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

Devon: And I am Devon. We have a warm, dry week ahead for the capital, plus a moonless night sky, comedy and concerts on the way, and three big stories in Egyptian news. Let us get into it.

Maya: Let us start with the week ahead in weather, and honestly, it is classic October in Cairo. Today, Wednesday, tops out near eighty-six degrees with an overnight low around sixty-four.

Devon: And it barely moves from there all week. Thursday through Monday stay between eighty-six and ninety degrees by day, with nights between sixty-four and seventy. That is a very steady stretch.

Maya: Rain chances are essentially zero. We are talking zero percent for most of the week, nudging up to just one to three percent on Sunday and Monday. I would not hold your breath for a shower.

Devon: Winds stay light, seven to eleven miles per hour, so the air will feel calm and warm. One thing to watch: the ultraviolet index is near six at midday, so if you are out at noon, sunscreen is still a smart call.

Maya: Bottom line: warm days, mild nights, no rain. If you have outdoor plans this weekend, this is about as friendly a forecast as October gets.

Devon: Now, the night skies over Cairo, for tonight, Wednesday. Sunset comes at six thirty-three in the evening, and true astronomical darkness settles in just before eight.

Maya: The moon is a waning crescent tonight, only fourteen percent lit, and it actually sets before sunset. So this evening's sky will be completely moon-free, which is wonderful for stargazing.

Devon: The standout planet is Saturn. After dark, look to the southeast, where Saturn sits about forty-four degrees above the horizon. That is nearly halfway up the sky, bright and steady, and a great target even through binoculars.

Maya: No International Space Station passes are on the schedule for tonight. And let us be honest: the biggest obstacle in Cairo is not the moon, it is the city lights. If you can get out toward the desert edges or somewhere darker, Saturn will reward the effort.

Maya: On to arts and entertainment, and there is plenty to look forward to. Comedy fans first: Thursday night, October eighth, Omar Kint brings his first-ever one-hour comedy special to Room Art Space and Cafe in Garden City. After more than twelve years in the Egyptian stand-up scene, this is his big solo hour, and it starts at eight in the evening.

Devon: Then on Friday, October sixteenth, the masked singer Tul8te takes the stage at Al

Devon: Three very different nights out: comedy this Thursday, a pop spectacle next Friday, and the region's biggest music festival later this month.

Maya: Now the local news, three stories. First, a diplomatic flare-up between Egypt and Ethiopia. Ethiopia expelled an Egyptian diplomat, Ahmed Moharam Ahmed Soliman, from Addis Ababa. Cairo retaliated, declaring a counselor at the Ethiopian embassy here, Egazi Emelo Borougi, persona non grata and giving him forty-eight hours to leave.

Devon: Egypt called Ethiopia's move unjustified, rejected any interference in other countries' internal affairs, and acted on the principle of reciprocity. The African Union has urged all sides, including Eritrea, to exercise maximum restraint and resolve differences through diplomatic channels.

Maya: This comes amid long-running tensions over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and the wider Horn of Africa, so we will be watching where this goes next.

Devon: Second story: the United States has released three hundred twenty million dollars in military aid to Egypt that had been held back over human rights concerns. Secretary of State Marco Rubio waived the conditions, citing Egypt's growing security cooperation and its role as an intermediary in diplomatic efforts around the conflict with Iran.

Maya: The State Department pointed to what it called Egypt's helpful role in United States-Iran contacts and underscored Egypt's strategic weight, from the Suez Canal to its long military relationship with Washington. That money flows through the Foreign Military Financing program for American-made defense equipment.

Maya: And third: a big real-estate launch in New Cairo. Developer Madinet Masr has unveiled ETAJE, a residential and mixed-use project inside its Taj City master plan, with a target sales value of six point six billion Egyptian pounds.

Devon: The project covers twenty-six point four feddans with twenty buildings and roughly six hundred units, from one to three bedrooms. The layout centers on a four hundred fifty meter green pedestrian spine with cycling lanes, and construction is scheduled to finish within four years.

Devon: That is your Wednesday briefing, Cairo. Warm and dry all week, a moonless sky with Saturn up tonight, comedy Thursday, and big diplomatic moves in the region.

Maya: I am Maya, this has been the Cairo Morning Briefing, and we will be back tomorrow morning. Have a wonderful Wednesday.