pave /peɪv/ verb

to cover a path, road, area etc with a hard level surface such as blocks of stone or concrete

pave the way for something

to make a later event or development possible by producing the right conditions

***ABC news: Budget paves way for surplus***

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***Egypt in chaos after parliament ruled illegitimate:***

**The decision paves the way for a return of the old guard, with the former prime minister from the Mubarak regime tipped to win.**