



Army completes renovation of bombed Cairo church ahead of Coptic Christmas

According to the army's official spokesperson's Facebook page, the armed forces received orders from President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi immediately after the bombing to renovate the church and fix all the damage in 15 days.

The page also broadcasted a video of the church following the renovation work that was carried out inside and hosted some officials who carried out the renovation in order to have it ready by Christmas.

A nationwide mourning for the victims who were killed in the bombing of St. Peter and St. Paul Church has overshadowed Christmas celebrations. On 11 December, the blast claimed the lives of 24 people, injuring more than 40 others, mostly women and children.

The death toll has climbed to 27 in the past weeks.

The Coptic Orthodox Church announced following the attack that Christmas celebrations on 7 January will still be held, amid high security measures announced by the Interior Ministry.