

## Tuesday, October 6, 2026

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**Maya:** Good morning, Cairo, and welcome to the Cairo Morning Briefing. It is Tuesday, October sixth, twenty twenty-six, and I am Maya.

**Devon:** And I am Devon. The week is off to a warm start here in Cairo, and the forecast says there is more of the same on the way. Plenty of sunshine, warm days, and quiet nights ahead.

**Maya:** The theme for the week is simple, Devon: dry and warm. Let us walk through it.

**Devon:** Today sets the tone. A high near eighty-four, a low tonight near sixty-eight, with light breezes around seven miles an hour. And the rest of the week is variations on that theme.

**Maya:** Wednesday and Thursday both warm a little. Wednesday reaches eighty-six with a low near sixty-four, and Thursday climbs to eighty-eight with a low near sixty-eight.

**Devon:** Friday matches Thursday at eighty-eight, then Saturday dips back to eighty-six with a low near sixty-eight. Sunday is dry with a high near eighty-eight, and next Monday is the warmest day of the stretch, touching ninety degrees with a low near seventy.

**Maya:** The rain chances are essentially zero all week. Sunday shows a tiny two percent chance, and Monday eight percent, which is nothing to plan around. The wind stays light to moderate, between seven and twelve miles an hour.

**Devon:** One midday reminder, the sun is still strong in October. The UV index sits near six most days, so if you are out between noon and three, take the sunglasses and the sunscreen. Warm days, pleasant nights, endless sunshine. Classic Cairo October.

**Maya:** Now for tonight's sky. Devon, what are we looking at after dark?

**Devon:** A very nice one. The sun sets at six thirty-four, and the sky is properly dark just before eight. The moon is a waning crescent, only about twenty-two percent lit, and it sets at four P M, well before sunset, so the whole evening is moonless.

**Maya:** That is good news for stargazers.

**Devon:** It is. And the main attraction is Saturn. Look to the southeast once it is dark, about halfway up the sky, and you will find the ringed planet glowing steadily. You will not see the rings with the naked eye, but binoculars or a small telescope will bring them out.

**Maya:** Any space station passes?

**Devon:** None tonight. And I will say this plainly, in Cairo the city lights are a bigger obstacle than the moon. If you can get out toward the desert edge, the contrast is remarkable.

**Maya:** On to arts and entertainment, and there is a big one at the pyramids this weekend.

**Devon:** That is right. The Starlight Festival takes over the Great Pyramids of Giza this

across downtown Cairo, at the Factory, Kodak Passage, and Access Art Space, running through the eighth of November.

**Devon:** One more at the pyramids. Forever Is Now, the sixth edition of the contemporary art exhibition set right on the Giza plateau, is underway. Artists from around the world are placing their works in dialogue with the four-thousand-five-hundred-year-old monuments, and it is a striking mix of the ancient and the brand new.

**Maya:** Plenty to do this week, Cairo. Now to the news.

**Devon:** Our first story takes us to the diplomacy circuit. The United States envoy for Arab and African affairs, Massad Boulos, met with Sudanese army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan in Egypt on Monday, pressing for a political solution to the Sudan crisis.

**Maya:** This is a rare meeting. It comes less than two weeks after Washington withheld a visa for the Sudanese general ahead of a scheduled appearance at the United Nations, a move linked to a United States backed ceasefire proposal that Khartoum has resisted.

**Devon:** The war between Sudan's army and the Rapid Support Forces has been going on since April of twenty twenty-three, and it has displaced more than fourteen million people. Boulos said the United States stands ready to support a comprehensive dialogue among Sudan's political forces, leading to a road map for the country's future.

**Maya:** Our second story is a regional summit right here in Cairo. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi hosted a consultative meeting on Monday with the presidents of Eritrea and Somalia and the head of Sudan's sovereignty council.

**Devon:** The leaders issued a joint declaration covering Somalia's sovereignty, Sudan's unity, governance of the Red Sea, and Nile water security. It is a significant statement of regional coordination, and it puts Cairo at the center of talks on some of the most sensitive issues in the region.

**Maya:** And our third story is a bright spot for Egyptian cinema. The Egyptian psychological drama Safe Exit, directed by Mohammed Hammad, has been selected for the Narrative Films Competition at the ninth El Gouna Film Festival. It is the only Egyptian film in the category.

**Devon:** The film previously premiered at the Berlin film festival, and its selection at El Gouna is a real mark of recognition. We will be watching to see how it does.

**Maya:** That is your Tuesday briefing, Cairo. Warm sunshine all week, Saturn in a moonless evening sky, and a festival weekend at the pyramids on the horizon.

**Devon:** We will be back tomorrow morning with a fresh edition. Have a wonderful day, Cairo.

**Maya:** See you in the morning.