



Egyptian initiative to plant 1 million fruit trees

According to the Chairman of the Agricultural Professions Syndicate Sayyed Khalifa, the Agricultural Professions Syndicate started implementing president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's initiative to plant one million fruit trees in poorer areas, parks, public squares, schools, and the main and secondary roads in various cities and villages.

The campaign began with the planting of trees in five areas in Old Cairo and planting 10 areas in Imbaba district of the Giza governorate. The fruit trees ranged from lemons and oranges to tangerines.

The project will be implemented in the other governorates in accordance to a set timeline. The campaign has two goals. The first is to achieve food security in poor areas, while the second is to reduce the effect of climate change and to spread awareness of its risks among young people, educating them on the role of trees have confronting climate change.

The Egypt Independent reports how Khalifa noted the importance the private sector plays in the initiative, which addresses the negative effects of climate change and the desertification facing Egypt, especially in light of urban expansion.

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