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[Shanghai hosts biggest Egyptian exhibition ever between China and Egypt](#)

The biggest cultural exhibition ever between China and Egypt is underway in Shanghai, showcasing the wonders of ancient Egyptian civilization. CGTN's Wang Siwen sat down with Egypt's Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities to get his views on the growing cultural cooperation between both countries. WANG SIWEN Shanghai "It's China's first major cultural cooperation with the Egyptian government. And this is the only exhibition in China as part of its global tour. Why did you choose Shanghai?" DR. MOHAMED ISMAIL MOHAMED KHALED Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities of Egypt "It was for one year we worked together hand in hand with the Shanghai museum in order to finalize this exhibition and to choose the artifacts. It's the largest exhibition until now that ever left Egypt. It's really wonderful to see and to show the Chinese people everything, from every part of the ancient Egyptian civilization, we take small pieces in order to show the Chinese people somehow a kind of appetizers of the Egyptian civilization. This is the uniqueness really in this exhibition that there we have more and new artifacts that never left Egypt. Some of them were recently discovered in 2020 and it's first time to be shown to the public. CGTN.

[Sudanese forces fields Chinese Ching King anti-drone jammer](#)

Drones, in the hands of non-state armed groups, they pose a significant threat. Forces allied with the Sudanese Armed forces are fielding another Chinese-made anti-drone jammer to fight off unmanned systems operated by the Rapid Support Force (RSF). This is the second Chinese counter-UAV system employed by Sudanese forces in its ongoing conflict with the RSF rebels. The commercially available anti-drone system is made by Ching Kong Technology, with the brand name CKJ-2306G6. According to the manufacturer, the portable gun type high power drone signal jammer provides protection for all commercial Drones / UAVs like Dji, Mavic 2 3 pro, Phantom Pro, Phantom 4 Phantom 3 Professional, Advanced, Standard series, Inspire Seres etc. It blocks drones operating on the RC2.4G/58GHz/GPSL1/L2/L5 or RC 868/915 400MHZ to 1.4GHZ frequency signal. It's high-gain 12D bi-directional antenna has a jamming range or 500 to 2000 meters, with the inbuilt battery working for around 39 minutes to 1 hour. Military Africa.

[World Bank Pledges 100 Mln USD To Digitize Zambia](#)

The World Bank on Friday pledged 100 million U.S. dollars to help Zambia speed up its digital infrastructure and increase access to the internet. Managing Director and World Bank Group Chief Administrative Officer Zhang Wencai said the support will come through the Digital Zambia Acceleration Project to be financed under the International Development Association. During a courtesy call on Zambian Minister of Technology and Science Felix Mutati, Zhang said the project is aligned with the Zambian government's priorities and will focus on expanding broadband infrastructure and services as well as deploying digital public infrastructure to improve efficiency in both the public and private sectors. According to him, the project will support digitization in selected high-impact sectors, including the promotion of employable digital skills. The World Bank official further said a project implementation unit will be established within the state institution, SMART Zambia Institute, to spearhead cross-cutting government digitization initiatives. For his part, the Zambian minister thanked the World Bank for the support, saying the project will go a long way in promoting digitization in the country. Capital FM.

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