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Egypt FA proposes Red Sea resort for Cairo derby



The Egyptian Football Association has proposed that the African Champions League game between Cairo rivals Zamalek and Al Ahly be played in the Red Sea resort of El Gouna because of security fears in the capital and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria.

The move of the game, which is being hosted by Zamalek, has not yet been approved by the Confederation of African Football. However, Zamalek says it is making plans for its team to fly to El Gouna on Thursday ahead of Sunday's match in the first round of the eight-team group stage.

Tens of thousands of protesters have rallied in Cairo, Alexandria and other cities to protest the removal of Mohammad Mursi as president.

Prolonged political instability and violence in Egypt has caused major disruption to domestic football.