

# **Border settlements in Egypt: Between trans-border cooperation and defending the sovereignty of**

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## **Abstract**

Throughout the 20th and 21st century, the border regions in Egypt witnessed both armed conflicts and political disputes with neighboring countries that questioned the state's control over its land and borders. The political relationships between Egypt and its neighbors shifted several times from being tense to becoming more cooperative and vice versa. These shifts had direct physical impacts on the planning and development of border communities, and the level of attention that these communities gain from the state.

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