a hike](#) in electricity consumption as temperatures rise (see the [July 2023 Press review](#)). Moreover, [national projects](#) increased the pressure on electricity infrastructure, according to the government spokesperson, who added that [no limitation date](#) could be fixed at present. In some [villages](#), power cuts last up to 3 hours.

According to the government, power cuts and electricity-saving measures could [save \\$1 billion yearly](#).

While the [New Administrative Capital](#) is also concerned, [hospitals and vital facilities](#) are exempted and [churches](#) will be spared during the week of Easter.

In an attempt to reduce electricity consumption, the country switches to [summer time](#) on Friday 26. New [opening hours](#) are planned for stores, restaurants and cafés.

#### *Others*

Major development projects are planned in [Siwa](#) for a cost of EGP 3 billion, notably to improve the irrigation and drainage system.

According to [Mada Masr](#), burials stopped in Bab el-Nasr cemetery; destruction is planned in this part of the City of the Dead. Burials also stopped in the [Sayyeda Nafissa and Imam al-Shafai](#) areas. A [new law on cemeteries](#) is currently debated in Parliament.

The Cairo governorate launched a campaign to fight the [encroachment of cafés and street vendors](#) on public spaces in Abdeen, Al-Musky, Bab Shareyya, and Nasr City.

## Transportation

The Transport Ministry hopes to operate the first phase of the [monorail](#) by the end of 2024. The General Authority for Roads and Bridges doubled spending on development and maintenance work on the old [road network](#) to EGP 4 billion.

The Cairo Governor ordered the removal of some [signs installed on building facades](#) along the Ring Road after accusations of plagiarism. Similar charges for the decoration of a metro station led to the conviction of the artist Ghada Wali (see the [January/February 2024 Press review](#)), whose [appeal](#) will be heard on June 9.

## Tourism

The country tries to rebrand [greater Cairo as a tourist destination](#). The goal is to push visitors to extend their stay to around 12 days. Six touristic itineraries are under development.

A [walkway](#) will be built between the new Grand Egyptian Museum and the Pyramids of Giza. The latter welcomed [35.000 visitors](#) during Eid el-Fitr.

## Environment

The government fixed new prices for [garbage collection](#) in residential areas.

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