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Author: Muhammad Anz, Abd al-Jawwad Ali and others

Elections Updates in al-Ahram



Preliminary results show that the Muslim Brotherhood's and Salafists' candidates won 81% of the seats.

Al-Ahram also reported on the low turnout at polling stations.

The law turnout allegedly opened the door to bribes on the second day of the runoffs. Naji al-Jirjawi reported on a fierce "violation race" between the Muslim Brotherhood and the Egyptian Bloc.

The same heated race between the Muslim Brotherhood and the Egyptian Bloc was also reported in Qasr al-Nil district.

Al-Ahram reported on statements of the head of the High Elections Commission in which he asserted that no rigging was detected.

Muhammad Hijab reported on the use of national and religious songs to urge voters to participate.

Members of SCAF said the Armed Forces prevented campaigning in front of polling stations.



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Authors: Essam Abd El-Kereem, Mohamed El-Agroudy

Ganzouri's Government Today



The new Cabinet is expected to be sworn in today before the Head of the Military Council, Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, said Prime Minister Kamal El-Ganzouri. Ganzoury called his government "Revolution Rescue Government."

He announced his government will not include young-aged ministers. However, 6 or 7 will be appointed as assistant ministers, all are Tahrir revolutionaries.

The new president will be elected by the end of June 2012 at the latest, he said.

He added that the new government's priority is to offer permanent contracts to 500,000 employees.

Ganzouri's government is the 90th in Egyptian history, 31st after the 1952 revolution and 3rd after the January's revolution.

The constitutional amendments will be issued within hours, giving Ganzouri broader authorities.

El-Masry El-Youm, pages 1, 16, 18+ Egyptian stock market is expected to bounce back after announcing the government. The primary index jumped 0.12% today

Recusal of Mubarak's Trial Judge

اليوم الحكم في دعوى رد قاضي مبارك

كتب . سميرة على عياد وعلى محمد على: تصدر اليوم محكمة استئناف القاهرة برئاسة المستشار فتح الله عكاشة حكماً في دعوى الرد المقامة من بعض المحامين المدعين بالحق المدني للمستشار أحمد رفعت . رئيس الدائرة . التي تنظر محاكمة الرئيس السابق مبارك وتجليه جمال وعلاء وحبيب العادلي وآ من قيادات الداخلية السابقين ورجل الأعمال الهارب حسين سالم في وقائع قتل المتظاهرين واستغلال النفوذ.

يذكر أن بعضاً من المحامين المدعين بالحق المدني من بينهم المحامي عبد العزيز عامر قد تقدموا بطلب

رد المستشار أحمد رفعت في شهر أكتوبر الماضي ويرر مقدم طلب الرد دعواه بعدم فصل المحكمة في القضية أن المستشار أحمد رفعت سبق وأن أصدر حكماً في عام ٢٠٠٥ في قضية كانت تضم عدداً من الموظفين بوزارة الطيران.

موضحاً أن شقيق رئيس المحكمة كان عضواً في لجنة التسعير بوزارة الطيران المدني.

وقد أثير الجدل حول المحامي مقدم طلب الرد خاصة بعد ماقررت نقابة المحامين شطبه وقدم المحامي طعناً على الشطب. كما حدث نوع من الخلاف بين المحامين المدعين بالحق المدني والذي رفض بعضهم طلب هذا المحامي معتبرين أن أسباب الرد غير قانونية.

أحمد رفعت



Today, the court of Appeals headed by Fathallah Okasha pronounces verdict over the recusal of Mubarak's trial judge, Ahmed Refaat.

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 Author: Sameh Lashin

Protesters Moving from Tahrir to Cabinet Sit-in



Fear from thugs, street vendors, and lack of security in general, has led many protesters to move their tents from Tahrir Square to join the sit-in in front of Cabinet headquarters.

Protesters continue their open-ended sit-in in front of the Cabinet headquarters, which lasted 22 days, to express their complete rejection of El-Ganzouri’s government and demand SCAF to hand over power to an actual revolutionary national rescue government.

Walid Safwat, political activist and a member of the ‘No Military Trials’ campaign, told Al-Ahram that many protesters joined the Cabinet headquarters sit-in because the area is safer than Tahrir Square now. He added that they will return when the square is safe again.

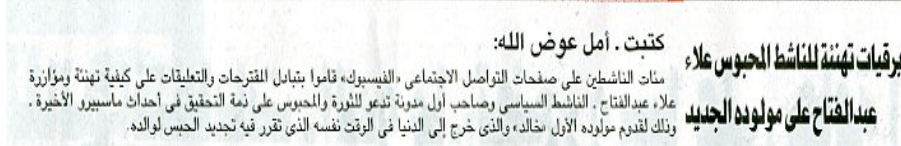
Protesters were still unable to take a clear decision to re-organize their Tahrir sit-in and allow return of traffic to the square.



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Author: Amal Awadallah

Khaled Alaa Abd El-Fattah



Alaa Abd El-Fattah, detained blogger, misses the birth of his first son who was born yesterday. He named him Khaled, after Khaled Said who ignited the Egyptian revolution.

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Authors: News Agencies

Israel Concerned Over Peace Treaty Future

إسرائيل تخشى من عواقب تولي الإسلاميين على اتفاقية السلام

القدس المحتلة ، لندن ، وكالات الأنباء: أكدت إسرائيل أنها تخشى من عواقب تولي الإسلاميين الحكم في مصر على اتفاقية السلام بين البلدين، وذلك بعد الفوز الكبير للتيار الإسلامي في الجولة الأولى من الانتخابات البرلمانية.

ونقلت صحيفة «جيزوراليم بوست» الإسرائيلية أمس عن إيهود باراك وزير الدفاع الإسرائيلي قوله إنه في الوقت الذي تحترم فيه إسرائيل الانتخابات في مصر والشرق الأوسط فإنها قلقة من صعود الإسلاميين ونأمل في أن تلتزم السلطات الجديدة المكونة منهم بالاتفاقيات الدولية.

وقال باراك، في تصريحات أمس الأول «نحن نرغب في احترام ما يحدث في مصر، ونم أن لا يمكننا القول أنني لست قلقا من ظاهرة صعود جماعة الإخوان المسلمون» في دول الشرق الأوسط، وأضاف أنه يأمل في أن يفهم الإخوان المسلمون أنه من مصلحتهم الدبلوماسية والاقتصادية الالتزام بالاتفاقيات الدولية، وحثهم على الميل ناحية المعتدلين بدلًا من الجماعات الأكثر تطرفًا.

ونقلت صحيفة «الإنديبنندنت» البريطانية أمس عن باراك وصفه للنتائج الأولية للانتخابات بأنها «مقلقة جدا جدا» وهي وجهة النظر التي تلقى هوى لدى العديد من الإسرائيليين.

News Agencies revealed there are growing concerns in Israel over the future of the Peace Treaty with Egypt if Islamists rise to power.



المصري اليوم
www.almasryalyom.com

Front page: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Author: Jumaah Hamad Allah and Hamad al-Sanhouri and others

Elections Updates in al-Masry al-Yom



“People Were Absent at the runoff Votes,” this was al-Masry al-Yom main remark on the runoff votes. On its front page, al-Masry al-Yom referred to preliminary runoff polls results, showing Islamists leading.

According to Preliminary results, the Muslim Brotherhood’s Freedom and Justice comes first followed by Salafist al-Nour.

Amongst the strong independent candidates were names like al-Badri Farghali, Muhammad Abd al-Alim Dawud, Mustafa al-Najjar and Tareq Talaat Mustafa.

Al-Masry al-Yom sheds light on a number of troubles that took place during the vote count in Hada’eq al-Qubbah and al-Zaytoun districts.

An old man died after voting in Kafr al-Shaykh.

Mahmoud Jawish reported on polling stations in Ain Shams and al-Matariyah districts where no voters at all showed up.

Basant Zain al-Din reported on a Financial Times’ special release about the West’s failure to understand the Egyptian reality. The press release also states that Salafists turned the Muslim Brotherhood from a nightmare to an iconic moderate Islamists.

Muhammad al-Sanhouri reported that 77 thousand expatriates voted in the runoff polls.



70 embassies have sent the runoff polls results.

Al-Yom al-Sabee reported on the final decisions to annul al-Sahel district elections results following an Administrative Court ruling.

Al-Masry al-Yom also reported clashes between advocates of the Freedom and Justice and those of al-Nour in Alexandria and Damietta.



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Author: Not mentioned

Supreme Guide: MB Not to Run for Presidency



Active users on Twitter and Facebook have shed light on statements by Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Guide Mohamed Badaea that the group will not field a candidate in the presidential elections.

Users argued that the MB will not field a candidate for presidency only because the post will be an honorary one, something the group is well aware of.

Clinton Urges Egyptian Islamists to Respect Democracy



Islamist parties that appeared to make significant inroads in Egypt's first round of parliamentary elections last week should "embrace democratic norms and rules" by creating a government that respects the full range of human rights, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

"Transitions require fair and inclusive elections, but they also demand that those who are elected embrace democratic norms and rules," Clinton said in a speech to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, meeting in Lithuania.



Page: 11
 Author: Fatma Abu-Shanab

Prosecution Summons Capturer of "Eye Sniper" Footage



The Kasr El-Nil Public Prosecution heard the testimony of Ahmed Mokhtar, the man who captured the "eye sniper" video on his cell phone and uploaded it on Facebook.

Mokhtar said he recorded the footage by coincidence as he was leaving his workplace in Mohamed Mahmoud Street, Downtown Cairo, to buy breakfast.

He denied having any connection with the eye sniper, Mohamed el-Shenawi. Mokhtar works for the One World Foundation.

Zewail Warns of “Hunger Revolution” in Egypt



Egyptian Physicist Ahmed Zewail warned of a looming hunger revolution in Egypt. Egypt will not advance unless it transcends to a scientific and a democratic nation, Nobel laureate Zewail told reporters at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington.

He shunned fears over the Islamist rise in parliament.

Repeated in Al-Dostour (page 4) and Al-Yom7 (page 3).



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Author: Muhammad al-Full, Jamal Salim and others

Elections Updates in al-Gomhouriya



Al-Gomhouriyah highlighted the low turnout at polling stations in the runoff votes that took place over the past two days in nine governorates: Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said, Damietta, Fayyoun, the Red Sea, Assyout and Luxor.

In spite of the low turnout, Jamal Salim of al-Gomhouriya reported on a remarkable women’s presence at the second constituency in Cairo during the runoff polls.

Ahmad Khamis reported that the Revolution Youth candidate filed a contestation to suspend the elections in the fifth constituency in Cairo.

Al-Said al-Shiti reported that on a race between the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafists to pull voters at the polling centers.

Issam al-Qalla reported that the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafists drove voters to polling stations in cars and microbuses in Kafr al-Shaykh.

Head of Yusuf al-Siddiq polling station in Fayyoun denied rumors about riots during the runoffs.

Al-Gomhouriyah reported on al-Wafd Party’s campaign for the second phase of the elections.

Al-Sayyid al-Badawi, head of al-Wafd Party accused Naguib Sawiris and the businessmen’s TV channels of tarnishing the party’s image.

The National Council for human Rights reported on 56 filed complaints on the second day of the runoff polls.

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Authors: Mohamed Fathallah, Osama Ali, Gihan Hassan

Ganzouri's Government



The new Government includes 12 incumbent ministers

Mohamed Kamel Amr as Foreign Minister.

Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour as Tourism Minister.

Abdallah Ghorab as Minister of Petroleum.

Mahmoud Eissa as Minister of Industry and Foreign Trade.

Hassan Younis as Electricity Minister.

Ali Sabri as Minister of Military Production.

Fayza Abu El-Naga as International Cooperation Minister.

Mohamed Salem as Telecommunications Minister.

Mohamed Abdel Fadil as Minister of Endowments.

Hesham Kandil as Irrigation Minister.

Gouda Abdel Khaleq as Minister of Supply and Internal Trade

Mohamed Fahti el-Baradei as Housing Minister.

El-Ganzouri met 15 nominees for ministerial portfolios yesterday:

Mumtazal-Saeed as Finance Minister.



Hussein Khaled, who is nominated for Ministry of Higher Education.

Gamal Al Arabi, for the Ministry of Education.

Shaker Abdel-Hamid, a potential candidate for the Culture Ministry.

Saad Nasser for the Ministry of Agriculture.

Ahmed Anis as Information Minister.

Mohamed Ibrahim Ali nominated for Ministry of Antiquities.

Nagwa Khalil, nominee for the Ministry of Social Insurance.

Ministry of Transportation Galal El-Said.

Foad El-Naway as Health Minister.

Hussein Masoud as Civil Aviation Minister.

Adel Abdel Hamid for the Ministry of Justice.

Fathy Fekry for the Ministry of Manpower and Immigration.

Nadia Zakhari, nominated for the Ministry of Scientific Research

Mostafa Hussein Kamel as Minister of Environmental Affairs.

The minister of Local Development will be announced two days after the line-up. Kadry Abu Hussein is nominated for the ministry.

The Minister of Interior will be announced during the line-up.

Discussions over the Advisory council are in place and a decree will be issued in this regard.

Repeated in Dostour page 1,3, 4+ Akhbar 3, 4, 5+ Tahrir 1, 2+ Shorouk 1,7 + Yom7 page 1



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Author: Not mentioned

Reweni Asks Shorouk Newspaper to Apologize



SCAF member Major General Hassan el-Reweni demanded that Al-Shorouk newspaper apologizes for publishing news that, according to him, were baseless and lead to confusion.

Reweni called on all mass media to adhere to professionalism and accuracy when covering any stories.

Court to Examine Lawsuit on Referring Mubarak to 'Impeachment Court'



The Administrative Court set the date of January 17 to examine five lawsuits calling for trying former president Hosni Mubarak, his wife Suzanne Thabet, former ministers and MPs before an impeachment court.

The lawsuits claim that those figures have long corrupted the political life in Egypt and undermined the country's interests.

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Author: Tareq Roshdi

Salafist: Would Accept Coptic President if Israel Accepts Muslim President



The Copts do not have the right to assume leading posts in Egypt, Vice Deputy of the Salafist Call Yaser Borhami said.

When Israel, the US or the UK agrees to have a Muslim president, Salafists will be OK with a Christian president, Borhami said.

In an interview with Al-Nahar satellite channel, Borhami said if Salafist reached power, they will transform banks into “Islamic” ones.

Tourism does not mean nudity and alcoholic drinks, he said.

Repeated in Al-Yom7 (page 3).



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Authors: Hoda Abu Bakr, Rana Mamdouh (and others)

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The Administrative Court’s decision to invalidate the elections results of Al-Sahel constituency led others to file similar contestations in constituencies in which violations occurred.

Elections operation rooms received over 100 contestations made against the High Elections Commission. All of them demand withholding the announcement of results of the first phase and invalidating elections results in the fifth, eighth, seventh and second constituencies in Cairo.

Senior Judge Abdel Moez Ibrahim, head of the HEC, said in a press conference yesterday, Tuesday that results of the runoffs of single-member constituencies will be announced tomorrow night. He said the HEC took the decision to repeat elections in Al-Sahel district on January 10-11. He confirmed that this will not alter the date set for holding the first session of the parliament, according to the Constitutional Declaration.

Human rights organizations and the National Council for Human Rights reported a decrease in the percentage of voters during the runoff stage. Violations were committed by supporters of party candidates, mostly by FJP supporters. They said that the FJP and Al-Nour Party failed to gather their supporters for the runoffs, despite of the fact that they were competing against each other in many constituencies.



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 Authors: Rabab Fares

Reweni: We Succeeded 70% in Securing Elections



The Armed Forces have succeeded 70% in securing the parliamentary elections, said SCAF member Major General Hassan el-Reweni.

Inspecting polling stations in Heliopolis, Reweni said that SCAF will hand over power on July 1 as affirmed by SCAF chief Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

Topic was covered in Al-Masry Al-Yom (page 3) and Al-Yom7 (page 3).

Court Says Cannot Allow Broadcast of Mubarak’s Trial



The Administrative Court ruled that it has no authority to lift the ban imposed on the broadcast of the trial of former president Hosni Mubarak.

The Court also explained that a decision to scatter the former regime officials, who are currently held in Tora Prison over several counts, to several prisons, falls outside its jurisdiction.

Topic was covered in Al-Shorouk, page 3.

Looted Companies Urge SCAF to Enforce Court Rulings



The “restitution of looted companies” campaign issued a statement, calling on SCAF to enforce court rulings on rescinding the contracts of privatized companies and returning their affiliation to the public sector.

The Administrative Court had recently issued a ruling to annul the privatization of the Arab Foreign Trade Company, which was sold for nugatory prices, said campaign spokesman Hisham Fouad.

As many as 125 public sector companies were privatized during the reign of Kamal el-Ganzouri, the man assigned now by SCAF to form a national rescue government, Fouad said.

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Authors: Yasmine El-Geyoushi and Mahmoud Badr

Tahrir Closed With No Revolutionaries



Hours before Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri, appointed prime minister, announces the formation of the new government, protesters announced that their sit-in in front of cabinet headquarters will continue. They reiterated their demands to have a real revolutionary government with full powers.

Protesters set up their tents blocking the entrance of the cabinet headquarters and wrote a sign on the building that reads: “Cabinet headquarters closed by revolutionaries until a revolutionary government is formed.”

Although Tahrir protesters agreed on the decision to re-open the square to allow traffic, street vendors rejected their call and insisted on keeping the square closed. Protesters confirmed that they are not to be blamed for the negative image that street vendors created in the square.

Following the January 25 revolution, Al-Azhar played a remarkable role in mediating between different political forces in the country. Al-Azhar’s attempts include discussions with politicians and revolutionaries which resulted in Al-Azhar constitutional document, and calling for a ceasefire during the Mohamed Mahmoud St. clashes. The most recent efforts made by Grand Imam Ahmed El-Tayyeb are bidding to mediate between Tahrir revolutionaries and the ruling SCAF to solve the current crisis.



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Authors: Mohamed Salem, Mohamed Foad (and others)

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The High Elections Commission announced that they will send lists of eligible citizens, who did not vote in parliamentary elections, to public prosecution to take legal measures against them.

“There were some drawbacks during the first phase of elections but they did not affect the integrity of the elections. There were a large number of complaints reporting violations such as campaigning outside polling stations, which consumed the efforts of the HEC. This is more like an “ethical” matter rather than a legal one,” said Head of the HEC Abdel Moez Ibrahim.

“There is no need to direct our criticism only to Islamists. Violations of the HEC rules were committed by all political parties, not only by the Freedom and Justice Party,” said Dr. Abdel Moneim Abu El-Fotouh, potential presidential candidate. “Violations did not affect the integrity of parliamentary elections,” he added.

Al-Sheoruk reporters asked people why they were not eager to vote during the runoffs. Reasons included: Higher Administrative Court’s decision that invalidated elections results in many constituencies, lack of organization, long queues, and violations made during the voting process.

Runoffs in Fayoum witnessed heated competition between the FJP and Al-Nour Salafi Party. FJP members in Fayoum issued a statement in which they accused supporters of Al-Nour candidate of violating the rules of the HEC, Al-Nour responded by reiterating the same violations against FJP members. Members of the two parties stood in front of polling stations, distributed posters and placed large banners to affect voters’ choice.



Arab tribes in Al-Minya governorate said they are going to start a new era to prevent tribal feuds from affecting elections and political life in general. Members of different tribes coordinated with security officials and formed popular committees to organize the flow of work in polling stations and prevent any violations made by candidates or parties.

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On its front page, al-Yom al-Sabee headlined: “Ballot boxes were Present and Voters Absent.” Al-Yom al-Sabee also reported on the head of high Elections Commission’s intention to drop out any candidate who uses religious slogans.

Al-Yom al-Sabee reported on the Freedom and Justice’s violations of campaigning in front of polling stations.

Officers of the Armed Forces removed a Freedom and Justice’s marquee in the seventh constituency in Cairo.

On its second page, al-Yom al-Sabee published two columns of photos contrasting the first phase of votes as a “public uprising,” with the low turnout at the runoff polls.

In the first phase column, the photos showed the queues in front of polling stations, the crowds inside, the thousands protesting in Tahrir Square and violations.

The Runoff photos showed polling stations almost empty, empty ballot boxes, dozens of protesters in Tahrir and violations being committed.

Violations in polls were the only common element between the two polls.

Al-Yom al-Sabee reported on withholding the results of Mahram Beik district in Alexandria until a final ruling in this response is issued by the Administrative Court.

The National Council for Human Rights reported on violations represented in pulling voters, bribes, riots and religious slogans and campaigns.



Al-Haqq Center for Democracy and Human Rights criticized the bad performance of the High Elections Commission and considered the low turnout in the runoffs to be a sign of the failure of the Muslim Brotherhood's and Salafists' political plans.

Al-Yom al-Sabee's focused on the low turnout and "empty" ballot boxes in Cairo.

It also reported on the demonstrations of dozens of employees in front of al-Sahel district protesting against annulling the results.

Fully veiled women (niqabis) were remarkably present in front of the polling centers in al-Jamaliyah and Munsha'at Nassir's districts.

The Armed forces warned of campaigning in front of polling stations in Dar al-Salam.

In Damietta, Salafis passed by coffee shops and urged people to go vote.

Muhammad Sulaiman reported that the Armed Forces intervened in Kafr al-Shaykh to stop clashes between advocates of the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice and those of Salafists' al-Nour.

Rabab la-Jali highlighted the absence of voters in Fayyoun.

Duha Salih, however, reported on Copts' abstention in Assyout.

Similarly, tribe of the Red Sea boycotted the runoffs.

Judge Wael al-Sharif, observer at a polling station in Ain Shams in the fifth constituency said the voting level was not more than 16%.

Justice and Citizenship Center for observing the runoffs asserted a collective vote in Qasr al-Jibali polling station in Fayyoun.

Advisory Council Announced Tomorrow



Tahani El-Gebali, judge and deputy head of Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court, stated that the Military Council plans to issue a decree regarding the advisory council on Thursday.

The final number of members has not been settled yet, she added, it will include between 25 and 35 members.

The advisory council's resolutions are nonbinding for SCAF. Its main priority is to assist legislative authorities reach final decisions.

Protesters Gather to Prevent El-Ganzouri's Cabinet from Entering Headquarters



Tens of protesters organized a march from the cabinet headquarters to Tahrir Square, carrying symbolic coffins of the revolution's martyrs covered with Egyptian flags.

The march headed to Kasr Al-Nil bridge and then to Talaat Harb Square. Protesters chanted slogans against SCAF, the Ministry of Interior and El-Ganzouri's government.



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Author: Usamah al-Said, Khalid Miri and others

Elections Updates in Akhbar



Like yesterday, al-Akhbar of today pointed out the low turnout at the runoff polls that were held over the past two days.

Low turnout was reported in Alexandria, Fayyoun, Assyout, the Red Sea, Kafr al-Shaykh, and Damietta, where the vote level did not exceed 50% of the total number of eligible voters. In Luxor, candidates went to people’s homes to take them to polling stations.

Usamah al-Said reported on the low turnout in Cairo’s sixth constituency. Al-Said reported that Qasr al-Nil witnessed violations like pulling voters and bribes.

The Azhar Grand Imam Ahmad al-Tayyib voted in the runoff polls in Heliopolis.

Head of the High Elections Commission (HEC), Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim said in a press conference that the age of neglecting court rulings was over with the end of the past regime. He added that the High Elections Commission executed the Administrative Court ruling and annulled the polls results in al-Sahel district, where the elections will be repeated on the 10th and 11th of January (runoffs will be on the 17th and 18th of the same month.)

As for the other two districts; Dayrout in Assyout and Muharram Beik in Alexandria, Ibrahim said the High Elections Commission will postpone a final decision awaiting a final Administrative Court ruling on the issue.

Ibrahim also said that the High Elections Commission was considering a draft law of political rights, following the example of that in India, so that HEC’s work becomes permanent.

Ibrahim denied the rumors that spread about the expatriates runoffs being held in nine countries only, asserting that the runoffs were held in 147 countries all over the world.

Ibrahim announced that the final results of the first phase of elections will be declared in an “International press conference on Thursday.”



The Administrative Court postponed the final ruling in the lawsuit filed to annul the final results of the first phase to December.

Lawyer Nabil Gabriel had filed a lawsuit to annul the elections because of including religion checks on the candidates' lists.

The Administrative Court in Qena rejected a lawsuit filed to annul the elections results of the individual seats.

Al-Akhbar also published the preliminary results of the runoff voting. According to the preliminary results, the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice won 31 seats, Salafist al-Nour won four, independent candidates won five, and five seats went for the Egyptian Bloc. Vote count continues.



TV Coverage (6/12/2011)



- 1- Program: Al Hayah Al Youm**
Genre: Talk Show
Channel: Al Hayah TV
Hosts: Lobna Asal

Guests:

Abdolmoneim Saeed, writer and political analyst and Former Board of Director of Al-Ahram Newspaper
Ayman Al-Sayad, Editor -in Chief of Weghet Nazar Magazine
Moataz Abdol-Fatah, Political science professor
Magdy Abdol-Hamid, Chairman of the Egyptian Society for the advancement of social participation
Maged Soror, Activist
Gamal Abdol-Hamid, Political analyst

The second day of the run-off witnessed:

Low voters' turnout.

MB and Salafis continue violating electoral campaigns.

Administrative Court decides that the Red Sea elections are valid.
Al-Ganzory said:

Youth assistants to the ministers of Health, Petroleum, Youth and Agriculture.

The new government to swear the constitutional oath tomorrow.

One of the main priorities of the new government is to offer 500 thousand employees permanent contracts.

A draft law with the authorities of the upcoming president will be issued today or tomorrow.

According to Al-Masry Al-Yom, reported the Cabinet announced that 12 ministers from the previous government weren't replaced in the new one.



Presidential candidate Selim Al-Awa criticizes the low voters' turnout.

Presidential candidate Mohamed Al-Baradei said the upcoming Parliament will not represent the people.

Presidential candidate Amr Moussa said we have to accept the winning party whoever it may be.

Presidential candidate Ayman Nour said:

The elections' first phase may be not rigged but the results are not fair.

HEC didn't monitor the financial violations in the electoral campaigns of the first phase.

All parties exceeded the financial limit for the electoral campaigns.

Second phase candidates are luckier than the first phase as they had more time for publicity.

Judge urges the voters in Fayoum to vote for MB candidates, and Al-Nour Party files a report against him.

Maged Sorour said: about 3000 videos on YouTube shows violations in the first phase of the elections.

Magdy Abol-Hamid said: a lot of violations from some parties like: FJP, Al-Nour, Wafd and Egyptian Bloc.

2. Program: Al Hayah Al A'an

Genre: News

Channel: Al Hayah TV

Host: Maha Bahnassi and Yasmin Saeed

Today is the second day of the runoffs.

HEC annuls Al-Sahel constituency results. Elections in this constituency will be re-conducted on 10 and 11 January 2012.

Major General Hassan Al-Roweny, SCAF member, said:

The trust between SCAF and the citizens didn't and will never be lost.



Egyptians turnout in the elections' first phase proves that they have political awareness.

Foreign Minister ordered establishing extra ballot stations in 9 consulates.

HEC Head said:

SCAF didn't reply to us regarding vote counting in the substations.

We implement all the judicial verdicts, unlike the previous ruling regime.

If any candidate violates the electoral rules or use religious mottos, I will appeal to the court in order to rule out this candidate from the elections.

I gave orders to send the names of the people who didn't vote to the Public Prosecution to take legal actions against them.

No rigging incidents were reported to me and I will not allow that.

According to Al-Ahram gate, Dr. Al-Ganzory said SCAF will amend the constitution in order to grant the prime ministers full powers.



Program: Misr Tantakheb

Genre: Talk Show

Channel: CBC

Host: Lamees Al Hadidi

Guests:

Salah Soliman, Coordinator of the National Campaign for Monitoring Elections

Al-Ganzory said:

The status of Egypt now doesn't make anyone happy and the new government is to rescue the revolution.

The government will discuss amending the pensions and mortgage taxes.

Few protestors in Tahrir Square and in front of Cabinet headquarters. Tents are being set up near Omar Makram Mosque.



Major General Al-Rweny said: investigations are being conducted with members of the April 6 movement in coordination with the assistant justice minister.

Stock Market is up again and gains EGP 2.1bn.

Moaz Abdol-Kerim, a member of the Youth Revolution Coalition, said Al-Ganzory's government is the same as the two previous ones; they were just following SCAF orders.

Run-off for the first phase of the elections ended.

Judges seal the ballot boxes and the Armed Forces secure them while transferring them to the counting committees.

Run-offs were between 100 candidates competing over 50 parliament seats.

Al-Ganzory: A decree to grant the prime minister the authorities of a president to be issued soon.

Over the phone, Mohamed Bayomy, Secretary of Karama Party, said: Karama party is against Al-Ganzory's appointment as Prime Minister as his visions do not reflect the revolution's goals.

Egyptian Embassies send run-off results of expatriates to the Foreign Ministry.

Voting of Egyptian Expatriates in the second phase extended till 12 December.

Al-Ganzory reviews with SCAF his final nominees for the new government.

Interior Ministry operations room: All ballot stations are secured.

Ministers from the previous regime are nominated to be part of Al-Ganzory's government.

Salah Soliman said that there were some bribery incidents.



1- Program: News All Day

Genre: News

Channels: Channel 1

Al-Ganzory said his main priority is to establish security and enhance the economy.

Tantawi meets Al-Ganzory to discuss the new government.

The first phase of the elections and its run-offs. Runoffs vote count has started.

2- Program: Sabah AL-Kheir Ya Masr

Genre: News

Channels: Channel 1

Wafd Newspaper: For the first time, former NDP members are not on TV during the elections

Al-Yom 7 Newspaper: 2 million phone calls inquire about elections.

Al-Masry Al-Yom Newspaper:

Employee submits his resume to Al-Ganzory to work as Minister of Manpower.
Disagreement between Tahrir protesters about opening the Square for traffic.

Al-Dostour Newspaper: Judge Al-Zend said a lot of verdicts of issued to invalidate the elections in some constituencies.

Al-Ahram Newspaper: Low voter turnout in the runoffs compared to the first round of voting.

Yasmin Islamboly, Head of a sub-station, said anyone proven to have violated electoral publicity rules will be imprisoned for 3 years and pay a fine.

Al-Ganzory said he will announce the members of the new government tomorrow.



Program: Yeseed Sabahak

Genre: Daily

Host: Dina Hegazy & Karim Awad Allah

SCAF decided to coordinate with HEC to count votes in the counting stations not in the sub-stations.

Today Egyptian expatriates started voting in the second phase of the elections.

3- Program: News All Day

Genre: News

Channels: Channel 2

Al-Ganzory promises to give priority to the files of revolution youth and the injured.

Foreign Ministry submits the results of vote counting to HEC.

Al-Ganzory said Social Insurance Law must be amended in order to achieve equity between the citizens.



Program: Tahrir (Talk Show)

Channel: Al-Yom

Host: Dina Abd El-Rahman

Guests:

Abdol-Geed Al-Owany, judges club vice president, the club's spokesman, and member of the club's operations room for the elections, said: Many obstacles faced the judges, the most critical of which was transferring ballot boxes to the main stations.

Judge Abdulla Fathy, vice president of the cassation court and member of the first secretary of judges club and member of the club's operations room for the elections, said:

Communications between HEC and judges were very organized.

We tried to call HEC members but their phones were turned off all the time.



العربية

Channel: Al Arabya News

Run-off of the first phase of elections to start on Monday.

Judges supervised the run-off round.

Various predictions appear on the figures of the new government.

13 ministers of the previous government will remain in the upcoming government.

3 slates for Islamic parties received 65% of the voters.

Cancelling the results in Al-Sahel constituency and its run-off as 90 ballot boxes was manipulated.

Head of Al-Nour Salafi Party said it is not expected that they forge an alliance with MB.

Mohamed Selim Al-Awa, Amr Moussa, presidential candidates, and Al-Badawy are members of the Advisory Council.

An opinion poll for The National Center for Social Research revealed that Amr Moussa is the most popular presidential candidate.

Employees in the field of tourism fear from Islamist parties assuming power in the country. The FJP confirmed that nothing will happen to the tourism sector and that some of its employees voted for the FJP.

El-Ganzouri continues his deliberations to form the new government.

El-Ganzouri delays taking his oath in front of SCAF until the formation of his new government is complete.

Liberal parties express their concern over some of the statements of Islamist parties' leaders.

The FJP wants a civilian state ruled by the Islamic law.

El-Ganzouri faces difficulties in choosing the new Minister of Interior.



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**Channel: MBC
News**

Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri, appointed prime minister, said he hopes the formation of the new government will be done before Wednesday. He said the position of the Ministry of Interior is the main reason behind the delay in forming the government.

Results of the first phase of parliamentary elections, which will not be announced yet, confirm the victory of Islamist parties over liberal ones.

The Muslim Brotherhood confirmed that they adopt a moderate perspective of Islam, pointing out the importance of distinguishing between them and Salafis.

“We should tolerate the strong performance of Islamists during the first phase of parliamentary elections because this is one of the manifestations of democracy,” said Amr Moussa, potential presidential candidate.

Emad Abd Al-Ghafour, head of Al-Nour Salafi Party, ruled out the possibility of forging an alliance with the Freedom and Justice Party. He said his party is ready to join a larger alliance in parliament after parliamentary elections are complete.



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Radio Coverage (6/12/2011)



HEC rejects the results of El-Sahel constituency and will conduct the elections again for this constituency in January.

Al-Ganzory finished the new government formation. The cabinet will be sworn in on Wednesday.

The Administrative Court examines today the lawsuit filed to invalidate Fayoum's second constituency elections.

Foreign Minister orders extra ballot stations in Egyptians consulates abroad.

SCAF to issue a statement that gives the interim PM full authorities, within hours.

Head of HEC ordered the names of those who did not vote to be sent to the public prosecution who will take any legal action against them.

Runoffs vote count has started.

Foreign Ministry sends expatriates' voting results to HEC.

HEC said that the elections were not rigged.

El-Ganzory said:

There are youth assistants to the ministers of Health, Petroleum, Youth and Sports, and Agriculture.

Offering 500,000 employees permanent job offers is one of the government priorities.

6th April announces the end of their sit-in in Tahrir Square.



News All Day
Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

Al-Ganzory said the revolution will succeed when the parliamentary elections end and a new president is elected in June 2012.

Administrative Court announces the validity of elections in the Red Sea.

Major General Al-Rweny said investigations are being conducted with April 6 movement members in coordination with the assistant justice minister.

Low voter turnout in the run-offs.

Interior Ministry operations room: All ballot stations are secured.

Al-Ganzory said the government will discuss amending the mortgage and pension taxes laws.



Programme:News Bar

Channel: Mega FM

Stock market is up again and gains EGP 2.1bn
HEC Head said 52% voted in the first phase of the elections.

The National Council for Human Rights said it has received 56 complaints in the run-offs.



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Internet Coverage (7/12/2011)



We are all khaled saeed

If you participated in the first phase of the elections and decided not to participate in the runoffs, think again. One third of the first phase seats enter runoffs. The upcoming parliament will draft our nation's constitution. The turnout is extremely poor, which means that your vote would make a difference.

Unprecedentedly in the modern Egyptian history: More than half the nation participated in elections, judges supervised the voting process, the Armed Forces were in charge of securing the ballot boxes, expatriates had the right to vote and we do not know the results in advance.

The Interior Minister's name will not be announced before the line-up.

Khaled Abd El-Fattah's son was born today. His father has not seen him yet.

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Kamal El-Ganzouri, appointed prime minister: I will not tolerate using violence with civilians, even verbally.

Egyptian Cabinet

Dr.Gamal Al-Ganzory holds a press conference on channel 1 of the state-run TV.

Interior Ministry operations room: All ballot stations are secured.



Monasosh

Evidence of Alaa Abdel Fattah's innocence. Any decent investigation authority would acquit him and prove that witnesses who testified against him were clearly lying:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtJdguwnSG8>

Alaa Abdel Fattah's son was born yesterday while his father is wrongly imprisoned.



Iyad ElBaghdadi

You can't expect the world to take you seriously when you apply a different moral standard to yourself than to your enemies.

Some Arab governments try to deny that we have an anti-Semitism problem through word play. "We're Semites too."

Large blasts at Shiite mosques in Afghanistan. Taliban denied responsibility and denounced the attacks. So, who's behind this, then?

The economic potential of the Arab Spring will be unlocked when investment capital meets entrepreneurs in new Arab Spring countries.

The Arab Spring is a zillion huge business opportunities for the prepared.

Gsquare86

The revolution is continuing and will succeed. We will prosecute those SCAF bastards for their crimes! Free Alaa Abdel Fattah!

SCAF is building a personal grudge with every Egyptian. I hate them every day but today I hate them more for not setting Alaa Abdel Fattah free.

Wael Abbas

State Security apparatus claimed that I converted to Christianity. They also said I was gay or that I had a criminal record, but they never accused me of getting paid to spread certain ideas.

I cannot believe that I compromised my safety and my family's for all those years struggling against tyranny and people come to accuse me now of working outside or getting paid by foreign countries.

Arabist

Alexandria votes for its Islamist sons, with dangerously high expectations.



▪ Publication overview

❖ **Al-Ahram: Egyptian state-run official daily newspaper**

Founded in 1875, is the most widely circulating Egyptian [daily](#) newspaper, and the second oldest after al-Waqa'i`al-Masriya (English: The Egyptian Events, founded 1828). It is majority owned by the [Egyptian government](#).

❖ **Al-Akhbar: Egyptian state-owned semi-official daily newspaper**

It was founded in May [1952](#) as a part of [Akhbar El Yom](#).

❖ **Al-Gomhoria: Egyptian state-owned daily newspaper**

An influential state-owned [Egyptian Arabic language](#) daily [newspaper](#). It was established in 1954.

❖ **Al-Shorouk: Egyptian daily independent newspaper**

is a prominent Arabic newspaper published in Egypt^[1] and several other Arabic nations. It is a daily independent newspaper, covering mainly politics, militant affairs and sport.

❖ **Al-Masry al-Yom: Independent daily newspaper**

On 7 June 2004, it published its first edition. The paper initially circulated primarily amongst Cairo's intellectual elite, providing objective news coverage in the belief that good news would beat sensationalist reporting found in other Egyptian print media. After 3 years, it was challenging *Al-Ahram* for the status of being the national paper of record. Though

❖ **Tahrir: Daily independent newspaper**

❖ **Dostor: Daily independent newspaper**

❖ **Yom 7: Daily independent newspaper**



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