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IRRIGATION

WITHIN the framework of a project to electrify irrigation equipment used in Menufia governorate, 230 electric pumps have already been distributed to farmers in the villages of Tala and el-Shohadaa. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) contributed with 16 million dollars towards financing the project.

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## Torrents destroy 60 houses in Assiut village

A TORRENT of water swept down into Arab el-Faradih village in Assiut governorate at an early hour of yesterday morning. Sixty houses collapsed and the crops of many fields were damaged. The value of losses was estimated at LE 750,000. However there was no loss of life.

The Governor of Assiut, Mr Zaki Badr decided to extend aid to the families affected by this calamity. He also gave directives according to which, a committee will be formed to study the possibility of digging a preventive channel beneath the mountain to avoid the dangers of such disasters in the future. It is the first time in the last 12 years that a disaster of this nature has hit one of the villages of Assiut. — GSS.

## Plan to dig 24 wells in New Valley

The volume of the underground water reservoir at the New Valley is estimated at 20,000 billion cubic metres, according to studies conducted by international specialised authorities. These bodies, said the Governor, Mr. Faruk el-Telawi concentrated on the using of this great stock on agricultural projects covering billions of feddans which could be regularly irrigated.

Mr. el-Telawi pointed out that LE 5 million is initially earmarked for digging 24 wells for irrigation and drinking purposes in el-Kharga and el-Dakhla oases. These wells, he said, derive their water from the large subterranean water reserve.

Dr. el-Telawi pointed out that the governorate has completed a plan to concentrate on projects which will secure for the distant governorate its requirements of vegetables and fruit. — GSS

## Suez water-pipe network to be renovated

SUEZ governorate is currently implementing an urgent plan for the renovation of its potable water network in such a way that it will raise its level of efficiency and solve the problem of the failure of the water supply in some regions.

The Governor of Suez, Mr. Bekir Mohamed Bekir said that according to this plan the renovation of the pipes of the network will be carried out during the early weeks of the new year 1986, especially in old districts. The network will also be expanded so as to include the new residential and industrial regions to provide them with their requirements of potable water, said Mr. Bekir.

An expanded meeting was recently held with senior officials in the potable water utility of Suez city which came up with the conclusion that the plan should include extending a new line for potable water to feed the cement plant and the new projects in el-Sokhena region. The pipeline will be 65 kilometres long and its capacity will total 13,500 cubic metres. Mr. Bekir pointed out that this line will help boost development in the region.

The governor also said that the plan stipulates the setting up of a chamber for electronic control worked by a T.V system, to discover any failure in the network immediately. — GSS

## PROJECTS

THE General Management of Irrigation in Aswan Governorate has already implemented a number of projects for protecting the shore against erosion.

The cost of the projects is LE 2 million, said Mr. Mohamed Hassan Harnad, General Manager of Irrigation Affairs in the Governorate. He added that work is currently under way to protect Korona shore, Edfo against erosion. The next stage of work will be completed in the middle of January. Mr. Harnad pointed out that projects which have been implemented in the governorate completely eradicated erosion.