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KEY THEMES

- Egypt fast-tracks solar and BESS for summer 2026 adequacy
- Saudi Arabia–Egypt interconnection first 1,500MW phase by summer 2026
- Egypt reiterates 42% renewables target by 2030

Global data centres & infrastructure briefing (UTC 2026-02-16)

Scope: Global (stories available: Egypt)

Audience: Institutional asset managers and infrastructure fund managers focused on data centres, power, and grid infrastructure.

Top news (3)

1. **Egypt accelerates near-term power additions:** The government directed delivery of **3,000MW of solar** plus **600MW of battery storagebefore summer 2026** to secure seasonal supply (Egypt to add 3,000 MW solar and 600 MW battery storage).
2. **Saudi Arabia–Egypt interconnection milestone targeted:** Egypt plans to **energize the first 1,500MW phase** of the **Saudi Arabia interconnection** in time for **summer 2026**, signalling incremental cross-border capacity availability (Egypt to add 3,000 MW solar and 600 MW battery storage).
3. **Longer-dated renewables trajectory reaffirmed:** Egypt reiterated its target of **42% renewable generation by 2030**, underlining policy direction relevant to long-duration power sourcing and grid buildout (Egypt to add 3,000 MW solar and 600 MW battery storage).

Key deals & projects

Egypt

- **Planned capacity additions (by summer 2026):**
  - **Solar:** 3,000MW
  - **Battery storage:** 600MW

- Framed as measures to **secure summer power supply** (Egypt to add 3,000 MW solar and 600 MW battery storage).

Power, grid & interconnection highlights

Egypt / Regional interconnection

- **Saudi Arabia–Egypt interconnection:**
  - Target to **energize the first 1,500MW phase** by **summer 2026** (Saudi Arabia interconnection first 1,500MW phase).
- **System adequacy focus:** The directive was explicitly linked to meeting **summer peak needs**, which may influence near-term procurement and grid readiness priorities (secure summer power supply).

Policy & regulation

Egypt

- **Renewables target:** Egypt aims for **42% renewable generation by 2030** (42% renewable generation by 2030).

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Egypt is prioritising near-term generation and storage additions ahead of summer 2026 while advancing a major interconnection milestone with Saudi Arabia. The direction of travel remains toward higher renewable penetration by 2030, with implications for grid and flexibility investment needs.

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