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PRIME Minister Ibrahim Mahlab during his meeting with Minister of Health Adel Adawi and top health officials in Cairo yesterday.

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PRIME Minister Ibrahim Mahlab yesterday urged top health officials to combat corruption and negligence in public hospitals in order to provide citizens with the best medical services.

During his meeting with Minister of Health Adel Adawi and other senior health officials, the prime minister called on officials to find original ways to solve health problems.

Mahlab said that the government had started to develop university hospitals and the Heart Institute.

He also pointed out that the Waraq hospital, one of the country's giant public hospitals, has been re-opened after it was shut down for more than 17 years.

Last month, Prime Minister Mahlab paid surprise visits to two government-run hospitals. He was accompanied by TV cameras that showed him shouting at a hospital employee who was trying to quickly clear her desk of large bags. Mahlab expressed shock at the run-down facilities and criticised officials.