



# News Coverage

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Author: Muhammad Anz

### Al-Nour Calls Cooperation with Freedom and Justice



Liberal parties coordinated to support 51 candidates in the second phase of the elections.

On its part, Dr. Yusri Hammad spokesman of the Salafist al-Nour called on Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice to collaborate with his party to face the new liberal alliance in the single vote constituencies.

Dr. Hammad called on leaders of the Freedom and Justice to respond to what he called "the streets' demands" (People demands) to unify Islamists' efforts to face the liberals.

On its part, Freedom and Justice's Candidate Amr al-Darraj, PhD said that such alliance was not possible nowadays.



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Author: Not mentioned

### Field Marshal Tantawi visits Tahrir Square



Field Marshal Husayn Tantawi, head of SCAF visited Tahrir Square without guards.

Tantawi's visit was to check the traffic flow downtown.

Similar news was reported in al-Akhbar, p. 3, al-Gomhouriya, p. 3, al-Masry al-Yom, p. 1, al-Dustour, p. 1, al-Shurouk, 1, al-Yom al-Sabee, p. 3.



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Authors: Samira Ali, Amr Al-Far (and others)

## Investigations of Mohamed Mahmoud Clashes Start within Days



Ali Ghalab and Ahmed Abd Al-Aziz, prosecutors investigating the clashes that took place in Mohamed Mahmoud St., ordered the casings of birdshot pellets to be sent to the criminal lab to compare them to the projectiles extracted from the bodies of the martyrs or the injured protesters.

They have decided that criminal investigations in the Mohamed Mahmoud clashes, which resulted in the injury of 1500 protesters, will begin within days.

Also, the case made against sniper policeman, Mahmoud Al-Shenawi, who aimed at protesters' eyes, was scheduled for a session on Saturday to renew the decision to remand him in custody.

Omar Afifi, retired policeman who is staying in the US, was accused by inciting protesters to use violence against security forces.



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Author: Husam al-Jidawi

## First Phase Polls Results Annulled in Alexandria's Third Constituency



The Supreme Administrative Court approved the Administrative Court ruling annulling the elections results in the third constituency in Alexandria. The third constituency includes the districts of Bab Shar, Muharram Bek, Karmouz, Ghirbal, al-Attarin, al-Gomrok and Manshiya. The runners up were Saber Abu al-Futouh and Mahmoud Atiyah of the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice.

On the other hand, the Supreme Administrative Court rejected the lawsuit filed by Salafist al-Nour Party. The court announced that the lawsuit was of Cassation Court's authorities and not the Supreme Administrative Court.





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 Author: Hani Al-Wazeiri

**MB Guide to Members: Be Modest and Remove Copts' Fears**



In a letter addressed to the Muslim Brotherhood members, General Guide Dr. Mohamed Badie said that the Constituent Assembly should represent all segments and trends of the society.

He said that a consensus should be made on the choice of the cabinet in order to create a balance between the three sides of the triangle; the president, the prime minister and the parliament.

Referring to the victory achieved by the FJP during the first phase of elections, he said “What happened is not a victory for a certain political group but this is the choice of people to every political party or coalition they have chosen to be in power.”

He called on all MB members to be modest and not to accept any compromises on the rights of the people. He encouraged them to remove the fears of Copts, which were created mainly by the former regime, and reach out to all the segments and groups of the Egyptian society.



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Authors: Hisham Allam, Mohamed Abd Al-Qader (and others)

### Elections Updates



A new report for the Information and Decision Support Center on parliamentary elections revealed that the number of eligible voters during the second phase of elections is 18.7 million who are expected to vote in 4589 polling stations.

The second phase of elections includes 9 governorates; Giza, Bani Suef, Al-Menoufia, Al-Sharqiya, Isma'ilia, Suez, Beheira, Sohag and Aswan.

The report also mentioned that there are 3387 candidates in single-member constituencies and on party lists, competing for 180 seats. Around 40 parties and coalitions are competing through 146 party lists.

Dr. Mahmoud Ramadan, executive director of the center, said the candidates of 7 parties and coalitions represent more than 50% of the party candidates of the second phase, and they are as follows: Freedom and Justice Party (148), Al-Wafd (118), Al-Nour (114), Reform and Development (105), Al-Wasat (79), Conservatives (62), Egyptian Citizen (61).

Dr. Ashour Al-Halawani, FJP secretary general in Al-Menoufia, said the performance of Egyptian media hasn't changed from the days of the Mubarak regime. "The Freedom and Justice Party declared that they respect the results of elections no matter what," Al-Halawani said. He added that the FJP assured all political forces that they do not want to monopolize power because the amount of problems caused by the former regime is beyond the capabilities of any party.

Al-Masry Al-Youm provided coverage for the 5 districts in Giza governorate. The said districts combine areas like 6 October , Bahariya oasis making one of the largest constituencies .



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Author: Mohamed Fathallah, Khaled Abd El-Eleem, Intessar El-Nemr

### El-Ganzouri: The Economic Situation Is Devastating



Kamal El-Ganzouri, appointed prime minister, stated that restoring security to the streets is the solution for all problems. He follows the security situation with the Interior Minister regularly.

The Economic situation is devastating as he described it. The petroleum sector is indebted to the banks with more than EGP61m which is the fault of the previous regime. The ministry of Interior pays EGP 2Bn a month for this sector.

The budget deficit has reached EGP 134Bn.

Ganzouri met with representatives for Tahrir revolutionaries and protestors in the ministerial cabinet sit-in, they included Alaa El-Aswany and Hamdy Kandil. They discussed

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 3 + Ganzouri said that the economic situation will only be solved by maintaining an austere monetary policy.

Ganzouri received Dr. Ahmed Zewail yesterday who talked about how to implement scientific research in the in the coming period.

Zewail stated that El-Ganzouri will adopt the project of Zewail City for Science and Technology.

Similar news was reported in Ahram page 1, 14+ Akhbar 3,4,10+ Tahrir page 3+ Masry Youm page 3,5+ Shorouk page 1,7 +Yom 7 page 1

## Presidential Hopeful Abu-Ismail: US Contact Huge Victory to Islamists



The contact made by US Senator John Kerry with the Muslim Brotherhood on Saturday underlines the Islamists strength, said presidential candidate Hazem Abu-Isma'il

Kerry, head of the US Senate foreign relations committee, visited the MB's Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) on Saturday, a few hours after meeting SCAF Chief Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

"The American administration's contact with Islamists is a sign of victory for us," Abou-Isma'il said.

"It also shows that the Americans know well the desires of the Egyptian people."

### Protesters Prevent PM from Exiting Ministry Premises



A protest staged outside the Planning Ministry premises, where Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri is attending his meetings, prevented him from exiting the building.

Workers of an oil company gathered outside the premises, seeking solutions for their problems.

Repeated in Al-Tahrir, page 2.



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Author: Ahmed Hassan Amer

## Court to Examine 200 Complaints to Nullify Elections in Cairo, Halt Them in Giza



The Administrative Court will be examining Thursday more than 200 challenges filed to nullify the results of the first phase of the parliamentary elections in Cairo and halt the polls in Giza.

The court ruled on Saturday in 20 of those cases that it has no jurisdiction over them.



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Author: Bessan Kassab, Mohamed Abdo

### SCAF Denies Mulla's Statement



The Military Council believed by forming the Advisory Council it would take the heat. However, Mukhtar El-Mulla's statement continues to raise problems.

David D. Kirkpatrick, New York Times correspondent posted a recording with El-Mulla's statements after SCAF stated that Mukhtar El-Mulla's statement do not represent the Military Council's point of view.



Pages 4, 5  
 Authors: Mohamed Eissawi, Rabab Fares (and others)

### Elections Updates



Dr. Gamal Hishmat, FJP candidate in Beheira, warned the SCAF against using the Advisory Council as a tool to provide another document that contains supra-constitutional principles. “No one should have immunity over the constitution,” he said. He also confirmed that the People’s Assembly and the Shoura Council should elect the members of the Constituent Assembly, which will be assigned the task of writing the constitution.

A number of supporters of a candidate, who was a former member of the NDP, attacked some of the members of the April 6 movement, Ahmed Maher Front, as they were campaigning against former members of the dissolved NDP. April 6 members launched huge campaigns to call on citizens not to vote for the former members of the NDP as they corrupted political life for years.

In Bani Suef, Essam Sultan, deputy head of Al-Wasat Party, said the coming parliament will be the most important one in the history of Egypt because it will elect the members of the Constituent Assembly. He advised voters to choose carefully their representatives. “We need deputies who participate effectively in the process of legislation, oversee the government, re-distribute wealth to achieve social justice, and set the minimum and maximum wages,” he added.

In Suez, supporters of Al-Nour Salafi Party relied on videos of Sheikh Mohamed Hassan to attract voters.

In Sohag, Dr. Abd Al-Rahman Al-Bar, FJP candidate, said, “We do not want deputies to teach us Quran but we want to see a deputy who knows his role very well.” He confirmed that



the Muslim Brotherhood does not want to create a religious strife in the country but that “we know our rights and duties towards all religions.”

In Al-Menoufia, there are 9 party candidates and over 200 independent ones competing for 16 seats. The majority of them belong to the FJP, Al-Nour Salafi Party or parties that emerged from the dissolved NDP.



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Author: Enji el-Tokhi

## Egyptians in Greece Call for Sacking Envoy

### مظاهرة للمصريين في اليونان تطالب بإقالة السفير

|| كتبت. إنجي الطوخى،  
نظم عشرات المصريون المقيمين في اليونان مظاهرة حاشدة، أمس الأول، أمام السفارة المصرية بالعاصمة أثينا، للمطالبة بإقالة السفير المصري طارق عادل باعتباره «من الشخصيات المحسوبة على النظام السابق» حسب رأيهم.  
وعبر المتظاهرون عن غضبهم من تصرفات السفير المصري «الذي عمل على منح تنظيم المظاهرة أمام السفارة من خلال إبلاغ الأمن اليوناني أن المظاهرة ضد المسيحيين المصريين المتواجدين باليونان نتيجة مشاركة رابطة المسلمين باليونان فيها، مما دفع الرابطة بالاتصال بالكنيسة القبطية المصرية باليونان وإبلاغها إن المظاهرة ضد السفير المصري بصفته الشخصية».  
وأكد المتظاهرون أن السفير «كاد يتسبب في إحداث فتنة طائفية بين المسلمين والمسيحيين في اليونان، لولا تدخل رابطة المسلمين هناك».

Dozens of Egyptians based in Greece staged a protest outside the Egyptian Embassy in Athens, calling for sacking Ambassador Tareq Adel, who, according to them belongs to the former regime.

The protesters were enraged by Adel's attempt to disperse the demonstration by calling the Greek police. He told the police that the protest was staged against Egyptian Christians in Greece.

The Egyptian ambassador was about to spawn sectarian sedition between Muslims and Christians in Greece, the protesters said.



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Author: Doaa Mekawi

## 103,000 Egyptian Exapts Vote in 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Elections



Egyptian expatriates will complete voting on Monday in the second phase of the parliamentary elections, said Mohamed el-Shenawi, a legal and consular affairs adviser to the foreign minister.

General committees at each embassy and consulate, where the voting took place, will start counting the votes today, Shenawi said.

As many as 102,524 Egyptian expatriates in 145 countries have registered their data on the website of the Higher Elections Commission (HEC) to vote in the second phase of the elections, said Assistant Foreign Minister for Expatriates and Migration Ahmed Ragheb.

## Hatata: SCAF Has No Political Experience



LT General Magdy Hatata in a phone interview said that he was never the military institution's candidate.

The poor decisions the military council have made enraged people against the military institution. He said the military institution is capable of practicing political work, however, they lack experience.

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 2



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Author: Fathia el-Deeb

### Sabahi: I Will Stand Against Israel to Protect Palestinian Rights



Presidential hopeful Hamdeen Sabahi heaped criticism against Israel and the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip.

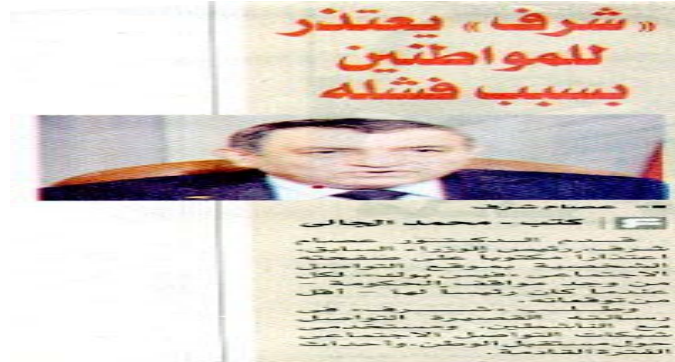
“I will stand against the Israelis to protect the rights of the Palestinian people,” Sabahi said during a mass rally organized by Al-Karama Party in Minya governorate.

Sabahi is also the leader of Al-Karama Party.

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Author: Muhammad al-Jali

### Sharaf Apologizes



Former Prime Minister Issam Sharaf apologized on his page on facebook to all people who were disappointed by his government.

In his message, Sharaf called for more communication with activists and users of the social communications websites concerning the nation's future and future events.

Similar news was reported in al-Masry al-Yom, p. 3 and al-Dustour, p.1.

### Interior Minister Meets 1000 Officers



Interior Minister, Mohamed Ibrahim met 1000 officers yesterday in an attempt to resolve the ministry's problems. He also met Interim PM Kamal El-Ganzouri.

Ibrahim asserted in a press conference that he will not accept any violations against members of the security and police force.

Similar news was reported in Shorouk page 7



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Author: Khalid Miri and others

### Elections Updates in al-Akhbar



Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, head of the High Elections Commission discusses the security plan for the second elections phase.

Dr. Ibrahim stated that the electoral campaigns were to stop as from today and during the elections days.

Ibrahim also called for officially reporting on violations like the abuse of houses of worship and religious slogans in electoral campaigns.

Spokesman of al-Nour Party said that Islamists had the right to rule the way they wanted and if their way did not please the public, "the Tahrir Square would be there."

Salafist Potential Presidential Candidate Hazem Abu Ismael said: "We do not want to attack or hallow SCAF." He elaborated that the Egyptians approved SCAF when it supported them against the Mubarak regime.

Al-Akhbar also reported on issues similar to those of al-Ahram about the tribes' involvement in elections race in Aswan.

It also reported on news about the electoral race in the different governorates.

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Author: Diya' Abu al-Safa

## The Egyptian Mufti is Number 12 on the List of the World's Most Influential people



Dr. Ali Jumaah, mufti of Egypt is number 12 on the list of the 500 World's most influential people.

The ranking came in the result of a research made by the Muslim-Christian Understanding Program at George Washington University in the United States and the Islamic Center for Strategic Studies in Jordan.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk, p. 3.



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Author: Not mentioned

## Israel's Ambassador Arrives Today



An Israeli official arrived in Cairo yesterday on a private airplane and held talks with Egyptian officials.

The discussions included recent developments and the second phase of the swap prisoners' deal between the Palestine and Israel.

In the same context, Yacoub Amitai, Israel's new ambassador to Egypt arrives in Cairo today.

Similar news was mentioned in al-Sherouk. P. 3.

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Author: Not mentioned

### Ahmad Zwel Meets Field Marshal Tantawi



Field Marshal Husayn Tantawi, head of SCAF met yesterday Egyptian scientist Ahmad Zwel.

The meeting was held to discuss the latest developments on the Interior and foreign levels, and the future of the democratic change in Egypt.

Lieutenant General Sami Annan attended the meeting.

Dr. Ahmad Zwel also met Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzouri.

Dr. Zwel said he was ready to help to achieve advancement, stating that Egypt can never go backward after the revolution.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, p. 3 and al-Shurouk, p. 3.



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Author: Ahmed Abd El-Hamed, Omnia Kareem, Ahmed Selim, Hazem Nasr, Ghada Zayn El-Abdeen

### Advisory Council Holds Its First Meeting



In its first meeting, the Advisory Council elected Former Minister, Mansour Hassan, as its president. The newly-elected deputies are Abu El-Ela Mady, Wasat party chairman and Sameh Ashour, lawyers syndicate chairman.

They also elected Mohamed Nour Farahat as Secretary General. Two young members were elected as his deputies.

Frahad said the Council’s first recommendation is for SCAF to issue a statement with the exact responsibilities of the Constituent Assembly stating where they stand from El-Mulla’s statements.

The chairman stressed that SCAF has the right to appoint anyone in the Advisory Council, adding “we are not a parallel parliament.”

The Council does not represent a legislative authority but merely a counseling party for SCAF, said Sameh Ashour, advisory council deputy. The Council’s main task is to choose Constituent Assembly members according to Article 60 of the constitutional declaration. Ashour differentiated between choosing and naming the members, he said the parliament will select the final members while the Council sets the criteria for choosing them.



The next meeting will be held on Tuesday to discuss the presidential election law. The Council is still open for all political parties who want to join.

Amr Moussa in addition to a number of members did not attend yesterday's meeting.

Parliament member, Mahmoud El-Khodeiry stated that he has no problem with the advisory council formation as long as its opinion is nonbinding.

Similar news was reported in Shorouk page 1, 7+ Yom7 page 1+ Masry Youm page 3, 7+ Ahram pages 7



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Author: Sanaa Anan, Mohamed El-Feqqi, Ahmed Dawood

### FJP: The Constituent Assembly Hands Cuffs the Parliament



FJP issued a statement saying they still respect the Military Council for supporting the revolution.

“Any difference in views should not turn into a confrontation. There should be cooperation between the military council, interim government and elected parliament,” said Mohamed Morsi FJP head ruling out the possibility of a clash between his SCAF.

Mohamed Morsi stated that they withdrew from the council when choosing Constituent Assembly members became part of its responsibilities. This is another form of supra-constitutional principles, he added.

“The advisory council is an attempt to sidestep the will of the people, that’s why we refused to have members in that council. SCAF is trying to handcuff the new parliament, said Mohamed Morsi.

The party sticks to the constitutional principles it issued with the democratic Alliance, which are the same principles in the constitutional declaration. No political authority has the right to draw up legislation but the parliament.

Mohamed El-Beltagy FJP Secretary said he rejects any form of guardianship on the upcoming parliament.

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 1+ Tahrir page 1

## Mubarak's Wealth



The Illicit Gains Authority revealed the assets of Mubarak and his family in Egypt:

Mohamed Hosny Mubarak owns a housing unit in Matrouh and a Villa in Sharm El-Sheik.

Alaa Mubarak owns over 16 real estate properties in addition to numerous moveable properties as cars and companies. His wife haidy owns 9 real estate properties.

Gamal Mubarak owns 11 real estate properties while his wife Khadiga owns 4 real estate properties.



## TV Coverage (11/12/2011)



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

### Guests

Ahmed Kamal Abu Al-Magd, a member of advisory council

Major General Refaat Kamsan, Minister of Interior Assistant for Administrative Issues

Judge Alaa Kotb, A member HEC

Tantawi visits Tahrir Square suddenly to check the traffic status.

HEC we have nothing to do with the negatives of the first phase.

Ahmed Kamal Abolmagd ,said:

SCAF has real intension to hand over power to a civilian authority.

The problem is because of the contradiction in SCAF statements.

MB withdrawal from advisory council is an irrational decision

We demanded SCAF to clarify their opinion from Major General Mokhtar Al-Molla statements.

Advisory council mission ends when Parliament starts working.

Major General Refaat Kamsan said:

We are sorry for any failure that happened in the first phase of the elections and we vow that it won't happen in the upcoming phases.

The main problem was in location of counting the votes.

Judge Alaa Kotb, organizing the elections is a very complicated process.



## **2. Program: Al Hayah Al A'an**

**Genre: News**

**Channel: Al Hayah TV**

**Host: Maha Bahnassi**

Mansour Hassan is the advisory council president, and Sameh Ashour and Abu Al-Ela Mady are the deputies, and Nour Farahat is the Secretariat, and the Advisory Council announces that their job is to assist SCAF in their jobs.

Advisory council announced they will not interfere in the authorities of the Parliament and they will not be instead of any authorities.

Tantawi meets with Dr. Ahmed Zoweil to discuss the ways to develop scientific research.

Al-Ganzory holds a meeting with Minister of Interior Leaders to spread security in the streets and he stresses that Egypt's economic status is at risk, and Egypt will not develop unless security chaos ended, this was in the meeting in Police Academy.

Al-Ganzory meets with representatives from cabinet protestors to discuss their demands.

Minister of Local Development and SCAF to discuss tomorrow the preparations for the second phase of the elections.

Administrative Court rules out Ramy Lakah from the elections because of dual nationality.

Administrative Court doesn't approve the decision of ruling the party slates because of not applicable candidates.

Ministry of Interior continues its campaigns to spread security in the streets.

HEC announces starting the silent period before the second phase starts and HEC bans using publicity during the silent period.

Minister of Interior meets with the security directors of the second phase governorates to discuss the plan of securing the elections.

Second phase includes 9 governorates, 180 candidates out of 3387 and 17 million voters.



**Program: Misr Tantakheb**  
**Genre: Talk Show**  
**Channel: CBC**  
**Host: Khairy Ramadan, Lamees Al Hadidy**

Guests:

Dr. Mohamed Abu Al-Ghar, Head of Social Democratic Egyptian Party

Dr. Abdol Aziz Hegazy, advisory council member

Dr. Hassan Elbrens, a founder of FJP

Ashraf Sabet, member of the high board of Al-Nour Party

Advisory Council to discuss on Tuesday choosing a president for the council.

Al-Shater said, we can't talk about forming a founding committee for the constitution.

Al-Ganzory said:

We won't develop unless security chaos state ends in order to revive our economy

We won't take the desert lands allocated to be building areas but we will take the state's right

Administrative Court refuses a contestation of running of the elections as long as the religious column is in the ballot papers.

Democratic Peace Party appeal to cancel Port Said voting results was rejected.

Free Egyptians Party withdraws its candidate in Monofeya as he was a former NDP member.

Egypt denies Israeli allegations that Hamas build a missile base in Sinai.

John Kerry said, we will accept any government the people would choose.

Over the phone, Mansour Hassan a member of advisory council said:

Advisory Council job is to help SCAF in taking some political decisions and offering them suggestions.

Advisory Council has no legislative, constitutional, or executive authority.



Dr. Abu Al-Ghar said:

Our party resources are from the members' donations.

We all respect Article 2 of the constitution and the concept of a civilian state does not affect anyone.

SCAF and the government are responsible for financial resources of the political parties.

Dr. Hegazy said:

Advisory Council must have been formed since SCAF started ruling the country.

Advisory Council is coordination between all political forces.

Dr. El-Brens said:

The new constitution must be legislated after coordination between all forces in the society.

Ashraf Sabet said:

People's freewill is guaranteed but it must be complying to the Islamic Shareia.



**1- Program: News All Day**

**Genre: News**

**Channels: Channel 1**

HEC demands filling reports against elections violations and using religious slogans.

Administrative Court discusses 200 contestations against the validity of the elections in Cairo.

**2- Program: Sabah AL-Kheir Ya Masr**

**Genre: News**

**Channels: Channel 1**

Al-Ganzory is always conducting meetings and the new Cabinet meets in 2 days.



Al-OKda, Head of Central Bank, said that Foreign exchange reserves are still in the safe side.

Major General Shahin said, SCAF and the government have no authority in legislating the constitution and political forces are demanding forming a founding committee for the Parliament.

Advisory Council meets today to choose a president for the council.

Tahrir protestors change the sit-in place from the Square to Omar Makram mosque and they continue cabinet sit-in.

Tantawi discusses with Congress representatives the development in the situation and improving the relations between the two countries.



**Program: Tahrir (Talk Show)**

**Channel: Al-Yom**

**Host: Dina Abdol-Rahman**

Al-Ganzory said, raise in police officers salaries is connected with spreading security in the streets.



## Radio Coverage (11/12/2011)



**News All Day**  
**Channel: Radio Masr**

HEC finished preparations for the second phase of the elections.

Al-Ganzory said that the Egypt's economic status is at risk and advices to rationalize expenditures to overcome the budget deficit.

HEC warns from conducting any publicity in the next couple of days until the second phase of the elections starts.

Minister of Local Development and SCAF discuss tomorrow the preparations for the second phase of the elections and the negatives of the first phase in the elections.

Mansour Hassan is the advisory council president, and Sameh Ashour and Abu Al-Ela Mady are the deputies, and Nour Farahat is the Secretariat.

Tantawi meets with Dr. Ahmed Zoweil to discuss the ways to develop scientific research.

HEC announces starting the silent period before the second phase starts and HEC bans using publicity during the silent period.



**News All Day**  
**Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat**

Al-Ganzory discuss with Zoweil the ways to develop the scientific research.

Al-Ganzory said, full support is given to the police forces to end the security chaos.

Al-Ganzory said that the government will not take the desert lands allocated to be building areas but the country will take its right.



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**

Al-Ganzory meets with representatives from cabinet protestors to discuss their demands.



## Internet Coverage (12/12/2011)



### We are all khaled saeed

Mamdouh Shahin's statements denying what General El-Mulla reported to foreign newspapers two days ago, stress that the elected parliament members are responsible for forming the Constituent Assembly. The Advisory Council, Military Council or cabinet will have no say in choosing the members.

Around a week ago we designed a questionnaire for page members asking them what they want to happen before January 25th to place the revolution on the right track. The choice that got the most votes was initiating presidential candidature and handing over power to a civilian authority before the constitution.

Do not fight over positions and forget why the revolution broke out. The revolution started so that all Egyptians would receive their inborn rights.

### Egyptian Cabinet

Minister of Information said that the economic and scientific status of the country is very hard and we need to be honest with ourselves and with others in order to be happy with the results after very huge effort to achieve them, so we need to cooperate in order to save our country

#### Dr. Al-Ganzory:

Said that the government will try to save EGP 20bn from the expenses and will work on finding new sources for the budget in order to decrease inflation. No further taxes will be implemented.

Holds a meeting to discuss the garbage problem and recycling it, suggesting quick solutions and how to benefit from them to preserve the environment, and he said he will use local companies for this task

Met 5 from Al-Nour party youth to discuss their visions and to deliver the government's point of view to Cabinet protestors

Several security campaigns in several areas in order to spread security and any fight any kind of violation.



Today the Advisory Council to choose the council’s president to guarantee that the council does its work with no pressure from any side.

Dr. Al-Ganzory met Dr. Zoweil to discuss the ways to develop scientific research and he said that he will support Zoweil Project.



### Arabawy

VIDEO – We are all Khaled Said – Berlin Wall

<http://vimeo.com/traverse/we-are-all-khaled-said-berlin-wall>



### Nawara Negm blog

The newest and best episode of “Talk Shoes” show:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW8F68O5XGs&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Ftahyyes.blogspot.com%2F&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW8F68O5XGs&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Ftahyyes.blogspot.com%2F&feature=player_embedded)



### Twitter

#### @Monasosh

When we achieve victory and try all those who oppressed us, only then would people understand the important role played by organizations such as Al-Nadim and Hisham Mubarak for years.

I know that filing complaints and reports on the human rights abuses by the police is useless but it helps us document and archive these violations. We can then create a chronology of torture for instance.

Testimonies of political activists of the “No Military Trials for Civilians” who were kidnapped by security forces: <http://www.nomiltials.com/2011/12/blog-post.html>



**@Ghonim**

March 29, 1954: The Revolutionary Command Council took a decision to replace the elected constituent assembly with an advisory national council.

**@Iyad\_ElBaghdadi**

I'm currently preparing for a new project that I hope will unleash massive potentials for entrepreneurs in the Arab world.

The "system" speaks high and lofty words, and raise wonderful slogans, but there's a powerful meta-message that comes through their actions.

**@Gsquare86**

The war is long but the battles are short. Many little things create victory or defeat. We already did many great little things, we need to continue.

I have no doubt that the third wave of protests will make all these uncertainties clearer. A stronger fight will be the end of SCAF.

The revolution teaches us the biggest lessons we may learn in most of our lives. These come at a great cost, so let's make the most of them.

All we need in this phase is real organizational and coordinating work to make our hits at SCAF more impacting. This is possible.

Always see things in a historical perspective and you will know where you are exactly, and I think Egypt is on a brink of greatness.

With all the blood, tears and real ugly things we have been through this year, in perspective, we are in a much better place.

We have a duty to continue the battle for freedom, at least for those who we lost along the way, but also because it is our golden opportunity.

**@Arabist**

New on Arabist:

Arab Spring and Russia parallels [http://www.arabist.net/blog/2011/12/12/arab-spring-and-russia-parallels.html?utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.arabist.net/blog/2011/12/12/arab-spring-and-russia-parallels.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

New on Arabist: Podcast: Electoral dilemmas <http://arb.st/usQEX3>



## ▪ 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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