



# News Coverage

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### **Mubarak's Judge in Court**



Cairo Court of Appeal is to pronounce, today, verdict for the lawsuit filed by lawyer Abd al-Aziz Amer, who filed a lawsuit to reassign Mubarak's judge, litigating Judge Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, head of Cairo Court of Appeal and Judge Fath Allah Okashah.



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Author: Ali Sham and others

### Elections Updates in al-Ahram



On its front page, al-Ahram reported on a fiercer competition in the second phase of the elections.

Liberal players ally to face the Islmaists' lead.

Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice is optimistic. Dr. Essam al-Aryan, candidate of the Freedom and Justice in Giza said that his party will win more seats in the second phase than in the first.

The competition is fierce between the Freedom and Justice and Salafist al-Nour Party in the different constituencies.

A meeting was held, yesterday, to discuss the security plan of the second phase of the polls.

Field Marshal Husayn Tantawi met leaders of the Ministry of Interior to discuss the security plan of the second phase of polls.

The meeting was in the presence of General Lieutenant Sami Annan Judge Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, head of the High Elections Commissions, Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzouri and ministers of Interior, Justice, Information and national development.

The meeting discussed the security plan and all the measures to be taken to avoid the difficulties that were encountered in the first phase.

Judges are provided with descent accommodation.

On page 21, al-Ahram provided a graph describing the compatibility between people's expectations before the first phase and the actual results.



Front Page  
 Author: Mansour Kamel

### Al-Ganzouri Meets Protesters



Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzouri met with protesters in front of the Ministry of Planning, yesterday.

Al-Ganzouri is currently working from the Ministry of Planning because of the sit-in staged against his government in front of the Cabinet Headquarters.

Al-Ganzouri met with dozens of the protesters, including workers at Mobco factory who complained that the company was losing five million dollars every day.

Protesters also included people of Damietta who are against the presence of the factory.

Al-Ganzouri expressed his compassion with the protesters and his sincere will to solve their problems, asking for their help to realize their goals.

Al-Ganzouri moved from the Ministry of Planning to the General Authority of Investment headquarters after being caught up in the workers' demonstrations in front of the Ministry of Planning.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, pp. 1, 3; al-Gomhouriya, pp. 2, 4; al-Tahrir, p. 5; al-Dustour, pp. 1,2; al-Shurouk, p. 1; al-Yom al-Sabee, pp. 1, 3.

### Khayrat al-Shater to Prepare al-Nahdah Project



The Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing the Freedom and Justice Party has assigned the group’s Vice General Guide Khayrat al-Shater to be in charge of preparing what they called al-Nahdah Project (the Renaissance Project).

The project is meant to provide vision to realize governmental renaissance in today’s Egypt’s and in the future.

Experts and consultants from four countries have been asked to help in the project. The four countries are: Turkey, Malaysia, South Africa and Singapore.



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Author: Muhammad Kamel

## Zwel Meets Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research



Egyptian Scientist Ahmad Zewel met with Minister Husain Khalid of the Higher Education and Minister Nadia Iskandar Zakhari of the Scientific Research.

The meeting was meant to discuss possibilities of benefiting from the research tanks and academic and scientific centers to support Zewel's City of Science.



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Author: Sahrah Nour al-Din

### Advisory Council



In two separate articles on page 3, al-Masry al-Yom reported on news about the controversial Advisory Council.

The first article of an anonymous author, reported on SCAF's statements on the council.

Responding to the controversy aroused by assigning the Advisory Council, SCAF declared that the Council's role was to give advice on issues related to national affairs and triggers of public opinion.

SCAF also asserted that the Advisory Council does not replace the Parliament and that its role will end when a president is elected.

In the second article, Sarah Abd al-Nour reports on the Advisory Council's second session that is to be held today.

Head of the Advisory Council Mansour Hasan said that all the current national causes would be presented and scheduled according to priority of importance.

Member of the Advisory Council Sharif Zahran said that the emergency law and military trials of civilians were subjects on the council schedule in the future.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, p. 1, 3; al-Akhbar, p. 8; al-Gomhouriyah, p.2; al-Dustour, p. 3; al-Shouk, p. 1; al-Yom al-Sabee, p. 1, 6.

### Abu al-Magd: SCAF Willing to Hand over Power



Member of the Advisory Council Ahmad Kamal Abu al-Magd told the media that the role of the Advisory Council will end with the first session of the Egyptian parliament.

Abu al-Magd also referred to SCAF's sincere will to hand over power.

Abu al-Magd's statements in al-Hayah al-Yom TV programs aroused considerable controversy amongst activists on Facebook and Twitter.



Page: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Author: Muhammad al-Sanhouri and others

### Elections Updates in al-Masry al-Yom



In a meeting with SCAF members, Dr. Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, head of the High Elections Commission called on SCAF to take electoral violations seriously.

Ibrahim held a meeting with SCAF members and the ministers of Interior, Justice and Information. Leaders of the Security Apparatus also attended the meeting.

The High Elections Commission declared the finalizing of the lists of judges who are going to monitor the second phase of the polls.

10922 judges will be involved in the electoral process. 3414 of them are court judges, 2133 from the General Prosecution, 1879 from the State Council, 1705 from the Administrative Prosecution and 1791 from the Egyptian State Lawsuit Authority.

Three vote counting centers were also changed, following judicial objections.

Ibrahim also promised to provide descent accommodation for judges.

According to a specialized report by Raqeeb monitoring project, 32 % of judges in lost contact with the High Elections Commission in the first phase and had to act according to their own common sense.

The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice and al-Jama'ah al-Islamiyah promised stop campaigning on elections days and 48 hours before.

Egyptian expatriates completed voting at 4 o'clock, yesterday. Polls in the Egyptian embassies and consulates are taking place all over the world.



In Aswan 16 slates compete and tribes are getting involved influentially to decide the winners in single constituencies.

Al-Masry al-Yom reported on daily preparations and races in all the constituencies.

Field Marshal Husayn Tantawi, head of SCAF discussed the security plan to secure the second phase of the elections in the presence of leaders of the Security Apparatus and Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzouri.

General Khalid Foudah, governor of South Sinai called for hiring women in the polling stations to deal with Bedouin women.

Hind Ibrahim referred to the fierce competition on individual seats in Munoufiya.

Potential Presidential Candidate Muhammad Salim al-Awwa declared that the January 25 revolution toppled the head of the regime only but not the regime.



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Author: Ahmad Shalabi

## Judiciary Investigations into Foreign Funds



According to Judiciary investigations, 400 individuals and organizations in Egypt receive foreign funds.

Judges Ashraf al-Ashmawi and Sameh Abu Zaid head the Judicial Fact-finding Committee that was formed by the government to investigate into the different claims against individuals and organizations who had allegedly received foreign funds from the United States.

The Fact-finding committee, however, did not stop at U.S funds but widened the scope of investigations to include all alleged foreign funds.

A detailed report was issued, yesterday, showing the results of the investigations.

Investigations included hearing testimonies of 50 witnesses and interrogating the suspects who had allegedly received illegal foreign funds.

Investigations have revealed that some of the Egyptian organizations which receive foreign funds are authorized in Egypt, while others are not.

Investigations included Coptic and Muslim religious organizations and individuals.

Officials of the fact-finding committee explain that foreign funds per se are not criminalized. However, what was investigated was the authenticity and legitimacy of the functions of the organizations and individuals who are receiving the foreign funds, or the funds being used illegally.



Until yesterday, investigations had included 300 thousand people and organizations and the foreign funds they received over the past six years.

The fact-finding committee's report also shows that 35 thousand civil society organizations and institutions are authorized in Egypt; only 400 of them are proved to have received foreign funds.

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Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, p. 1, Gomhouriya, p. 3, al-Dustour, p. 1.

## Nour and Sabahi Call for Civilian-Democratic State



Presidential candidates Ayman Nour and Hamdeen Sabahi called for establishing a civilian democratic state based on respecting human rights.

In a joint conference held in Ismailia, Sabahi urged national powers to adopt a plan to unify their ranks.

Nour, meanwhile, underlined the importance of granting the Parliament all powers required to represent the people.



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 Authors: Safwat Omran

### FJP Secretary General Meets Spanish Envoy



Secretary General of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) Mohamed Katatni met with Spanish Ambassador to Egypt Fidel Sendagorta.

They exchanged views on the Egyptian political scene in light of the parliamentary elections and the FJP's vision regarding a new constitution.

The FJP does not seek confrontation with SCAF but seeks to establish dialogue with all parties, Katatni said while commenting on the FJP refusal to be part of the newly-established Advisory Council.

The party will not field a candidate in the presidential elections, he underlined.



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Authors: Rafaat Hassouna, Khaled Moussa & Mohamed Imam

### Traffic Back to Normal in Tahrir Sq. on 3rd Day since Sit-In Ended



The traffic movement flowed normally in Tahrir Square, Downtown Cairo, 3 days after ending a sit-in staged by protesters.

Traffic police were present in the square for the first time since the violent incidents of Mohamed Mahmoud Street, which left dozens dead and injured.

Meanwhile, sitters-in outside the nearby Cabinet HQ called for trying protesters' killers and recovering the funds smuggled abroad.

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 Authors: Mohamed Morsi

## 18.8mn Voters to Elect 180 MPs in 2nd Phase of Polls



The second phase of the parliamentary elections will kick off on Wednesday in nine governorates: Giza, Beni Suef, Monofiya, Sharqiya, Ismailia, Suez, Beheira, Sohag and Aswan.

In this phase, about 18.8 million voters will elect 180 members of parliament from a total of 3,799 candidates.

The elections will be held in 8,930 polling stations to be supervised by 10,500 judges.



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## Election Updates in Dostour Newspaper



Starting 8am tomorrow, 18,826, 394 voters start voting in the second phase of the parliamentary elections according to the HEC. The voting process continues until Thursday 7 pm to elect 120 parliament members in 15 multi-member constituencies and 60 parliament members from 30 single-member constituencies.

SCAF is to issue a decree, today, to allow vote count in substations in the third elections phase.

The two deputized prosecutors in the case against civil societies suspected for receiving foreign aid, listened to the statements of 50 witnesses. The investigations so far reveal that 400 out of 35,000 Egyptian civil societies and bodies have received foreign aid.

6500 policemen refused to secure the polling stations.

## Egyptians Spam Obama's Facebook Page



Egyptian activists spammed president Obama's Facebook page with two phrases "Stop Exporting Tear Gas to Egypt" and "Don't kill Egyptians by American Tear Gas Bombs."



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 Author: Mahmoud El-Kelany

### Nour and Sabahy criticize MB



Presidential Hopefuls, Ayman Nour and Hamdeen El-Sabahy called on the coming parliament to adopt a national project that reflects Egyptians from all political hues. They agreed that MBalone cannot represent all Egyptians in the Parliament.

Ayman Nour criticized SCAF’s choice for Kamal El-Ganzouri as a Prime Minister. He demanded that the parliament chooses Constituent Assembly members and not the Advisory Council.

He fiercely attacked the HEC for its poor performance in the first elections phase.

Hamdeen El-Sabahy stressed that the political variation Egypt is characterized with preserves the country’s heritage.



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 Author: Azza Gerages

## Le Point on Salafis Rise: An Unpleasant Surprise



French newspaper Le Point described the sudden rise of Salafis in the Egyptian parliamentary elections as an “unpleasant surprise” to MB on the one side, and to the Liberals and Copts on the other.

The newspaper pointed out that Saudi Arabia funds Salafis in Egypt to fail the democratic transition in Egypt which it perceives as a danger to Gulf regimes.

### MB Accuses Sawiris of Incitement



Nasser El-Hafy, member of FJP's supreme board, filed a report to the Public Prosecutor against business tycoon, Naguib Sawiris, founder of the Free Egyptians party, accusing him of incitement against Egypt and threatening the country's stability.

### Salafist Front Calls for Demonstration



The Salafist Front in Egypt called for a demonstration in front of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, next Friday, in solidarity with the sit-in held there demanding the release of Egyptian political prisoners in Saudi prisons, some of whom have spent over 11 years in prisons with no clear charges or fair trails.



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 Authors: Al-Walid Ismail

### Mohamed Mahmoud Clashes



Senior Judge Abdel Moez Masoud, Head of the Court of Appeal, said he allocated an area at the Criminal Court in Al-Tagamu' Al-Khames to hold the trial sessions of the Mohamed Mahmoud clashes, which resulted in 45 martyrs and thousands of injuries.

He said he hopes that the investigations held by prosecutors would come to an end in the nearest time possible so that the blood of martyrs will not go in vain. "Although I am busy with elections at the moment, I keep an eye on these investigations. I promise that they will soon be concluded," he stated.



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Authors: Amira Ibrahim, Yara Helmi (and others)

### Elections Updates



“Do not elect candidates who promise you of new jobs, repairing sewer pipes, or building schools. Those candidates are either liars or do not realize their roles,” cried one of the members of the Armed Forces Moral Affairs Department through a microphone in one of many cars roaming the Giza governorate. They were calling on people to participate in the second phase of the elections and warned them against voting for candidates who make them false promises.

These moving units answered people’s questions and concerns. People asked them about the fees imposed on those who do not vote places of polling stations, and difficulty in choosing candidates.

Also, groups of young activists started campaigns to spread awareness among the people of candidates running for parliamentary elections. Some of these groups were from Tahrir protesters, whereas others belonged to the “Sorry Mr. President” movement, which is against the revolution and the overthrow of Mubarak.

SCAF issued a statement saying that the Advisory Council’s role is to provide opinions and advice on various events and issues in the country. “The role of the Advisory Council is limited to creating consensus among different political forces and groups. It does not constitute an alternative to the Parliament or any elected authority and its role will come to an end when the new president is elected,” the statement said.

Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi held an expanded meeting to discuss measures that should be taken to secure the second phase of the parliamentary elections and ensure the transparency and integrity of the electoral process. The meeting was attended by Lieutenant



General Sami Anan, Chief of Staff and Deputy Head of SCAF, Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri, a number of SCAF generals, Ministers of Justice, Information, Interior, and Local Development, a number of MOI senior officials, and heads of security directorates in the governorates of the second phase.

➤ Coverage of elections updates in a number of governorates:

**Giza:** There is a heated competition between candidates, in addition to signs of the use of violence and quarrels between supporters of parties or candidates. Also, competition is fierce in areas such as Abu Al-Namras, Al-Hawamdiya, Al-Badrashin, Al-Ayyat, Al-Saf, and Itfieh, due to the prevalence of tribal rivalries in these areas.

**Ismailiya:** There is no consensus among voters to support one of the party lists or a certain candidate. Votes are expected to be fragmented due to the lack of popularity of candidates or parties.

**Beheira:** Tribal rivalries characterize the competition in the third and fourth districts in the governorate. Competition will mostly be between the Freedom and Justice Party, Al-Nour Salafi Party and former members of the dissolved NDP.

**Al-Sharqiya:** Villages will determine the victory of the MB candidates over Salafis, Al-Wafd members, or former members of the NDP.

**Al-Menoufia:** Clashes took place between the Egyptian Bloc and Al-Wasat candidates, resulting in the death of one of the Egyptian Bloc's candidates. Illegal weapons, thugs and arms dealers are all over this governorate.

**Bani Suef:** Large families failed to settle the internal struggle between candidates belonging to different political backgrounds. Many former members of the dissolved NDP declared their withdrawal from elections.

**Sohag:** As elections draw near, fears spread over possible clashes between Muslims and Copts or between the two major tribes; Al-Arab and Al-Hawara.

**Suez:** Parties compete to gain votes in Al-Arba'in district, one of the largest and most influential areas in the governorate, decreasing the relevance of tribal rivalries.

**Aswan:** Al-Ga'afra, Al-Ababda, Nubian tribes are competing for parliamentary seats in the governorate. The most pressing issue for people in these districts is restoring security and putting an end to the bloody clashes that erupted between some of the tribes.



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 Authors: Sara Hussein

### Al-Aswani to Fisk: Ousting Mubarak was too Good to be True



“The number one mistake of the revolution is that ousting Mubarak, although a very good step, was too good to be true,” said famous writer and novelist Alaa Al-Aswani in an interview with prominent journalist Robert Fisk.

Al-Aswani told Fisk that among the most important demands of the revolution is bringing those who killed protesters to trial and this did not take place so far.

“State Security apparatus is still fully functioning. Thugs and drug dealers who used to infiltrate among protesters in Tahrir Square have all disappeared the minute the elections started. It doesn’t take a genius to realize that those people are hired by State Security for this purpose. They disappeared upon their orders until elections are concluded and they will appear again soon,” Al-Aswani stated.

### Washington Post Demands Obama to Move in Egypt's Favor



“There are, of course, ways for the United States to demonstrate its continuing value to Egypt and its neighbors that may be more important than public statements. Help for economies devastated by the revolution could be crucial in the next couple of years,” wrote Jackson Diehl in the Washington Post.

He also wrote, “But Arabs also need to hear and see that American leaders support their democratic aspirations. The administration is slowly moving in that direction: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, for example, has recently prodded both Egypt’s Islamists and the Military about sticking to democratic principles. The message, however, needs to be more consistent. And more often than it has, it needs to come from the president.”

Topic was covered in Al-Masry Al-Youm: Page 8)



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Authors: Not mentioned

## The Economist: Is Arab Spring Turning into Bleak Midwinter?



The young users of Face book and Twitter braved the bullets in Cairo and Tunis seemed to give the lie to dictators' claims that the only alternative to the hugger of a strongman was mullah-led theocracy. But political Islam has jumped to the fore across the Arab world today, The Economist reported.

Egypt offers the most dramatic example. The relatively mild-mannered Muslim Brotherhood, the best-organized of the Arab movements espousing an ideology that bases its message on the texts of Islam, is winning the three-stage election to Egypt's parliament by a wider margin than pundits predicted, with 46% of the seats so far, the UK magazine reported.

Far more frightening is the party coming second, with 21% of the seats: the Salafists, it added.

In Tunisia and Morocco, Islamists, of a similar stripe to the Brotherhood, have handsomely won elections. In Libya, with Muammar Qaddafi gone, they may yet do so too. In Syria they are prominent in an opposition front that may eventually displace Bashar Assad. And in Palestine the Islamists of Hamas, a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood that still on paper rejects the state of Israel, are as secure as ever in control of Gaza. Even in chaotic Yemen, an Islamist party might well emerge as the biggest party if elections are held as promised.

All this is worrying, not just for secular liberal Arabs but also for the West.

### Amr Khaled: Religion should not be used to Achieve Personal Success



Muslim preacher and televangelist Amr Khaled said religion should not be exploited to achieve personal success or glory.

Addressing a seminar at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Ain Shams University, Khaled said Egypt has changed after the revolution owing to the presence of pluralism.



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Authors: Mohamed Basal

## Court Receives 1<sup>st</sup> Challenge against Trying Civilians in Military Tribunals



The Supreme Constitutional Court received the first challenge filed against the prosecution of civilians in military courts.

According to the two lawyers who lodged the challenge, more than 12,000 people were tried in military courts after the revolution of January 25.



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 Author: Taher Kabeel

### SCAF Issues another Statement



Twenty-four hours before the commencement of the second phase of the parliamentary elections, the Military Council issued a statement calling all on political forces to participate.

SCAF reaffirmed its commitment towards democratic transition, starting from securing the election process to respecting the results.

The Council paid respect for all revolution victims during January, Tahrir and Maspero events. Ensuring that they receive the appropriate care and families their rights is SCAF's top priority, as the statement mentioned. All parties concerned are to honor them financially and morally.

## Fatwa Confirms Permissibility of Political Pluralism in Islam



The Secretariat of Egyptian Fatwas issued a Fatwa confirming the permissibility of political pluralism, which means a large number of political opinions, emanating from political parties, each of them consists of a group of people with converging views, trying to apply them through parliamentary, ministerial presidential representation.

The Fatwa pointed out evidences by the Prophet and his companions that this is permissible in Islam. The Islamic law did not order a specific political system, but there were many regulations adopted by the scholars throughout History, added the Fatwa.



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Author: Maher Naguib

## El-Awa: The Former Regime Still Exists



Presidential hopeful Selim El-Awa said that a president's religion or gender does not matter, adding that he himself does not mind having a female or Christian president as long as he or she represent the people's choice.

The former regime was not overthrown entirely, adding, reforming the police system is not the responsibility of the current government.



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## Elections Updates

**محافظ الجيزة: إزالة جميع ملصقات الدعاية خلال فترة «الصمت»  
مدير الأمن: دورنا تأمين اللجان من الخارج وتوفير مستلزمات الانتخابات**

**كتبت إيمان راشد:**  
أكد الدكتور على عبد الرحمن محافظ الجيزة أن المحافظيات بدأت في إزالة جميع الملصقات الخاصة بمرشحي مجلس الشعب استعداداً للانتخابات المقرر لها الأربعاء والخميس القادمين وأوضح المحافظ أن الأجهزة المحلية بنطاق المحافظة تولف على الحياء مع جميع المرشحين سواء بنظام القوائم أو الفردي وأن دور

المحافظة في معاونة الأجهزة القضائية المشرفة على الانتخابات بجانب الأجهزة الأمنية والقوات المسلحة. وأضاف المحافظ أنه تم تجهيز جميع اللجان الفرعية وتوفير سيارات لنقل المرشحين وصناديق الاقتراع من وإلى القراء الانتخابية ومراجعة عمدة الأتارة وتوفير مولدات كهربائية بسواقيم العزل الواجبة أي طوارئ، وأشار المحافظ أنه قد تم الاستعداد للجهاز ٤٢١٦ ٤٧٢ مركزاً انتخابياً و٢٢٢٢ مقراً انتخابياً و٤٢١٦

لجنة فرعية وأكد اللواء عامدين يوسف مساعد وزير الداخلية ومدير أمن الجيزة أنه تم التنسيق مع القوات المسلحة لتأمين جميع اللجان من الخارج مشيراً أن دور الأمن يتخصص في التأمين دون التدخل في سير العملية الانتخابية مشيراً إلى أنه تم توفير جميع مستلزمات الانتخابات من حبر فسفوري وصناديق شفافة وبطاقات إيداع الرأي والأوراق الكتانية وكلمات الاقتراع وتسليمها سيتم في الصباح الباكر بمقر اللجان الفرعية.

The Armed Forces will be assigned the responsibility of securing the polling stations, today's afternoon. Elements from the Central Military Region will be in charge of Giza, Beni Sweif and Menoufia stations, Second Army forces for Sharquia and Ismailia, Third Army forces for Suez, Northern Military Region and naval forces for Beheira, and forces of the Southern Military Region for Souhag and Aswan.

The Administrative Court obliged HEC to allow candidate representatives to attend all vote count stages.

Health Minister Dr. Fouad Al Nawawi have laid down the Ministry's plans for securing the second phase of the elections that will start tomorrow in 9 governorates; Giza, Beni Sweif, Menoufia, Sharquia, Ismailia, Suez, Beheira, Souhag, Aswan. The Ministry has allocated 771 ambulances for the election emergencies.

40 State Council judges refused themselves from supervising the elections. They claimed the HEC did not consider seniority as a factor while assigning judges general and substations.

The Electoral Contestations Office received 12 contestations over the results of the first elections phase that took place on November 28th. 5 contestations were filed by Cairo individual candidates, 3 by Red Sea candidates, 1 by an Alexandria candidate, 1 by Kafr El-Sheikh candidate and 1 by a Fayum candidate.



The Supreme Administrative Court issued its final ruling to change Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat's, head of the reformation and development party, electoral characteristic from a peasant to a bracket, yesterday.

The Supreme Administrative Court postponed the contestation filed by business tycoon, Ramy Lakkah, against the Administrative Court's ruling to exclude him from the parliamentary elections on the grounds that he carries dual nationality.

Reformation and Development Party announced that the coordination between liberal parties to confront Islamists is only related to individual seats. However, the slates of each party will remain the same.

The voting process of Egyptian expatriates ended yesterday evening. The vote counting process will start imminently and will require a maximum time of only 24 hours.

Abd El- Mawgood Rabeh, FJP parliament member in Luxor, assured tourist guides and tourists in Luxor that promoting tourism is one of his party's tour priorities.

Menofia's second constituency witnesses a fierce competition between 9 party slates in the multi-member constituencies and 37 individual candidates in single-member constituencies.

325 candidates, representing 21 parties, compete for 2 seats in the party slates in Sharquia's multi-member constituencies.

Giza's governor started the governorate's campaign for removing all forms of campaigning publicity in preparation for the elections. The governorate includes 572 polling stations, 2223 polling centers and 4341 substations.



## TV Coverage (12/12/2011)



- 1- Program: Al Hayah Al Youm**  
**Genre: Talk Show**  
**Channel: Al Hayah TV**  
**Hosts: Sherif Amer**

SCAF assures that the advisory council will not replace the Parliament.

SCAF urged all Egyptians from all political forces to take part in the upcoming elections.

Mansour Hassan, Head of the Advisory Council said: we want to help SCAF develop a law for electing the new president. We have nothing to do with El-Ganzouri.

400 organizations were proven to have accepted foreign aid.

State Council Judges' Club is conducting meetings around the clock. HEC did not consider seniority as a factor while assigning judges in the elections, which they rejected.

Foreign Minister said:

Each country has its circumstances. We can't compare Egypt to Tunisia or any other country.

The first phase of the elections succeeded despite mistakes.

Egypt-Iranian relations are strategic where Egypt's best interest is of utmost importance.

There is no valid reason behind Syrian violence.

All countries monitor the financial resources of civil organizations.

Amr Hashim Rabea, head of the parliamentary studies in Al-Ahram Center said:

A lot of women will vote in Upper Egypt governorates.

High turnout in the elections will prevent violence.



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

**Genre: News**

**Channel: Al Hayah TV**

**Host: Maha Bahnassi**

El-Ganzouri approves granting Mohamed Mahmoud and Maspero victims the same privileges of revolutions martyrs and victims.

Negotiations between El-Ganzouri and protestors in front of the ministerial cabinet to end their sit-in.

Cairo Cassation Court assigns two judges to resume Maspero events investigations.

Tantawi holds a meeting to discuss the second phase of the elections; he called for avoiding the mistakes of the first phase. He met Justice, Local Development, Information, and Interior Ministers along with the HEC Head.

HEC sends the courts a list with the names of judges supervising the election. It changed the location of 3 counting stations. HEC said 10,922 judges will supervise the second phase of the elections.

Dar Al-Ifta said Islam approves political pluralism.

Expatriates' voting process for the second phase ended today at 4 pm.

The Ministry of Health allocated 771 ambulances and instructed hospitals to be ready for emergencies at any time, a measure taken in preparation for the second phase of the elections.

Security forces in Cairo continue their campaign to end the state of chaos.

Tantawi pays Tahrir square a sudden visit to check the traffic status there.

Advisory Council discusses ending military tribunals for civilians and releasing the detained. The Council to discuss the presidential election law tomorrow.

El-Ganzouri said that the current economic status puts poses a high risk to Egypt at risk and will not be resolved unless the state of chaos comes to an ends.



**Program: Masr AL-Gededa**  
**Genre: Talk Show**  
**Channel: Al Hayah 2**  
**Host: Moataz AL-Demerdash**

Major General Marwan Mostafa, Ministry of Interior Spokesman said:

The ministry is fully prepared for the second phase of the elections.

During the last few months, a small number of security forces were performing their job.

The second phase of the elections starts on Wednesday in 9 governorates, competition is for 120 slate seats and 60 individual seats.

Head of Advisory Council said:

The council has no constitutional authority.

We are not authorized to form the Constituent Assembly.



**Program: Misr Tantakheb**  
**Genre: Talk Show**  
**Channel: CBC**  
**Host: Lamees Al Hadidi**

**Guests:**

**Judge Magdy Al-Grahy, Vice State Council Head**

Al-Garhy said: The judges who recused themselves from supervising the elections justified their action saying that HEC did not take into consideration the judges' seniority when assigning them the polling stations.

Administrative Court allows FJP to attend the final counting of votes.



Expatriate Egyptians voting reached 70%, an increase of 10% than in the first phase.

SCAF renews vow to help in the success and integrity of the elections.

Ministry of Justice resumes investigations into 300 organizations and citizens suspected of receiving foreign funds.



### **1- Program: Sabah AL-Kheir Ya Masr**

**Genre: News**

**Channels: Channel 1**

Dr. Gafar Abdolsalam, Law Professor in Al-Azhar University and Secretariat of Islamic universities, said, Switzerland is the most cooperative country with Egypt in what relates to returnin the stolen money.

### **2-Program: News All Day**

**Genres: Daily**

Tantawi discusses with Al-Ganzory and a number of ministers the measures for securing the elections.

Tantawi reviewed HEC preparations report of the elections and he said that the Armed Forces will do everything to make the upcoming phases succeed.

Expatriate Egyptians voting ended and the embassies started counting the votes.

SCAF said in a statement that the advisory council role will end by electing a president for Egypt, adding that the advisory council's role is just to give advice to SCAF.



**Program: Yeseed Sabahak**  
**Genre: Daily**  
**Host: Hend Rashad and Hazem Abu Al-Sood**  
**Channel: Channel 2**

Mohamed Ezz Al-Arab, researcher in Al-Ahram Strategic Center said:” I expect that Islamic parties will hit the polls in the second phase of the elections.”



**Program: Al-Yom (Talk Show)**  
**Channel: Al Tahrir**  
**Host: Dina Abdol-Rahman**

Ahmed Kamal Abu Al-Magd, advisory council member said:

Islamic parties' heading the polls is a normal result.

There is no conspiracy against revolution youth. We can add new members to the council.

Shura Council is not important.



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**Program: News All Day**

**Genres: Daily**

Tourism Minister: Constitution belongs to all Egyptians, not only to the majority.

Al-Ahram survey: Economy is people's top priority. Most Egyptians adopt Islamic trend.

Mansour Hassan elected as chairman of the Advisory Council, Ashour and Madi as his deputies.

Advisory Council members reiterate their role was 'pure advisory'.

Tourism Minister Abdel-Nour: Constitutional Declaration was deficient when it comes to Constituent Assembly.

Abdel-Nour: The content of Selmi's document regarding the formation of the Constituent Assembly must be carried out.

Abdel-Nour: Constituent Assembly must represent all political powers and social segments in Egypt.

Abdel-Nour: The Muslim Brotherhood is mistaken; the Constituent Assembly must draft the Constitution.

54% of people say economy is their main concern while 33.6% say security.

Guest: Nabil Zaki (member of the political bureau of Al-Tagammu Party): I believe security is the main issue because without security there will be no economy.

Nabil Zaki: The results of the second phase of the elections are contingent on (whether religious slogans and worship places will be used in publicity and whether bribes will be offered).

Guest: Sobhi Aseela (expert at Al-Ahram Center for Political Studies): When the state threatens Egyptians, it would be nonsense to talk about democracy and freedoms.



## **Channel: Al-Jazeera Channel**

### **News all day**

El-Ganzouri assigned four specialized ministerial committees to examine high-priority issues. Results of the work of these committees will be discussed one by one during the cabinet's meetings.

The image of the police deteriorated significantly in the eyes of Egyptians following the January 25 revolution due to the number of protesters who were shot dead by security forces.

Media coverage of the development of the situation in Egypt raises raised a lot of controversy. Some news channels were accused of spreading fear among citizens of some of the political groups competing for parliamentary seats.

FJP: It is out of question that a clash between the Muslim Brotherhood and SCAF takes place.

The Freedom and Justice Party confirms their respect of international conventions and agreements signed by Egypt in the past.

Protesters re-open Tahrir Square for traffic.

Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi meets American senator John Kerry.

John Kerry: Egyptians have the right to choose a civilian leadership through fair elections.

Guest: Khaled Al-Balshi, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Badil newspaper, said: Leftist parties achieved very modest results during the first phase of parliamentary elections.

Leftist parties went through elections among various political blocs.



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## Radio Coverage (12/12/2011)



**News All Day**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

Advisory Council to discuss tomorrow the law governing the election of the new president and some other cases.

Ministry of Health prepared 771 ambulances and stepped up emergency at all hospitals to work around the clock ahead of the second phase of the elections.

Tantawi holds a meeting to discuss security measures to secure the second phase of the elections. He ordered that mistakes made in the first phase not to be repeated.

Second phase of the elections starts on Wednesday in 9 governorates. Competition is on 120 party-based seats and 60 individual seats.

SCAF said that the advisory council role ends by electing a new president.

Egyptian expatriates end their voting in the second phase.

Al-Ganzory approves granting Mohamed Mahmoud and Maspero victims the same privileges of the revolution's martyrs and victims.



**News All Day**

**Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat**

SCAF renews vow to render elections successful.

New parliament members assured the electoral process was transparent and credible.

All preparations for the second phase of the elections ended.



## **News All Day**

### **Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am**

Minister of Local Development discusses with SCAF election preparations.

HEC Head announced the number of judges and administrative staff members at ballot stations will be raised.

Tantawi discusses with Al-Ganzory and a number of ministers measures to secure the elections.

Negotiations between Al-Ganzory and Cabinet protestors to end their sit-in. Ganzory also discusses granting Mohamed Mahmoud and Maspero victims the same privileges of the revolution's martyrs and victims.

The Advisory Council will discuss tomorrow the law governing the election of the upcoming president.



## **News Bar**

### **Channel: Mega FM**

Major General Mamdouh Shahin said that the founding committee of the constitution will be formed by the advisory council and the parliament and will not have a legislative role.



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## Internet Coverage (13/12/2011)



Facebook

### Egyptian Cabinet

Al-Ganzory met with members of the Constituent Assembly to negotiate with the Cabinet protestors. He ordered forming a new Ministry to care for the revolution martyrs and the injured. He also approved to grant the Maspero and Mohamed Mahmoud Street victims the same privileges as the injured revolutionaries’.



Arabawy

### Seven years ago...

[http://farm1.staticflickr.com/97/235899686\\_5e72558668.jpg](http://farm1.staticflickr.com/97/235899686_5e72558668.jpg)

12 December 2004: Kefaya organizes the first anti-Mubarak protest, in front of the Public Prosecutor’s office, downtown Cairo...



Twitter

AsmaaMahfouz

Ever since they assumed power, SCAF committed war crimes against those who demanded freedom and dignity, isn’t this enough reason to bring them to trial?

I dedicate the Sakharov Prize I received to martyrs who died for freedom and dignity from January 25 to November 19.

Arab authoritarian regimes are the main reason behind the distorted image of Islam in the West.

The right to live as a free person with dignity is much higher than any other considerations.



Why do we have to wait for thousands to die so that we start taking actions? Isn't it enough that one person dies for the sake of freedom and dignity?

### **Monasosh**

There is news that Abd Al-Rahman Zein Al-Din, political activist, was kidnapped. Anyone can confirm that, please?

It is better to take every report of kidnapping seriously. Even if this means that one out of every five persons would say the truth, still it is better that we assist him/her.

Abd Al-Rahman Zein Al-Din was kidnapped, beaten and now he is in the hospital receiving treatment.

Tomorrow Alaa Abdel Fattah, and other protesters facing charges over the Maspero events, will be brought before the Prosecutor examining the case.

### **Iyad\_ElBaghdadi**

I find that many Arab/Muslim feminists and women rights groups latch on to "fight issues" and miss the true essence of women's abuse.

The brutal choices presented to the Arab woman right now is, either have a nice family or actualize your potential, but never both.

There was this girl who emailed me a week ago to tell me she got divorced. She had to break up her family in order to feel free.

These are some real tragedies that women's rights groups and feminists should focus on. Everyday tragedies that no one cries about.

It's heart breaking. This woman didn't want to be a president or to run for parliament. She only wanted to make cartoons and have a family.

"Women can have it all" is easy to say. But ultimately it's a bit insulting to the woman who has these very tough, depressing choices.

### **Gsquare86**

I lived to see the day they are viewing clips of Kefaya's protests on TV showing Kamal Khalil chanting against Mubarak. It is amazing what the January 25 revolution did.

Seriously, I thought we were going to die on these steps of the press syndicate, and then there came the January 25 revolution.

### **WaelAbbas**



Ministry of Interior appoints private security for Tawfik Okasha, TV presenter who is against the January 25 revolution, from our people's money!  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=IZCBnsfVS2I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=IZCBnsfVS2I)

The role of women, according to Sheikh Hazem Shouman, is to stay at home and put an end to women's temptations to men!

### **Arabist**

New on Arabist: 7 years ago: Egypt's first anti-Mubarak protest <http://arb.st/vTljtO>

New on Arabist: Salafis: Why the surprise? <http://arb.st/se4ql4>



## ▪ 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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