

WE NEED A NATIONAL PROJECT

National projects are projects enter within the public ownership and private ownership with public benefits that all people of the country can benefit from them. The national dream of all people in the world represents in its ability to predict the future and has a better future. The unity of directions and integrity of possibilities are the best way to achieve the great achievements that calls "the National Project". They are projects differ from the national necessities required to be achieved such as independence or liberty of the occupied lands.

Egypt witnessed, in many eras of its history, the gathering of its people around national objectives that gathered them to achieve a common dream among them in order to help them in discovering themselves. In such situations, the strong and solidarity of the Egyptian people appear when their dreams, ambitions, and hopes meet with leaders and bosses who can gather, mobilize, and direct such great people onto achieving his dreams and goals. In the beginning of the modern age, the superior goal of Egyptians was "the complete independent or violent death". At that time, the dream of independence from the British Occupation achieved. Then, the dream of constructing the high dam seduced the Egyptian people as a national project. That project carried out under the hands of the leader "Jamal Abdul-Nasser" in spite of great efforts and pains. The Egyptian people realized his dream of industrial and agricultural revolution. After 1967 setback, the Egyptian aim and dream was to defeat the non-subdue Israeli Army and the Egyptian people unionized under the leadership of the leader "Anwar Al-Sadat" and the glory victory of October 1973 became a real. Then, the project of desert invasion, development, and reconstruction was a national project. In the era of the president "Mohamed Hosny Mubarak", the national project was "Tushki project" which, regret-

fully, neither give its fruit up-to date nor achieve its proposed objectives for many reasons. Since such time, Egyptian people lost its national project or a national dream that gather them under it for a long time. Who observes the community evolution may sense the extent of contraction of the national dream concept until today. Nowadays, when we try to discover ourselves and put Egypt on the beginning phase of the historical turning, a new national project appears in the horizon "Suez Canal District Development Project".

The project of Suez Canal District Development is not only a notional project but also an international one. It can achieve the good for Egypt and unify the people around it, if it is well planned and managed and the useful examples from the previous national projects in Egypt have considered getting ride from the old negativities and maximizing the proposed positivism. As for the importance of this national project, more than ten domestic consultant offices allied with global consultant offices, with good reputation and experiences, invited to conduct its studies and strategic plans in order to draw a development strategy from all aspects to the Suez Canal District project. The good management of this project has a great importance in the successfulness of the project through founding an independent authority under the direct supervision of the President or the Prime Minister that owns the custody on the lands within the geographical domain appointed for the project. This authority shall own all authorities of the state bodies and authorities working in the district in order to unify the decision-making and the responsibilities, which may eradicated when the state bodies contradicted in their specializations. Thus, the management of this national project may subject to strict mechanisms in order to trace and record the achievements of the project phases in economic, reconstructural, so-



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cial, or environmental levels with considering the unbiased trace and record of the phase achievements. Then, the developmental projects and programs may evaluate, when necessary, through maximizing the positivisms and getting ride from the negativities.

The achieving of transparency principle; which means putting the systems of tracing, control, and performance evaluation through trust and honest reports; considers one of the incentives of gathering the Egyptian people efforts around this national project. Transparency has to start from monitoring and demonstrating of the developmental drawings and programs, which communicate to the people through many ways. Such ways include the various readable and audible means of media; the meetings of communication with the sets, syndicates, and organizations of the civil community; and providing the public with all data, information, and maps of the project in order to give the public a clear image about the project.