



# News Coverage

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Author: Amal Awad, Ismail Gomaa (and others)

### Violence Has the Upper Hand in Cairo



Violence goes on in Cairo city center. Clashes erupted on Friday and seem to be persisting.

Al-Ahram of today reported on 373 injuries amongst the civilians and 58 amongst the security forces.

Al-Ahram describes the crisis on its fourth day as “a dark tunnel with a seemingly dead end.”

Azhar leaders, a number of newly elected MPs, activists and intellectuals headed to Tahrir Square yesterday in an initiative to ease the tension and cease violence. The Azhar Grand Imam was represented by Dr. Hassan al-Sahfei. MP Amr Hamzawi, Bassel Adel, Mustafa al-Najjar, Ahmad Saeid, Wael Ghunaim, Mutazz Abd al-Fattah, Muizz Masoud and others headed to Tahrir and took part in erecting the cement barrier between protesters and the Army to stop the bloodshed.

Some of the protesters responded positively to the initiative, while others rejected it asking the volunteers where they were when “our women and us were being assaulted.” Al-Ahram wrote.

The team of volunteers issued a statement after an urgent meeting at the Azhar, stressing the necessity to preserve the peaceful identity of the protests and to protect the public and private facilities. The statement also regretted the arson of the Egyptian Academy that



destroyed an important part of Egypt's history and heritage. Al-Ahram reported that the ceiling of the Academy's second floor was collapsing, a matter that hinders the examination of the losses there.

Head of the Advisory Council Mansour Hassan denounced the resignation of 11 of its members.

Mufti of Egypt Ali Gomaa called for an immediate cessation of bloodsheds.

On its part, SCAF denied on its website the circulated news about protesters having kidnapped 3 soldiers of the Armed Forces. SCAF warned of the danger of perils of rumors to the stability of Egypt.

Eyewitnesses had asserted that protesters kidnapped three soldiers.

Al-Ahram also reported on what it considered an "important development" when Sabri Ibrahim Shalabi, founder of the Public Coalition for Protecting and Saving Egypt stated that he had seen about 500 thugs and street children amongst the protesters. These people allegedly commit crimes due to orders from unknown parties. The thugs work in groups of 30 and 50 individuals.

23 new injuries were detected, yesterday.

58 security officers were injured in Sheikh Raihan Street. A dead body was found inside one of the burnt down buildings. The dead is a previous criminal.

Protesters have reportedly arrested 11 of the thugs with knives. The police detained 22 young men, while distributing oil bombs and knives on protesters in front of the Cabinet headquarters.

The Prosecution is investigating into the incidents. 138 people are being interrogated.

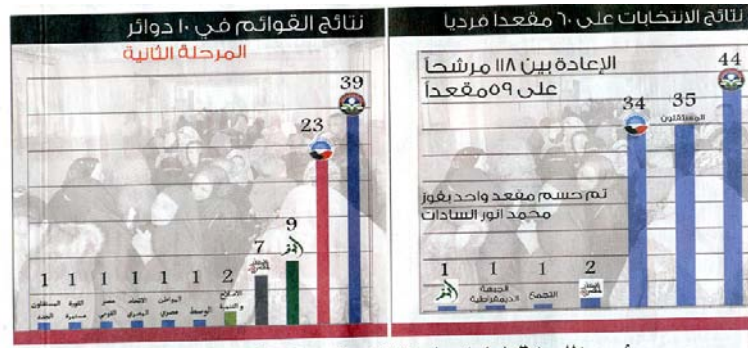
Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, head of SCAF paid a visit to the hospitalized injured people. He asserted the Army's will to protect and nation and the achievements of its people.

SCAF is to hold a press conference this morning to explain the details and circumstances of the incidents.

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Author: Hussam al-Jidawi, Muhammad Hijab (and others)

### Elections Updates in al-Ahram



Al-Ahram reported that three people were injured in Sohag in elections-related altercations.

Head of the High Elections Commission attributed the delayed declaration of the final results to the delay of the vote counts in Giza and Ismailiya.

President of the State Council Khalid Hassan, also secretary general of the Egyptian Judges' Club will file a claim at the Attorney General against Head of the High Elections Commission Abd al-muizz Ibrahim because of the latter's offenses against the State Council's judges. The claim will call for firing Ibrahim from his position.

Salafist al-Nour Part contests the elections results in Damanhour.

Freedom and Justice Party files a contestation against the elections results in Kafr al-Dawwar.

The Egyptian Bloc comes third on the slates results.

The Egyptian Alliance for Elections Observation detected violations in the second phase of elections to the lower house of Parliament.

The violations were related to violent actions, assaults against journalists, pulling voters, collective voting and electoral bribes.

Meanwhile, al-Ahram's Gilan al-Jamal reported on the UN's praise of the Egyptian elections.



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 Authors: Walid Magdi, Karima Hassan (and others)

### Tahrir Events



Clashes between Army soldiers and protesters reached Sheikh Rehan St., leading to the Ministry of Interior after army troops closed down Kasr Al-Aini St., using a cement wall. For the first time since the beginning of clashes, a group of security forces appeared along with Army forces.

Attempts made by a number of politicians and public figures to forge truce between the two sides. Dr. Mostafa El-Naggar, one of the founders of Al-Adl Party and a member of parliament, said that told Al-Masry Al-Youm that negotiations failed because there is a huge amount of tension between the two sides, in addition to the pursuit of revenge on both sides.

Emad Abd Al-Ghafour, head of Al-Nour Salafi Party, visited the area of clashes, yesterday, and said he had an initiative to end the conflict but he found it difficult to communicate with the two sides due to the prevailing violence between them.

A statement for the Muslim Brotherhood demanded all sides to put an end to the crisis.

Revolution Youth Coalition issued a statement, accusing SCAF and Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri of misleading people through state media that there is a “third party” that stands behind the outbreak of this violence. They said this so-called “third party” is SCAF itself. The statement denied the allegations made that accused protesters of burning the Egyptian Academy and the General Authority for Roads and Bridges.



Al-Azhar's Grand Imam Ahmed Al-Tayyeb sent one of his advisors, Dr. Hasan Al-Shafie, to mediate between Army forces and protesters. El-Shafie held a meeting with army officials inside the Parliament building, however, no results came out of that meeting.

Various political and popular forces in many governorates condemned the attack against the Occupy Cabinet protesters.. Hundreds protested in Alexandria, Qena, Suez, Port Said, Al-Menoufia, Al-Gharbia, and Al-Daqahlia to express their refusal of the excessive force used to break up the sit-in. A number of organizations and coalitions issued statements demanding a swift, neutral investigation into the matter. They called for bringing those who used force against protesters to justice.



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Authors: Mounir Adib, Osama Al-Mahdi (and others)

## Elections Updates



Islamist parties and groups demanded all sides to put an end to violence that erupted during cabinet headquarters sit-in. They called for an immediate investigation into the matter. The Muslim Brotherhood demanded members of parliament to interfere by talking to officials and asking them to preserve lives and calm things down until parliamentary elections are complete.

Dr. Wahid Abd Al-Megid, general coordinator of the Democratic Alliance, said “The percentage gained by the Freedom and Justice Party during the second phase of parliamentary elections reached 40% and we will compete for 39 seats in single-member constituencies during the runoffs.”

Abd Al-Moez Ibrahim, Head of the High Elections Commission, confirmed that rumors that spread over his resignation are not true. “I cannot quit and no one can remove me from my post because no one hired me in the first place,” said Ibrahim. Following the crisis of moving ballot boxes and attacks against judges, Ibrahim said he had a phone call with Lieutenant General Sami Anan, Chief of Staff and Deputy Head of SCAF, and that he showed his respect to the role of judges.

Giza governorate is preparing for the runoffs on single-member constituencies. Dr. Ali Abd Al-Rahman, Giza governor, made a phone call yesterday with Senior Judge Abd Al-Moez Ibrahim, Head of HEC and Magdi Khalifa, Head of Giza Elementary Court. He discussed with them procedures that should be taken to avoid any delays or violations. According to him, around 13.000 administrative staff will be present during the runoff stage.

Head of Al-Nour Salafi Party Dr. Emad Abd Al-Ghafour called on all political forces to interfere and try to resolve the ongoing crisis between protesters and army forces near the cabinet headquarters. He referred to a “third party” that is attempting to escalate matters between protesters and army soldiers.

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### Clashes in Tahrir Continue



The number of people injured during the Cabinet clashes in Kasr El-Aini Street rose to 500, the Health Ministry announced.

Among them 81 are still receiving medical treatment at hospitals.

The injuries varied from bruises, cuts and gunshot wounds.

Attorney General Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud sent a memo to the Egyptian state TV, asking it to submit all video recordings captured on Saturday of the clashes.

He precisely wanted the footage of the torching of buildings in the area and the clashes between protesters and security forces.

SCAF Head Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi made a surprise visit to civilians injured during the Cabinet clashes. The victims are receiving treatment at the Armed Forces Medical Complex in Kobri El-Kobba district.

SCAF will hold a press conference on Monday morning at the HQ of the State Information Service (SIS) to expound on the Cabinet events.

Clashes re-erupted on Sunday evening in the vicinity of Tahrir Square and the nearby Sheikh Rihan Street between protesters and security forces. Both sides exchanged Molotov cocktails and stones.



Mediation efforts have failed to reach a compromise to the situation. Protesters refused to listen to presidential candidate Hamdeen Sabahi, political activist and new MP Amr Hamzawi.

The number of protesters continued to rise after they were joined by three marches coming from Cairo University, Ain Shams University and Al-Azhar University.

Army forces erected a barbed wire fence to deter attacks by the protesters. The protesters have removed the fence, prompting civil defense forces to heavily spray protesters with water.

More than 75 protesters were injured in those clashes, raising the total number of wounded since the start of the events to 550.

The presidential campaign of Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh said its executive secretary Mohamed Saeid was beaten by security forces on Sunday.

The Gamaa Islamiya (Islamic Group) issued a statement to express concern over the Cabinet incidents. It underlined that it supports the right to protesting, but said the sit-in staged by several youths outside the Cabinet was unjustified, especially that it was held a time when millions were flocking to cast their votes.

Presidential hopeful Amr Moussa condemned the burning of the Scientific Academy building in downtown Cairo.

Al-Azhar Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayyeb denounced the recent events in Cairo. He expressed sorrow over the torching of the historic building of the Scientific Academy.

The number of books registered at the Scientific Academy was 40,000 not 200,000 as alleged, said Culture Minister Shaker Abdel-Hamid.

The Scientific Academy is about to cave in completely.

The Egyptian Association for the Assistance of Juveniles and Human Rights (EAAJHR) said street children were abused to fuel the Kasr Al-Aini incidents.

EAAJHR President Mahmoud el-Badawi said a large number of street children were hired by some people to participate in the incidents to spread chaos and mayhem.

About 600 people staged a march in Beheira governorate to condemn the recent violent events in Cairo's Tahrir Square.

The Norway-based Arab-European Center for Human Rights and Cairo-based Hemaia Center for Supporting Human Rights Defenders rapped all the violent incidents outside the Cabinet, which left dozens dead and injured.

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Authors: Mohamed Morsi

### Al-Gomhoria Elections Review



The voter turnout in the second phase of the parliamentary election reached 67%, said Chairman of the High Elections Commission Abdel-Moez Ibrahim during a press conference on Sunday.

The run-off elections will be held for 59 seats across the nine governorates of the second phase, Ibrahim said.

12,529,237 voters have cast their ballots in the second phase, he said.

Among them are 11,579,407 valid votes, he said.

### Tahrir Events



A number of protesters attempted to reach the Ministry of Interior's building. They attacked police forces positioned in Kasr Al-Aini and Sheikh Rehan streets, which resulted in the injury of 3 police officers and 63 low-ranking policemen. Protesters attacked them with rocks and Molotov Cocktails.

Al-Dostour newspaper reported that army forces, commandos and paratroopers burnt the makeshift hospital in front of Omar Makram's mosque and the medical unit in the garden in front of Tahrir Administrative Complex. They also attacked doctors and volunteers who are helping injured protesters, arresting many of them.

Doctors' Syndicate organized a protest in front of its building to condemn the deliberate burning of makeshift hospitals in Tahrir Square. Dr. Khairy Abd Al-Dayem, Chief of Doctors' Syndicate, confirmed that their syndicate will file a complaint to SCAF to demand an investigation into the matter.

The Muslim Brotherhood said the large numbers of people who were injured or killed within the past two days confirm that there are political forces that are trying to prevent the revolution from reaching its goals. MB statement said that the lack of transparency and covering up previous investigations led to escalating these events.

Mansour Hassan, Head of the Advisory Council, announced that SCAF accepted their demands to stop the use of force and all forms of violence and promised them to put an end to the clashes. Hassan called on citizens to return to their homes. He said he totally rejects the demands of protesters to overthrow military rule and that there should be a transitional period of 6 months administered by SCAF.



The New York Times said in a report published yesterday that SCAF is using brutal force against unarmed protesters. El-Ganzouri said in a press conference that force was not used against them.

A number of protesters who were injured during clashes with army and police forces said, "all we did was standing in front of the parliament and expressing our opinion."



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Authors: Abd al-Rahman Abbadi, Ahmad Ead (and others)

## The Suspicious Incidents



Al-Tahrir's front page shed a light of suspicion on the current violent incidents downtown Cairo.

Four questions headlined the front page articles:

"Who is Ruling Egypt Now; the Field Marshal or his Chief?" (al-Tahrir meant Mubarak by the "chief")

"Has SCAF and the Police Complied to Burn the Egyptian Academy?"

To al-Ganzouri: Who are you to know the Protesters?"

"Who is investigating?"

The four articles questioned the intentions of SCAF and al-Ganzouri's government.

Abd al-Rahman Abadi and Rabab Faris sheds claim that the SCAF was reluctant to put out the fire at the Egyptian Academy, referring to the short distance between the academy and the Department of Civil Defense and fire-engines.

Under the headline: "who is Interrogating?" al-Tahrir referred to a soldier who appeared in two different photos. The first photo depicted him in his military uniform assaulting a woman, and the second photo showed a civilian man while setting a building on fire. Al-Tahrir claims that the man is the same in both photos.

Al-Tahrir singled out the second page for testimonials of people who had been assaulted in the clashes. The lady who was stripped of her clothes and assaulted by the army has reportedly refused to talk to the media.



On another note, the forensic report denied what was rumored about some Hebrew writings on the body of Salah Ahmad Ismail, one of the victims who died.

Al-Tahrir reported on Field Marshal Tantawi's visit to a number of the injured people in the hospital.

On the four and fifth pages, al-Tahrir sheds light on the international press reactions to the incidents in Egypt. The covered newspapers were the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, the Washington Times, the Atlantic and a number of Israeli newspapers and media.

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Authors: Hasan Ghunaimah, Rana Mamdouh (and others)

### Elections Updates in al-Tahrir



The bloody clashes in Downtown Cairo overshadowed the parliamentary elections. The final results were declared yesterday. (Al-Akhbar newspaper published the full information about the results of the first round of the second phase of elections.)

Al-Tahrir also published detailed information about the results in every governorate of the nine governorates of the second phase. A run-off round will be held in most of the single-member constituencies.

The following is a briefing on al-Tahrir's:

In Munoufiya, the Muslim Brotherhood supports independent candidates against Salafists in the single-member constituencies. On the other hand Salafists ally with former NDPs.

In Suez the run-off round will be between the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) and candidates of Salafist al-Nour Party.

Candidates of FJP, former NDPs and Salafist al-Nour will be in the in al-Sharqiya.

Candidates of FJP and Salafist al-Nour are to run the run-off round in al-Buhairah.

Three Islamists and one former member of al-Wafd Party will be in the run-offs in Aswan.

Islamists also control the run-off round in Giza. The High Elections Commission is to recount the fifth constituency in Giza.

In al-Ismailiya FJP won two seats, al-Nour won one and al-Wafd one.



In Sohag, Salfists and members of the FJP ally in the runoffs.

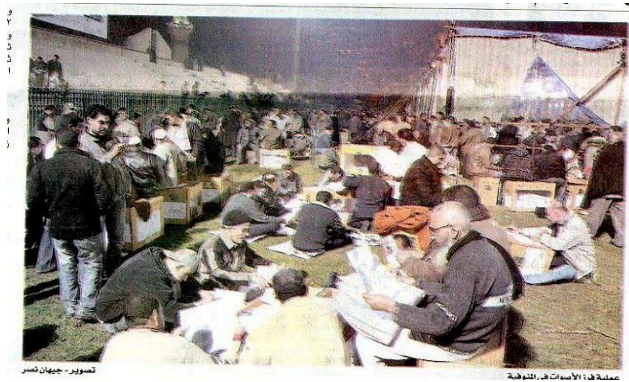
The State Council has called on SCAF to fire head of the High Judicial Elections Commission Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim who had allegedly insulted the State Council. Judge of the State Council called on Ibrahim to apologize for his insults.



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Authors: Haitham Noury

## Shorouk Election Updates



Justice Minister meets Ahmed El-Zend, Judges' Club Head, to discuss the violations against the judges in the second phase.

The Revolution Youth Coalition in Ismailia boycotts runoffs as a protest to the violations committed during the vote count.

Itinerant workers complain from their inability to vote and call for a decree that enables them to vote in Cairo.

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### Tahrir Clashes Continue For the Third Day



Clashes between protestors and the Armed Forces lasted throughout the night until SCAF withdrew its soldiers, replacing them with CSF. The numbers of protestors increased in Tahrir and Kasr Einy Street. Dozens of them formed public-defense committees to securely transfer the books from the Egyptian Academy. They arrested 4 Army soldiers from the paratroop regiments and the Republican Guard, who were severely attacked by protestors then transferred to the makeshift hospital and released later.

The Armed Forces responsible for securing the vital buildings downtown arrested 164 suspects -including 9 girls- during the events. South Cairo's Prosecution is interrogating 154 suspects charging them with resisting authorities, mobbing, arson, and vandalism. The statements of the victims show they were not part of the clashes but happened to be in the area and were beaten up by the Army, reported Mohamed Antar. The Prosecution did not allow the suspects to be examined by a physician, most of which suffer from bone fractures and chronic diseases.

Head of the Advisory Council, Mansour Hassan, stated that no one can judge his patriotism after calls for his resignation increased. He said that the Council's resignation will not resolve the situation for they are "an advisory institution and not a main legislative institution."

A number of political forces met with Shorouk reporters, they issued a statement with their demands. Their top priority now is to stop using violence immediately and fully.



The Muslim Brotherhood -in a document- accused SCAF of attempting to put an end in their success in the elections.

The Minister of Health -reported by Shorouk- stated that the death toll reached 10 yesterday, while 546 were injured since Friday.

Major General Abdel Moneim Kato, adviser at the Armed Forces Department of Moral Affairs, was reported in the newspaper saying that the Army's violence was a response to the attempts of setting the Parliament building on fire.

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### Latest Updates on Tahrir Clashes



The military police used machine guns in the “Kasr Al-Aini war” in Downtown Cairo as clashes continue for the third day running between protesters and Army forces.

Children aging between 10 and 15 years were involved in the scene. They were seen hurling Molotov cocktails and stones at Army forces stationed in Downtown’s Sheikh Riham Street.

Nearly 100 figures volunteered to form a human shield between protesters and Army forces in Kasr Al-Aini Street in a bid to stop the bloodshed, which left so far 10 people dead and more than 400 injured.

The volunteer list included newly-elected MPs Amr Hamzawi, Mostafa el-Nagar, Ahmed Saied, Hatem Azam and Ziyad el-Alimi.

The protesters refused the initiative.

According to a military report obtained by Al-Yom7, nine out of the ten deceased have died from gunshot wounds sustained by live ammunition.

Army personnel constructed a “separation wall” in Kasr Al-Aini Street in front of the burnt Scientific Academy.

The Army removed all makeshift hospitals in the area, except for the one at the Omar Makram Mosque, said activist Mohamed Mostafa.



Protesters locked up one of the people hurling stones on them from the rooftop of the Scientific Academy and beat him up before handing him over to the Armed Forces.

A number of shop owners in Bab El-Louq Street, Downtown Cairo, prevented a number of protesters from organizing a march toward the Interior Ministry premises. Limited clashes took place between the two sides.

Al-Yom7 newspaper dedicated five full pages for photos captured during the incidents.



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### Elections update



The Revolution Youth Coalition in Ismailia governorate condemned the results of the second phase of the parliamentary elections as null and void.

Coalition member Aida Ali el-Killani said the group will boycott the run-off elections in the governorate.

The remarks were made during a conference held in central Ismailia following the announcement of the results.

Meanwhile, Al-Wasat Party filed two challenges with the High Elections Commission (HEC) over the result of the voting in South Giza’s first constituency.

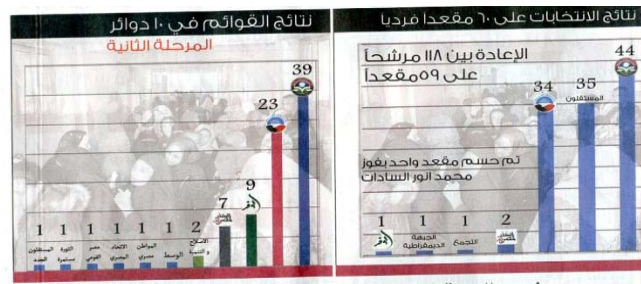
The party’s candidate in the constituency Alaa el-Beheiri said the results announced were changed in favor of Al-Wafd Party’s candidate Abdel-Wahab Helmi.

Former Social Solidarity Minister Ali el-Moseli, who runs in the parliamentary polls under the umbrella of Al-Wafd Party in Sharqiya, will also compete in the run-offs against the Freedom and Justice Party’s candidate Mohamed Fayyad.



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### Second Phase Election Results



The elections were postponed until next Wednesday in three constituencies: Menoufia’s first constituency, Beheira’s second constituency and Souhag’s second constituency. The competition will be for 24 parliamentary seats.

The results of 10 constituencies and 76 slate seats have been revealed. FJP won 39 seats, Nour 23 seats, Wafd 9 seats, The Egyptian Bloc 7 seats, Reformation and Development 2 seats and 1 seat for each of Al-Wasat, The Egyptian citizen, The Egyptian- Arab Union, New Independents, The National Party of Egypt, and The Revolution continues Alliance.

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First Constituency (8 seats):

FJP 3 seats

Nour 3 seats

Wafd 1 seat

Revolution Continues 1 seat

Second Constituency (4seats):

FJP 2 seats

Nour 1 seat



Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Menoufia:

First Constituency: Postponed

Second Constituency (8 seats):

FJP 3 seats

Wafd 2 seats

Nour 1 seat

Reformation and Development 1 seat

The National party of Egypt 1 seat.

Sharquia:

First Constituency (10 Seats):

FJP 4 seats

Nour 3 seats

Wafd 1 seats

Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Wasat 1 seat

Second Constituency (10 Seats)

FJP 4 seats.

Nour 2 seats.

Wafd 2 seats.

Egyptian-Arab Union 1 seat.

New Independents 1 seat.

Ismailia (4 seats)

FJP 2 seats

Nour 1 seat



Wafd 1 seat

Suez (4 seats)

FJP 1 seat

Nour 1 seat

Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Wasat 1 seat

Beheira:

First Constituency: (12 seats)

Nour 5 seats

FJP 4 seats

Wafd 1 seat

Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Egyptian Citizen 1 seat

Second constituency postponed

Souhag:

First constituency (12 seats)

Nour 4 seats

FJP 4 seats

Egyptian Bloc 2 seats

Wafd 1 seat

Reformation and Development 1 seat

Second constituency postponed

Aswan (4 seats)

FJP 2 seats



Nour 1 seat

Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Head of HEhhHHEC, Abd El-Moez Ibrahim, announced the official results of 30 single-member constituencies. Runoffs will be held between 118 candidates; 44 FJPs, 34 Nour candidates, 35 independents, 2 Egyptian Bloc candidates, and 1 from each of The Front, Tagamo'a and Wafd.

The turnout in the first phase has exceeded 67% as over 12.5 million voters have participated in the elections.

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### The Battle of Molotov and Rocks



For the third day in a row, the clashes between civilians, and CSF and Army Forces continue, resulting in dozens of casualties. Unknown civilians climbed to the rooftop of the People's Assembly building to hurl rocks at protestors in Sheikh Rehan Street. A younger group tried to climb the concrete barrier built to separate the two sides. Flames and smoke from the Egyptian Academy still shoot high in to the air. Protestors rejected the initiative introduced by a number of political figures like Amr Hamzawy, Wael Ghonim and Mostafa El-Naggar to end clashes with the Army.

Akhbar reporters followed the state of chaos that reigned over Kasr El-Einy Street and the surrounding streets, after the image of the almost-naked girl posted by Reuters enraged protestors even more. The clashes broke out again, yesterday morning. A state of cautious calm prevailed in Cairo's Tahrir Square, yesterday, after the clashes were confined to Sheikh Rehan and Kasr Einy streets. The Armed Forces foiled a number of attempts to storm into the People's Assembly and Shura buildings. Dozens of security personnel fell injured and were transferred to the makeshift hospital. General Mahmoud Ali, Cairo's Governor General assured the newspaper that CSF never fired a single bullet at an Egyptian citizen applying utmost self-restraint while breaking the sit-in.

Mostafa Younis reported in his article that the clashes continued, yesterday, for over 7 hours. In the morning, the Army stormed into Tahrir square and regained control over it, dispersing all protestors. At 4am, the army retreated to the entrance of Omar Makram and Tahrir governmental complex where they fired at protestors who responded by throwing Molotov cocktails and rocks.



A group of thugs and thieves tried to exploit the tense security situation by sneaking into the Agricultural Security Bank. However, a number of protestors stood in their way and formed a human shield in front of the bank.

Activist Ghada Kamal Abd El-Khaleq, 6th April member, told her story to Mostafa Younis; she was held captive in the ministerial cabinet building where she endured brutal torture. She tried to escape but 4 army soldiers started to beat her and drag her by her clothes; the image that circulated all media outlets. As a doctor in the makeshift hospital came near and, she begged him not to leave her, she says. On her way out a masked police officer threatened to kill her and took her cell phone. She filed a report to prove the torture she endured, vowing never to relinquish her right.

The Armed Forces in charge of securing the vital building in downtown Cairo arrested 186 suspects during the bloody events. The majority of the suspects are street vendors. The Public Prosecution ordered their detention.

Akhbar journalist, Naglaa Abd El-Razeq reported the Ministry of Health's statement which mentioned that the number of casualties jumped to 500.

On page 6, Doaa Samy reports on Tantawi's visit to the victims of the clashes. He said that the Armed Forces will cover all treatment expenses.

The Forensic report revealed that the 9 victims of the clashes, lying now in Zeinhom's morgue died of gunshots. Eight victims were shot by live ammunition. In seven cases, according to the report, the victims were shot by a machinegun from a close distance.

Alaa Abd El-Hady reported the Minister of Antiquities saying that they are negotiating with the French authorities to rebuild the Egyptian Academy. The Archives Manager said that the contents of the building were destroyed by water and flames.



## TV Coverage (18/12/2011)



**Program: Al-Hayat Al-An (News)**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Maha Bahnasy**

Clashes in front of the Ministerial Cabinet premises and in the surrounding streets still continue.

Public prosecution starts interrogating 164 involved in Occupy Cabinet incidents.

FJP, al-Nour, the Egyptian Bloc and Wafd parties came on top in the polls.

Runoff on individual seats in 90% of the constituencies.

Central security forces (CSF) replace Armed Forces in securing Tahrir Square entrances.

Protestors refuse the initiative taken by 100 public figures to end the violence and the bloodshed.

10 dead and hundreds injured in Cabinet clashes.

**Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yom (Talk Show)**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Sherif Amer**

### Guests

Amr Hashim Rabea, Head of Egyptian Studies in Al-Ahram Center

Marches in Tahrir Square supporting SCAF.

Investigations show that the son of Ibrahim Al-Abody a former NDP is the one responsible for the incidents.

A group of political activists launch an initiative to delay Shura Council elections and start presidential elections to speed up the handing over of power to a civilian authority.

Amr Rabea said:

It is better to start the presidential elections and the military forces go back to their barracks.



10 People's Assembly members in Downtown Cairo constituency haven't taken any action regarding Cabinet incidents.

Runoff will represent 98% in the second phase of the elections.



**Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda (Talk Show)**

**Channel: Al-Hayat 2**

**Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash**

Judge Mahmoud Al-Khodery, parliament member said:  
I urge the protestors to return to their homes.

SCAF can no longer rule the country.



**Program: Masr Tantakheb**

**Channel: CBC**

**Host: Khairy Ramadan**

**Guest: Dr. Ahmed Zoweil**

FJP leads the polls in most constituencies while Al-Nour Party leads the polls in Suez governorate.

HEC Head: Violating the "silence period" before the voting process starts and judges being insulted by security forces, are among the most prominent violations of the second phase.

Public prosecution arrests 17 suspects involved in Cabinet incidents.

Dr. Ahmed Zoweil:

The world has witnessed Egypt in two totally different images; the first is an unprecedented revolution and the other includes barbarity and thuggery.

I suggest starting a truce to stop violence. Police forces should work on ending the security chaos status and spread stability.

Revolution forces must leave the streets in order to arrest the thugs.



**News Brief and News  
Channel 1 "National TV"**

Tantawi checks the status of the injured in military hospitals.  
Political forces and public figures launch an initiative to end Cabinet violence.

HEC Head said:

67% is the voting percentage in the second phase of the elections.

We didn't repeat the majority of the first phase elections.

Runoffs in all constituencies, except the second constituency in Monofeya governorate.

FJP appeals to HEC to investigate into the candidates contestations.

SCAF said they are taking measures to end violence.

SCAF orders to compensate the martyrs' families and provide medical care to the injured.

**Program: Sabah Al-Kher Ya Masr  
Channel 1 "National TV"**

The Army didn't shoot the protestors and the incidents are counter revolution.  
The results of the second phase of the elections are as follows:

Former NDP members failed

FJP got 45%

Al-Nour got 30%

Egyptian Bloc got 10%

Wafd got 5%

Mohamed Hefny, Coordinator of Al-Ganzory and Revolution Youth initiative said, Cabinet protestors have nothing to do with the Cabinet's sabotaging and PM is not to be blamed as he is doing his best.



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## Radio Coverage (18/12/2011)



**Program**

**News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

SCAF calls citizens not to believe rumors that aim at destroying the country.  
Clashes continue in front of Cabinet headquarters and nearby areas.

Political forces and public figures launched an initiative to end violence.

Public prosecution starts investigation with 164 suspects involved in the Cabinet incidents.

HEC Head stated that the turnout in the second phase has reached 67%.



**News**

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

Public prosecution arrests 17 unemployed citizens involved in Kasr Einy clashes.  
Tantawi checks the injured in military hospitals.

FJP demanded the government and SCAF to end the Clashes as soon as possible, and refer those responsible to the public prosecution immediately.



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## Internet Coverage (19/12/2011)



### We are all Khaled Saeed

The front page of Wafd's newspaper titled (The Army Frees the Ministerial Cabinet):

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An image of Sheikh Emad Effat's funeral that started at Al-Azhar Mosque and marched to the Sayeda Aisha cemeteries where he was buried:

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There is a call spreading rapidly on Face book for holding the presidential elections on January 25<sup>th</sup>, announcing the results on February 2<sup>nd</sup> -in the memory of the "Camel Battle"- and the inauguration of the president and the oath on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

News Flash: identifying the girl who was dragged on the ground and humiliated, her name is "The Arab Republic of Egypt."

### Egyptian Cabinet

Al-Ganzory held a meeting with the health committee and decided to grant Health sector a total of EGP700mn, as follows:

EGP100mn allocated to health care units in villages and poor areas.

EGP600mn allocated to public hospitals to provide free treatment to the citizens.

The Cabinet is also considering providing free meals to primary stage students all over Egypt and suitable health care to students less than 6 years old, who are not, included on the health insurance plans.



Disclaimer: We assure that Al-Ganzory has no Face book or Twitter personal accounts, and to communicate with him either can be through this page (Cabinet Face book Page) or through the email below:

pm@cabinet.gov.eg



### AsmaaMahfouz

Large numbers would help us put an end to the violence against us. The Army would not beat a large mass.

### Aalam Wassef

A few pages of Tantawi's horror album:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/gallery/2011/dec/18/egypt-clashes-tahrir-square-violence#/?picture=383476050&index=5>

Catherine Ashton requests from those SCAF assassins to restore law and order? Is she \*that\* misinformed? <http://bit.ly/v4NkX3>

### Monasosh

I have just left Tahrir Square and there is news of attacks against protesters from three different entrances.

I am at the prosecutor's office and there are many young kids facing charges over their participation in protests.

### Ghonim

Sheikh Emad Effat's funeral. He was shot dead yesterday in AlQasr ElEiny area. <http://on.fb.me/vpnq4M>

Documenting photos and videos of Army's violations committed against civilian protesters.

### Iyad\_ElBaghdadi

Another blood-boiling video of SCAF soldiers pulling an old woman's hair and pushing her around: <http://bit.ly/u YamNN>



My position is against having a standing Army. SCAF is my biggest ally in making sure that the idea finds an audience.

Fundamental rights should never be up to the vote. That's why America today is a Democracy and not a Republic as originally intended.

Of course, NDAA is a convoluted story that boils down to the government reserving the right to hold citizens indefinitely without trial.

### Gsquare86

Field hospital stories of death are beyond heartbreaking. I'm crying while filming testimonies.

A police car just came at Omar Makram field hospital and speeded at a kid almost killing him!

The blood is everywhere in Tahrir <http://yfrog.com/obqi3sij>

The books are still burning and revolutionaries are trying to get them out <http://yfrog.com/mmmfkvij>

### WaelAbbas

This is a video I took yesterday that shows spraying dirty water on protesters in Sheikh Rehan Street.

Videofthesoldiercapturedbyprotesters:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU8CtGPtsP4>

### Arabist

Alaa al-Aswany: 'Overthrowing Mubarak was too good to be true':  
<http://ind.pn/rW88zZ> Interview with Fisk.

One of the most bizarre things about the #occupycabinet clashes is that, amidst all its violence, the Army is refraining from using tear gas.



## ▪ 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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