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Question

What new progress can the Federal Government report on the negotiations or potential conclusion of an agreement regarding police cooperation with Egypt (see answer of the German Federal Government to the Minor Interpellation of The Left parliamentary group in Bundestag printed paper 18/3054), and to what extent are the Federal Ministry of the Interior's authorities (Federal Police, Federal Criminal Police Office, Office for the Protection of the Constitution) carrying out support measures, training or similar forms of collaboration as part of a security cooperation (please also report on any plans or investigations)?

Answer

The negotiations with Egypt regarding an agreement on police cooperation have not yet been completed. In light of the negotiations still being underway, the Federal Government shall refrain from providing further information on the negotiation process.

The following six measures for the Egyptian security authorities are planned for 2015 and are currently being implemented by the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA):

- Inviting Egyptian explosives experts to the international BKA explosives symposium in November in Magdeburg
- Inviting the head of the Egyptian Police Academy to an exchange of information on training issues with representatives from the Federal University of Applied Administrative Sciences, the German Police University, one of the *Länder* police forces and the BKA
- Holding an exchange of expertise on "counter-terrorism/extremism" with the Egyptian security authorities National Security Sector (NSS) and General Intelligence Service (GIS)
- Discussion between NSS and BKA heads of department for state security on "counter-terrorism"
- Training an NSS employee in the preparatory module of the BKA's 2015 scholarship programme
- Training an NSS employee in the advanced module of the BKA's 2015 scholarship programme

In February 2015, the Federal Ministry of the Interior agreed measures with the Ministry of Interior Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt for a more intensive cooperation in the Federal Police's sphere of responsibility for the current year.

These measures cover combatting illegal migration, support in ensuring aviation security, as well as the topics of explosive detection/disposal, police role at major events and training. In addition, there are plans to send a border police liaison officer.

The Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution is not currently carrying out any support or training measures with Egypt.