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In a First, New Egyptian Schoolbook Teaches Peace Deal with Israel

The peace treaty signed between Israel and Egypt in 1979 will for the first time be taught in Egyptian schools, Army Radio reported Tuesday. The peace deal is described in a matter-of-fact way, without bias or any attempt to present Israel in a negative light, the report said. The authors of the Egyptian schoolbook, intended for the ninth grade, detail eight clauses from the agreement, which are reproduced in the book verbatim.

These include phrases on Israel and Egypt “ending the state of war” and on “each side respecting the sovereignty and independence of the other side.” According to The Times of Israel, the authors note that Sadat and then-Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin won the Nobel Peace Prize for signing the treaty. “The reason they won was the great effort they invested in reaching peace in the Middle East,” the book says.

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