

## **Egypt: Militant attack during Eid prayers kills 8 policemen**

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***Masked policemen stand alert in Egypt. The attack killed two officers and eight conscripts. (AP File Photo: Amr Nabil)***

**El-arish:** At least eight policemen were killed in an attack by Islamic militants at a checkpoint in the restive northern part of the Sinai Peninsula, Egyptian security officials said. Five militants were also killed.

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The officials said that the militants attacked the checkpoint, seized an armored vehicle to make their getaway but a warplane chased them in the desert, killing at least five.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

For years, Egypt has been battling with an Islamic State affiliate based in northern Sinai.

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