



News Coverage

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Newspapers (11/12/2011)



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Tahrir Square Opened to Traffic



Downtown Cairo's Tahrir Square was opened to traffic Saturday after it was blocked for 20 days by a sit-in.

The square was opened following negotiations between the Interior Ministry and protesters, Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Youssef told Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri in a meeting.

Meanwhile, part of the protesters decided to move the sit-in to the Cabinet premises to object to the government of Ganzouri.

The protesters removed metal barriers blocking the square's entrances. However, Mohamed Mahmoud Street leading to the Interior Ministry HQ was still closed by a heavy security presence.

Repeated in Al-Akhbar (page 1), Al-Gomhoria (page 4), Al-Tahrir (page 2), Al-Masry Al-Yom (3 and 15), Al-Dostour (page 16), Al-Shorouk (page 1) and Al-Yom7 (page 5).



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Obama Administration Refuses to Restrict Aid to Egypt



The US has confidence that SCAF will commit to transferring power a to civilian authority in line with the SCAF set timeline, US State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said.

Asked about a US Congress bill that may impose conditions on foreign aid given to Egypt, Nuland said: “Our position on this has not changed. We do not think that conditionality will be helpful. We think there will be a backlash from exactly those people we’re trying to help, which are those Egyptian citizens who are seeking a democratic future.”

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Author: Hossam el-Gedawi

Court Allows Imprisoned Activist to Vote



The Administrative Court at the State Council allowed activist Alaa Abdel-Fatah, who is imprisoned over criminal and military charges, to cast his vote in the second phase of the parliamentary elections.

Abdel-Fatah is held in custody pending investigations over his role in the October 9 incidents, known as Maspero clashes, which left dozens dead and injured.

He is accused of sabotage and using violence against Armed Force personnel.



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Author: Shadi Abdullah Zalta

Egyptians Spam Obama Facebook Page



More than 35,000 Egyptian users visited US President Barack Obama's Facebook page and spammed it with thousand of satirical comments.

More than 50,000 sarcastic comments were posted on the page between Friday and Saturday.

The idea was adopted by a group of youth on Facebook under the title "The Egyptian movement to occupy Facebook pages."

Repeated in Al-Tahrir (page 1)



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Author: Ali Mohamed Ali

HEC: Females Assigned to Check Identity of Face-Veiled Voters



Chairman of the High Elections Commission Abdel-Moez Ibrahim met with heads of court of first instance of the nine governorates, where the second phase of the parliamentary elections will take place.

The meeting took up final preparations for the elections.

HEC will provide female members to check the identity of face-veiled voters, Ibrahim said.

About 18.8 people are eligible voters in the second phase of the polls.



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45.8% of Egyptians Say Economic Situation Become Worse



About 45.8% of Egyptians believe the economic situation has become much worse than before, while 41.4% said it was “just worse”, according to a recent survey conducted by Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies.

Meanwhile, 27.7% of respondents said the political situation has improved.

About 79.5% said in December that Egypt was ready for democracy compared to 56.7% in November.

The survey also revealed that 12.3% of voters of the second phase of the parliamentary elections fear an Islamist dominance of votes in December against 14.9% in November.



SCAF Will Not Select Constituent Assembly Members



The Military Council recanted General Mokhtar El-Mulla’s statements that the cabinet and the Advisory Council must approve Constituent Assembly members. “Parliament members will elect Constituent Assembly members,” said General Mamdouh Shahin, SCAF member. He asserted that SCAF will have no hand in choosing the Assembly members.

The parliament represents the country’s legislative authority and the laws it drafts are binding, while SCAF consults the Advisory Council over laws that are referred to the cabinet and the parliament afterwards, he added.

FJP issued a statement yesterday in which it said they are ready to rejoin the Advisory Council, if SCAF declares that the Council will not interfere in the parliament’s powers.

Al-Nour party might withdraw from the Advisory Council if it is going to interfere in the formation of the Constituent Assembly, said Nader Bakkar the party’s spokesman.

El-Mulla’s statements, according to New York Times, revealed the Junta’s intention to take control of the new constitution.



Presidential hopeful, Mohamed Selim El-Awa, rules out the possibility of a clash between the MB and SCAF.

Tahrir page 1+ US Defense Ministry spokesperson Victoria Nuland said she expects the leadership in Egypt to establish a democracy, as the Egyptian people expect it to do. She added that the US seeks a peaceful and democratic transfer of power as soon as possible.

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Interior Minister Denies Responsibility for Refugees Killing In 2005



Mohamed Ibrahim, Interior Minister, agreed with PM Kamal El-Ganzouri not to use police forces in dispersing sit-ins.

He issued orders to his men to be firmer in confronting thuggery. He stated in a press conference yesterday that even if policemen are chasing a suspect, he is to be apprehended without using firing weapons, adding, "Gun shots will only be used for legitimate self-defense."

He said that restoring security to the streets is the ministry's current mission.

The ministry plans on avoiding the mistakes of the first phase of the elections in its plan to secure the second and third election phases.

Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Youssef has alleged that he was not responsible for killing over 26 Sudanese refugees who staged a sit-in close to UNHCR's Cairo office.

Mohamed Youssef, a former Giza Security directorate, is accused by human rights activists of giving orders to clear the garden from the protesting refugees on the evening of 30 December 2005. He said that he did not violate the law in dispersing the sit-in.



The violent crackdown on 3000 Sudanese, who had been camped there for two months, lead to dozens being killed.

More than 2000 of the refugees were detained and 645 were deported.

Tahrir page 1,2 + The Interior Minister said that he has a plan for ending the sit-in in front of the ministerial cabinet headquarters.

3000 police men tendered their resignations but after the minister threatened to accept them, 2720 withdrew them.

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Author: Adel El-Dargaly, Mohsen Semeeka, Sara nor El-Din, Alaa Sarhan

Advisory Council Chooses Chairman Today



The Advisory Council is meeting today to discuss the draft law on electing the president, the criteria for choosing the Constituent Assembly and to elect the chairman and deputies. The deputy chairman will be a liaison between the council and SCAF.

The most prominent candidate for the chairman position is Abd El-Aziz Hegazy, former prime minister.

Wasat Party threatened to withdraw from the Council if its recommendations were not adopted by SCAF.

Repeated in Dostour page 3+ Mohamed el-Beltagy, a high-ranking Brotherhood member and FJP candidate, said the military was trying to control the formation of the constituent assembly. SCAF is trying to form a parallel parliament while it should respect the voters' choice, he added.

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Author: Mohamed Al Sanhory and others

Elections Updates



Al-Masry al-Yom highlighted updates on the second phase of the elections.

A candidate's nephew was kidnapped in Beni Swef, seven were injured in al-Sharqiyah and five others in a demonstration in Sohag.

The High Elections Commission, however, has denied what was rumored about increasing the number of polling stations.

Tantawi Meets John Kerry and U.S. Delegation



A delegation from the U.S. Congress met the Head of SCAF, Mohamed Hussein Tantawi. Tantawi and John Kerry discussed the regional developments and the mutual relations between the two countries and how to enhance them.

The American delegation praised the success of the first phase of the Egyptian parliamentary elections and regarded it as the first step towards a democratic transition.

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John Kerry Visits FJP and Prime Minister to Discuss Democratic Transition



John Kerry, Chairman of the U.S. Congress Foreign Relations Committee, visited PM Kamal El-Ganzouri to discuss the future of the Egyptian-US relationship.

He also met Mohamed Morsi, Chairman of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) together with and Anne Patterson, U.S. Ambassador in Cairo.

John Kerry stated that he was not surprised at the progress and leading position of the FJP on the electoral landscape in Egypt, emphasizing his respect for the public will in Egypt.

Dr. Morsi said the party is unlikely to make radical changes in the Constitution.

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Authors: Moataz el-Hadidi & Nada Hassan

Egyptian Center: Next Parliament is Women-Free



A total number of 376 female candidates have competed in the first phase of the parliamentary elections, said the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR).

Women are unlikely to garner seats in the parliament, the ECWR said.

The Modern Egypt Party had the highest number of female candidates (29.8%), followed by the Egyptian Democratic Party (21%), Al-Wasat (20.7%), Tahrer Party (20%), Democratic Front Party (15.7%), Al-Ghad Party (15.4%), Al-Wafd Party (15.2%), Nasserist Party (11.6%), Al-Nour Party (9.8%) and Al-Tagammu Party (6.2%).

Mubarak's Frozen Assets



International Lawyer Khaled Abu Bakr told Dostour that restoring smuggled assets money is next to impossible. He stated that the Head of the Judicial Committee for Reclaiming Smuggled Money Essam El-Gohary forgot to take important actions like listing businessman Hussein Salem with those who smuggled money.

The Swiss public prosecutor announced that he froze Mubarak assets 7 months ago. He has started negotiating with the Egyptian side to restore Mubaraks money but that does not money any action will be taken soon.

Activists Calls for Revoking Elections over “Sectarianism”



Political activist Shahenda Moqald called for unifying efforts to file challenges to revoke the first phase of the parliamentary elections.

Islamist groups have turned the polls into a sectarian event, Moqald said in a conference organized by the Copts United Organization.

The Muslim Brotherhood and Salafists have abused religion in the elections, the organization’s chairman Ezzat Boulas said.



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Author: Radwa Hashem and Mohamed Faisal

Foreign Ministry: Expat Voter Turnout in 2nd Phase Higher Than 1st



The voter turnout among Egyptian expatriates in the second phase of the parliamentary elections was higher than the first, Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr said.

About 64% of Egyptians abroad have downloaded and printed ballot forms from the website of the High Elections Commission in the second phase, Amr said.

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Author: Mohamed Bekhat

Parliamentary Candidate Dies in Car Crash in Matrouh



A parliamentary candidate was killed when his car overturned on the Salloum-Matrouh Highway Road.

Abd-Rabbu Omar Abdel-Hamid, a former deputy at the People's Assembly, died when his car veered off the road.

A security team was sent to the scene to uncover the reasons behind the accident.



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Authors: Hasan Ghunaimah, Yusri Muhmmad and others

Elections Updates in al-Tahrir



In al-Tahrir’s reporting on the second phase of the elections, Ismail al-Wasimi reported on the big number of candidates who are former NDP members.

The “Imsik Fulul” movement [a post revolution movement against former NDPs] are active in Giza. Members of the movement are distributing leaflets with the names of the former NDPs asking people not to vote for them.

Muhammad Tareq and Asma’ Fathi reported how some sheiks in mosques are calling people to vote for certain candidates.

Rabab Fares reported on demonstrations of children and fully veiled women (niqabis) in al-Imraniyah in Giza as part of the Islamists’ campaigns.

Secretary General of Salafist al-Nour Party in Giza Hicham Abu al-Nasr called on people to vote for Salafists because their priorities were to preserve God’s Law while the other parties have other priorities.

Ruba Nour al-Din reported on heated race in the third constituency in Giza. The slates race is mainly between al-Wasat Party and the Continuing Revolution Party.

The Continuing Revolution did not approve the list of candidates issued by the Egyptian Bloc as a mechanism to unite the civil and liberal power to face the Islamists.



Muhammad Ghunaim, who is responsible for the executive committee in the Egyptian Block, said that the bloc gave up 14 of its candidates to support other liberal candidates in other constituencies.

Karim al-Dasiti reported that the police officers in Daqahliya threatened to boycott the elections in the second and third phases as a protest against the little sum of money they received in the first phase. Protesters want to have a pay like judges.

In Suez the electoral campaigns depend on demonstrations and orators in mosques are telling people that liberals are heathen.

Many conferences are being held in the electoral campaigns in Beni Swef.

In Ismailiya 12 women candidates are competing with 153 men candidates in the single vote constituencies.

In al-Buhairah, the electoral conferences are being held.

Islamists are distributing alimentary elements in al-Buhairah.

A candidate has reported said that had Islamists distributed the food like that before the January 25 Revolution, the revolution wouldn't have broken up.

Vice President of al-Wasat Party criticized Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim as the only and sole negative element in the first phase.



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Authors: Mohamed Salem, Mohamed Al-Sersawi (and others)

Elections Updates



Head of the High Elections Commission Abd Al-Moez Ibrahim held a meeting with heads of elementary courts in the 9 governorates that will be covered during the second phase of elections. The meeting discussed final arrangements taken, in coordination with executive authorities, to organize the electoral process.

The number of judges supervising the elections is expected to increase during the second phase, in addition to the increase in the numbers of the administrative staff who are responsible for organizing voters and guiding them in polling stations.

Ibrahim confirmed that the drawbacks, which occurred during the first phase of elections, will not happen again. "Ballot papers will be handed to judges a day before the elections in order to avoid any delays," said Ibrahim.

13 party lists compete for 10 seats in the northern Giza district. The district includes key areas such as Imbaba, Agouza, Dokki, Ahram, 6th of October, Sheikh Zayed, Monsha'it Al-Qanater, Bahariya oasis, Al-Warra', and Kerdasa.

There was an exchange of accusation and criticism between candidates of the Freedom and Justice Party, Al-Nour Salafi Party and Egypt National Party which emerged from the dissolved National Democratic Party.

Ragab Rawash, Egypt National Party's candidate in northern Giza district, criticized methods used by the FJP. He said his party depends on tribal relations and has some of the most important tribal figures in the areas of Oasem, Nekla and Kambra.



Mahmoud Amer, FJP candidate in the Giza district, said those who accuse members of the Muslim Brotherhood of buying votes are “losers.” “They failed to mobilize their supporters and organize themselves to gain votes and hence they direct their false accusations against us,” he added.

The Egyptian Bloc candidates held an electoral conference in Al-Jabiriya village in Al-Mahalla Al-Kobra. The Egyptian Bloc said they intend to keep Article 2 of the constitution, related to Islamic Shari’a, and that the economic program of the bloc carries many ambitious ideas that can improve Egypt’s economy.

In Qalyubia, there is a heated competition between parliamentary candidates of FJP, Al-Wafd Party and Al-Nour Salafi Party. Campaigns spread in different parts of the city and residential areas became full of conferences and banners of candidates.

Hatata Withdraws From the Presidential Race



Former chief of staff and presidential candidate Magdi Hatata announced his withdrawal from the presidential race.

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Author: Dana El-Hadidy- Hany Al-Houty- Enjy Abul Naga

Protestors Refuse to Break Sit-In



The statement issued by Prime Minister Kamal El-Ganzouri that the ministry is capable of ending the ministerial cabinet sit-in in less than 15 minutes enraged protesters.

Protestors believe he will never be able to do so without using security forces and violence.

Protestors staged a march for Ahmed Saleh's funeral, the latest Mohamed Mahmoud martyr.

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Author: Nasser Gouda- Mohamed El-Ebiary

El-Awa: No Clashes between MB and SCAF



Presidential hopeful, Mohamed Selim El-Awa, rules out the possibility of a clash between the MB and SCAF.

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 3 + In a conference held in Damanhour he said that the revolution is not on the right track. The Military Council should not play any political role, he added.

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 Author: Rami Nawar and others

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72 hours before the zero hour in the second phase of elections, five people were injured in Sohag after and attack against a pro-Muslim Brotherhood’s Freedom and Justice demonstration.

Fierce competition is reported between liberals and Islamists.

Salafist sheik and preacher Muhammad Hassan has announced his rejections of using his name or photos in the electoral campaigns. However, Islamists are still using the popularity of the sheik to support their campaigns.

Al-Yom al-Sabee interviewed Judge Mahmoud al-Khudairi, vice president of the Cassation Court and an elected member of the People’s Assembly.

Al-Khudairi said that Islamists were welcomed in the Parliament as far as they represent people’s will. He also believes that they should take their chance and if they fail the people will not vote for them again.

He also believes that judges who are proved to be involved in rigging should be tried.

Al-Khudairi also stated that he did not mind a Coptic or female president in Egypt.

Dr. Yusri Hammad, spokesman of al-Nour said that al-Nour Party wouldn’t harm people’s sources of living, in reference to what was rumored about Salafists’ intentions to harm the tourism industry.

Hammad said that Egypt was one of the three worst countries in tourism and that tourists who came to Egypt never repeated their visit.

He also said that his party was not against women work.



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Authors: Khaled Meri, Mohamed Hamdi (and others)

Elections Updates



Senior Judge Abdel Moez Ibrahim confirmed that the period allocated for campaigns of the second phase of parliamentary elections will come to an end today. All parties and candidates should suspend their campaigns for two days prior to elections date.

The second phase of parliamentary elections will be held in the following 9 governorates; Giza, Al-Sharqiya, Al-Beheira, Al-Menoufiya, Isma'iliya, Suez, Aswan, Sohaq, and Bani Suef to elect 180 deputies; 120 of them through party lists and 60 for single-member constituencies.

Senior Judge Abdel Moez Ibrahim, head of the HEC, confirmed that the commission will immediately investigate any incidents reported on the use of religious or sectarian slogans. Candidates responsible for using such slogans will be annulled. "We agreed with SCAF to take decisive measures to prevent campaigning in front of polling stations and refer any candidate who does this to the public prosecution," said Ibrahim.

HEC sent a letter to the administrative staff of the parliament with the names of 48 new deputies who won seats in single-member constituencies to issue their membership permits.

Members of Islamist parties, who won seats during the first phase of elections, said they plan on discussing legislations related to social issues and will exert efforts to restore security in the country. Deputy Osama Yehia said his first task would be to focus on the purge the Ministry of Interior of corrupt police officers and other officials involved in torturing or killing Egyptians.



Essam Sultan, deputy head of Al-Wasat Party, said the results of the first phase of parliamentary elections are misleading and they do not reflect the general orientation of Egyptians. He mentioned that the first phase saw large attempts to influence voters by using religion or money.

Dr. Amr Al-Shobaki, independent candidate, confirmed the integrity of the first phase of elections. He said the main reason behind Islamists winning the majority of votes is the effectiveness of their organization and influence. "I wished Gamila Isma'il had won the seat in the Kasr Al-Nil district," Al-Shobaki said.

Higher Administrative Court issued its decision to allow people held in custody on remand to practice their right to vote in elections. The decision grants Alaa Abdel Fattah, political activist and blogger, the right to vote in elections as he is held in prison pending investigation in the charges he is facing over the Maspero events.



TV Coverage (10/12/2011)



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

Tahrir Square is opened for cars to pass through, for the first time since Mohamed Mahmoud Street incidents.

Minister of Interior:

Discusses securing the elections with the Directors of Security in the governorates of second phase of the elections.

Stresses on the necessity of the cooperation of people with the police forces in order to end the state of security chaos and several campaigns are now conducted to arrest criminals.

HEC discusses with the judges the final preparations for the second phase of the elections.

Women in the administrative staff of the ballot stations to check the identity of niqabi voters.

HEC said that 18.8 citizens are eligible to vote in the second phase of the elections.

Al-Ganzory forms 4 ministerial committees to discuss important cases and suggest solutions for them.

The Advisory Council to hold its first meeting tomorrow to discuss choosing The Council's Head, 2 deputies and the Secretariat.

Mounir Fakhry Abdol Nour, Minister of Tourism takes part in the march of the tourism sector employees under the symbol "Our money to support tourism"



2. Program: Al Hayah Al A'an

Genre: News

Channel: Al Hayah TV

Host: Maha Bahnassi and Yasmin Saeed

Guests:

Nadia Zakhary, Ministry of Scientific Research.

Mohamed Reda Ismail, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation.

Ministry of Interior said they will not use violence to end the Tahrir or Cabinet sit-ins and emergency law will not be used against politicians and Intellectuals.

Mysterious MB situation regarding the advisory council.



Program: Misr Al Gadedda (Talk Show)

Channel: Al-Hayat 2

Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash

Bishop Yohana Kolna, Associate of the Coptic Catholic Patriarch said:

Whenever religious rituals increase, crime increases.

Religious movements lead now and the political parties disappeared.

The citizens are emotional and religion touches them the most.

Copts think of immigration from Egypt after the Islamic movements hit the polls.

If Islamic parties win we will not go to the United Nations, we will seek Al-Azhar's help

MB is flexible in the way they deal with us.

I voted for a Muslim candidate in the elections.

Elections which are based on religion are disastrous.

Repression is the reason why religion is used as publicity in the elections.

Nader Baker, Al-Nour Party Spokesman said:

Salafis youth secured the church last January.

The Jizya "tribute" will not be implemented.



Program: Misr Tantakheb
Genre: Talk Show
Channel: CBC
Host: Khairy Ramadan

Guests:

Dr. Samer Soliman, AUC Economics Professor

Negad Al-Boraey, Activist

Dr. Mohamed Saeed, Al-Nour Party Spokesman

Al-Ganzory said the Cabinet meeting to be held within the next couple of days but he didn't mention where the meeting will be held.

Minister of Interior said:

Talks with Cabinet protestors will be held soon.

We will spread security in the upcoming period for the sake of the citizens.

John Kerry said:

Egyptians have the right to choose civilian leaders through fair elections.

We weren't surprised with FJP hitting the polls

Kerry met Mohamed Morsy, FJP Head.

Kerry and Mosry discussed the party vision for the current economic crisis and the situation from the international conventions and treaties that Egypt signed.

Morsy said that we need to amend presidential authorities.

Dr. Samer Soliman said, Al-Ganzory's government has the same issues of the previous one.

Dr. Khaled Al-Manawy, General Union of Chambers of Tourism Spokesman said, there are three issues which are security, stand-ins and our issues with the government as they don't give them any facilities.

Cabinet Information Center said, 64% expatriate Egyptians received ballot papers.



Expatriate Egyptians continue voting in the second phase of the elections.

“The Revolution is On “Coalition withdraws from the Egyptian Bloc due to failing in coordination of individual seats between them.

“The Revolution is On “Coalition said that the above decision was because The Bloc’s list included former NDP members.

Vice MB Leader said, the Parliament is the only party who can legislate a new constitution.

Amr Hamzawy said, the advisory council tricked the elections fund.

Presidential candidate Al-Awa said, the advisory council role is to help SCAF in ruling the country.

5 people injured due to gun shots during FJP march in Sohag.

General Magdy Hatata withdraws from presidential elections.

Al-Boraey said, a lot of positive points happened in the first phase of the elections.

Al-Nour Spokesman said, we protect the citizens’ freewill as long as it doesn’t contradict with the Islamic Shareia.



1- Program: News All Day

Genre: News

Channels: Channel 1

Al-Ganzory holds meeting to develop the economic and security current status.

Field Marshal Tantawi meets with Senator John Kerry to discuss the current situation.

John Kerry vowed to accelerate the US financial aids to Egypt.

Al-Awa said, the advisory council will not interfere in the Parliament authorities.



2- Program: Sabah AL-Kheir Ya Masr

Genre: News

Channels: Channel 1

MB said no clashes with SCAF and no alliance with Salafis.

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Program: News All Day

Genre: News

Channels: Al Arabya

Salafis are the elections surprise and they are the newest political party in Egypt.

SCAF said, the parliament will not represent all the Egyptians and will not supervise the legislation of the constitution.

MB withdraws from the advisory council refusing the above SCAF statement.

Bassam Al-Zarka, A member of Al-Nour Higher Board said:

This is the beginning of a disagreement between MB and SCAF.

Salafis are different in their ideologies, some are strict, and some are preachers and professors.

Salafi fatwa prohibits the television as it shows bad things.

Emad Gad, member of Social and Democratic Egyptian Party and Expert in Al-Ahram Center for Strategic and Political Studies, said:

Salafis platforms didn't tackle the citizenship issue.

Human rights have been tackled only in the medical care part.

Hany Nasera, Strategic and Political Expert said, democracy is an essential concept that we must accept its results.

The new government swears the constitutional oath in front of Field Marshal Tantawi and Al-Ganzory assigns Ministry of Interior to Major Mohamed Ibrahim.

SCAF gives Al-Ganzory full authorities except in judicial and military issues.



Protestors resume Cabinet sit-in refusing Al-Ganzory's government and demanding SCAF to hand over power.

Islamic Parties hit the polls in the first stage of the elections.

Strange Salafis fatwa regarding the political future in Egypt.

Democracy in Salafis platform was tackled and linked with the Islamic Shareia.

A Leader in Al-Nour Party said, it is not approved that they can withdraw for the sake of MB.

A Salafi preacher accuses parties of tearing apart the Egyptian society.

Salafis are in Egypt for almost a decade and they are targeting to live like how our ancestors lived.

Salafis said that they accept Copts and women to be members of the upcoming government.



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Radio Coverage (10/12/2011)



News All Day

Channel: Radio Masr

Expatriate Egyptians are voting in the second phase of the elections.
Cars pass through Tahrir Square for the first time after 20 days.

HEC finishes preparations for the second phase of the elections.

Minister of Interior said that they will be able to end the security chaos soon.

Field Marshal Tantawi meets with Senator John Kerry to discuss the current situation.

Minister of Interior stresses on the necessity of the cooperation of people with the police forces in order to end the state of security chaos and several campaigns are now conducted to arrest criminals.

The Advisory Council to hold its first meeting tomorrow to discuss choosing The Council's Head, 2 deputies and the Secretariat.



News All Day

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

Egyptian Human Rights Organization welcomed forming the advisory council.

Senator John Kerry discussed with Al-Ganzory the ways of US-Egyptian economic cooperation.

Al-Awa said, Advisory Council helps SCAF in ruling the country.

News All Day

Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am

Cabinet Information Center said, 64% expatriate Egyptians received ballot papers from HEC website.



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Internet Coverage (11/12/2011)



We are all khaled saeed

Dr. Ali El-Selmi, former deputy prime minister: Articles 9 and 10 to what was later called El-Selmi's document were not added by me or any other political force. It was The Military council's vision. These articles state that the army has constitutional legitimacy, its budget is protected by a secrecy clause.

According to the latest surveys conducted by Gallup center: 90% of the Egyptians plan on participating in the upcoming presidential elections.

The total vote count for the 8 parties formed by former NDP members did not exceed 7.16%. Most of them will not have any parliamentary seats.

A 360-degree picture for Tahrir square during the million-man demonstration that took place on November 22nd.

http://www.360cities.net/image/tahrir-square-22nov?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=link_preview_gadget&utm_campaign=clickback#-55.03,41.93,86.8

The tourism minister: In 2011, 10.5 million tourists visited Egypt during the revolution year, which is only a 25% drop from last year. If those official numbers are real then all statements spread by the media about how tourism sector faced devastating losses are exaggerations.

Egyptian Cabinet

HEC Head said that they finished preparations for the second phase of the elections which will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday in the following governorates:

Giza

Beni Sweif

Sharkeya



Ismailia

Suez

Aswan

Sohag

Beheira

He also said that there will be an increase in the number of administrative staff members and judges in order to speed up the voting process.



Arabawy

Fatwas for Imperialism:

Sheikh Youssef el-Qaradawi who supported the Bahraini dictatorship crackdown on pro-democracy protesters, since they were god forbid SHIITES, and supported NATO's intervention in Libya, has now issued a fatwa in favor of Syrians asking for NATO's intervention.

VIDEO : Graffiti in Dokki

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=QPYk1Sk-zhA

Israeli Ambassador to Arrive to Cairo Monday:

The new Israeli ambassador is arriving in Cairo on Monday. I wish him a pleasant stay, just as pleasant as his predecessor's. And we'll be storming your embassy soon again till you get the message: YOU ARE NOT WELCOME IN EGYPT.

VIDEO - Defying the Army's Sexual Abuse. The video is about Samira Ibrahim who revealed that she has gone through virginity tests by the army.

<http://vimeo.com/33442862>

Courting Washington



http://www.arabawy.org/wp-content/uploads//2011/12/383122_324160937612562_100000559751402_1211105_761500796_n.jpg

The MBs, our future liberators of Jerusalem, with Jon Kerry in Cairo.



Twitter

AsmaaMahfouz

Martyr Ahmed Saleh died today at the Kasr Al-Aini hospital. He was shot with live bullets by security forces during the clashes in Mohamed Mahmoud St.

We are starting a campaign titled “Glory to the Martyrs” to document the backgrounds and details of all our martyrs.

We say goodbye to a new martyr every day and the regime is increasingly becoming authoritarian.

Monasosh

Do people realize that the Maspero case is not only about Alaa Abdel Fattah? There are 30 protesters held in prisons pending trials.

The military court will consider the appeal of Amr Al-Beheiri; one of the revolutionaries who is imprisoned since February 25. I can never forget the way Amr looked when army soldiers captured him. He was completely helpless.

Tomorrow is the day for blogging about political activist and blogger Maikel Nabil Sanad. Maikal was tried by a military court and has been in prison for the past 6 months.

The revolution has taught me not to accept any compromises.

Ghonim

“After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.”
Nelson Mandela

Iyad_ElBaghdadi

I have a feeling that Libya needs a tribunal for Gaddafi-era figures. It’s better to take them to court before someone kills them extra-judicially.

Some people are just disgusted from religious discourse only because it is religious, while others reject rational discourse only because it is not religious.

Respect to Moscow, this is one impressive turn-up. Birdseye view of #Болотной here:



Arabist

New on Arabist: 360 panorama of Tahrir, 22.11.2011 <http://arb.st/tocc5C>

New on Arabist: Are there rebels in the Egyptian military? <http://arb.st/uO8xXT>



▪ 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 U 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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