

# **EGYPT DENIES LAND SALES**

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## **Says That Zionists Cannot Buy Acreage in Sinai**

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**CAIRO, Egypt., Jan. 28**—Persistent rumors that the Egyptian Government was selling land to Palestine Zionists in Sinai was formally denied yesterday by the Minister of Finance in the Chamber of Deputies.

About 1910 or 1911, Palestine Jews bought up cultivation rights to 2,000 acres in Sinai from desert nomads the Minister said, and litigation over those lands, which the Government declined to surrender, is still going on. The Government is determined not to yield any land in Sinai to Zionists, the Minister said, and a bill will be introduced to prevent the transfer of cultivation rights in state land to third parties.

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