

# Ihsanoglu discusses with Morsi the efforts to find a peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis

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Dr. Mohamed Morsi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, received in his office at Heliopolis Palace today Thursday 4 April 2013 the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, during the Secretary General's visit to Cairo. President Morsi, Chairman of the 12th Islamic Summit Conference, and the Secretary General discussed the major issues of the Islamic world, the bilateral relations between the two parties and the current situation in the Middle East, particularly the Palestinian issue. President Morsi and the Secretary General discussed the reconciliation between Fath and Hamas movements, underscoring the importance of this file and its benefits for the Palestinian cause in general. For his part, Ihsanoglu praised the important role played by Egypt in sponsoring reconciliation between the two Palestinian movements and its keenness to achieve the unity of the Palestinian people. Ihsanoglu also reviewed OIC's activities in various fields in support of the Palestinian cause, as well as its different projects and programs. On the other hand, this fruitful meeting discussed the latest developments in the Syrian crisis. President Morsi explained his initiative for Syria which he had suggested to the Fourth Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference in Makkah Al-Mukarramah last August before its adoption by the Islamic Summit in Cairo last February. The two parties exchanged their views concerning the latest developments in this regard, as well as on means to find a peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis and stop the bloodshed against the Syrian people, in a way that would help realize the aspirations for freedom, democracy, the rule of law and the respect for human rights.

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