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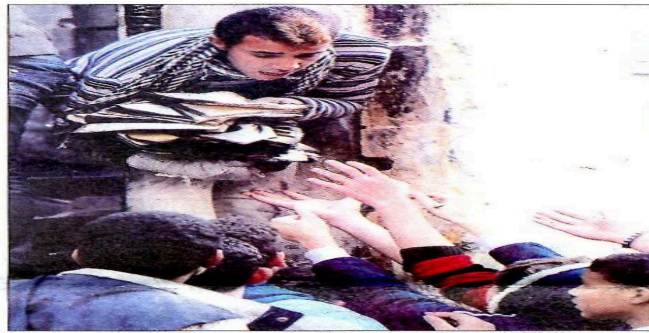
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The Crisis Escalates



Cairo clashes go into fifth day. The crisis is escalating amidst keen effort of different political players to ease the tension. A number of political players staged a sit-in in front of the Ministry of Justice. The symbolic sit-in will be for four hours a day. They called for an urgent transfer of power to a civil state.

In a press conference that was held, yesterday, General Adel Imarah of SCAF referred to some systematic plan to destroy the state. He also communicated information about alleged intentions to set fire in the People's Assembly.

Gen Imarah presented videos that show thugs and street children mobbing the public buildings and facilities.

Running battles took place over the night and calm prevailed with the first hours of the day.

In the frame of the political efforts made to release the tension, Lieutenant Sami Annan, deputy chairman of SCAF is to meet the Advisory Council today. The meeting will discuss the current situation and the possible solutions, Dr. Muhammad Nour Farhat, general secretary of the Advisory Council stated.

The Revolution Youth Alliance launched an initiative to end the crisis and the sit-in. Death toll has risen to 12 cases and 815 people have been injured since the first day of clashes. 107 of the injured people are still in hospitals.



59 of the 123 detainees have been released. 22 children and nine women were amongst the released.

One of the suspects admitted having received bribes from a candidate to the Parliament. One of the detainees died on arriving to the prosecution. All attempts to rescue him failed. Investigations are being conducted to decide the cause of death. The 6 of April Movement denounced Gen Imarah's statements and considered al-Ganzouri Salvation government to be salvation for SCAF rather than Egypt.

Students of Cairo University staged a strike, protesting the use of violence against protesters. Egyptian activists in the United States denounced SCAF's excessive use of violence and called for the end of the transitional period in Egypt as soon as possible.

Potential Presidential Candidate Hamadain al-Sabbahi calls on al-Ganzouri to resign. The Muslim Brotherhood denied what was rumored about its intention to form people committees to guard the vital governmental institutions.



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Protests in front of the High Court of Justice



Around 40 political figures, from all political hues in Egypt, protested in front of the High Court of Justice and announced the beginning of their sit-in until SCAF halts all forms of violence used to suppress Tahrir protesters.

Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, Head of ruling SCAF, issued a decree to appoint an independent investigation committee headed by Senior Judge Zakariya Abd Al-Aziz to investigate into the violent events that took place near the Cabinet headquarters.

Political figures demanded holding presidential elections and handing over power to a civilian elected president in January 25, 2012.



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Tahrir Events



Clashes were renewed, yesterday, between protesters and Army Forces, following a period of relative calm, on the fourth day since the violence broke out near the Cabinet’s headquarters. Tahrir Square was divided as some of the protesters supported another sit-in in the square, while others suggested waiting until numbers increase.

Security forces were positioned on top of the buildings of the Egyptian Academy, General Authority for Roads and Bridges, and Shoura Council. They threw protesters with rocks and sprayed them with water, protesters said was mixed with acid sulphate because it caused them facial burns. Military Police forces used birdshot pellets against protesters at 2 AM, resulting in many injuries among them.

Security forces arrested 27 suspects accused of attacked Armed Forces and preparing Molotov Cocktails. South Cairo’s Prosecution issued orders to hold 132 protesters in prison and released 53 others, including children.

In response to SCAF’s address, hundreds of university students marched to Tahrir Square to condemn violent acts committed by Army soldiers against protesters. A number of politicians denounced SCAF statements, describing them as “pathetic” and “similar to Mubarak’s.” They marched inside the university before they head to Tahrir, chanting slogans such as “Down with Military Rule.”



A number of political activists launched a new initiative to declare Tahrir Square a safe area for protesters, while taking necessary measures to secure governmental and public buildings. Mohamed Mo'men, political activist and the director of Al-Awa's campaign said the initiative they attempted to create to calm things down failed due to the severe tensions between protesters and security forces in Sheikh Rehan St.



Pages 9, 10, 11
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Elections Updates



The runoffs are witnessing heated competition between candidates competing for single-member constituencies, especially between candidates of the Freedom and Justice Party, Al-Nour Salafi Party and NDP former members.

In Al-Sharqiya, there are runoffs on all 10 seats of the FJP and Al-Wafd Party competing against each other.

In Beheira, Dr. Mohamed Mostafa, secretary general of Al-Nour party in the governorate, filed a complaint to the head of the High Elections Commission, demanding him to prevent all human rights organizations from entering polling stations. He claimed that most of the members of these organizations are members of the FJP.

In El-Menoufia, FJP candidates formed coalitions with Al-Nour Salafi Party to compete against former members of the dissolved NDP.

56 candidates in Boulak and Oassim contest the results of elections They organized a protest in front of the State Council's building demanding an investigation into the rigging committed during the voting and vote count processes.



Authors: Mahmoud Mosallan and Adel Al-Dargali

Al-Selmi Confirms MB Agreed Earlier on Constitutional Principles Document



Dr. Ali Al-Selmi, former vice prime minister, revealed a letter Dr. Mohamed Saad El-Katatni, FJP secretary general, had sent to Dr. Yehia El-Gamal, former vice prime minister, in which he confirmed that the Democratic Alliance reached an agreement on the Constitutional Principles document. He said through this the crisis of arranging the priorities of holding elections or writing the constitution first was resolved.

“This letter confirms that the FJP participated from the beginning and recognized the Constitutional Principles document,” Al-Selmi said. He added that the Muslim Brotherhood became very arrogant after the revolution and their statements are contradictory most of the time.



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Authors: Hisham Abd Al-Hafiz, Safwat Gassouna (and others)

Tahrir Events



SCAF confirmed its commitment to guard the revolution and achieve its goals. They showed regret for the events that took place in front of the Cabinet premises and promised SCAF is committed to transform Egypt into a civil democratic state. Major General Adel Emara said that successive events revealed systematic attempts to disintegrate the state through security chaos and instability.

“The ruling Armed Forces and SCAF have taken a lot of criticism, which sometimes reached skepticism and insult, but we will not let down the people who entrusted us with this task,” Emara stated. He stressed that attempts to clash with the Armed Forces and make them appear as if they are wrongly using violence against protesters are nothing but false claims.

He said SCAF has always warned against the misuse of freedom that leads to chaos and the disintegration of the state itself, not only the former regime. He also said that Egypt witnessed a huge success of the first and second phases of parliamentary elections. “The Army is helping Egypt move towards democratic rule and the people have taught the entire world how nation states are built,” said Emara.



Investigations into the violent events that took place near the Cabinet headquarters revealed that those who were arrested confessed they have received money to burn public buildings, do acts of sabotage and clash against Army Forces.

Tahrir protesters were able to arrest at least 5 thugs carrying Molotov Cocktails. They admitted they intended to throw them on the Egyptian Museum's building at Abdel Moneim Riyad Square

Dr. Hisham Sheiha, undersecretary of the Ministry of Health for medical treatment, announced that 12 protesters died while 518 were wounded, 45 of them received treatment and were discharged from hospitals.

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Authors: Fathi Metwalli, Essam Omran (and others)

Minister of Culture: Over 50.000 Books Burnt



Minister of Culture Dr. Shaker Abd Al-Hamid confirmed that there are other copies of the famous book “Description of Egypt” at the Egyptian National Library and Archives and also at the Geographic Society.

He said he personally followed up on the efforts made to restore the books saved from the Egyptian Academy.

He said the arson the Egyptian Academy is a criminal act, and measures should be taken to prevent this from happening again.

He added that the Academy had more than half a million copies of books in addition to a large collection of rare manuscripts. The fire destroyed the majority of books and collections in the academy.



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11 Dead in Ministerial Cabinet Clashes



Deputy President of the Forensic Medicine Authority, Mostafa El-Refai announced that the death toll has reached 11 since Friday, after recording the 11th death case at the Public Prosecution, yesterday. Mohamed Mohey, the 11th martyr, died of brain hemorrhage within 24 hours from the time of death. An eyewitness he died after suffering from severe torture and brutal beating. Omar Makram makeshift hospital has revealed two death cases that resulted from gunshots; however, they were not transferred to the morgue, yesterday, until the paper was printed.

A number of political forces led by the Democratic Alliance announced they are starting a sit-in, today, as a protest to the CSF's violence with protestors. They filed a report against Major General Hassan El-Reweiny, Commander of the Northern Military Zone, and Hamdy Badeen, Military Police Commander, accusing them of premeditated murder and assaulting protestors.

Dostour on its fifth page reported SCAF's press conference in which it denied using violence against protestors, justifying the events by saying there is a scheme to thwart the state. 6th April movement also organized a press conference, demanding an independent investigation committee to be formed.



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 Author: Nada Hamdy



Fathi Sorouri, former speaker of the People’s Assembly who is currently detained in Tora prison, filed a report against Media Personality and Presenter, Hamdy Kandil for defamation, libel and slander. Kandil, over a phone call to a TV program, claimed that Sorour congratulated ousted president Mubarak over the state of chaos the country is witnessing.

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The Crisis Escalates



SCAF member General Adel Imarah held a press conference, yesterday. He suggested there was a plot schemed to destroy the Egyptian state. He also alluded previous regime attempts to destabilize the country.

Gen Imarah admitted the crackdown and the assaults against women protesters; however, he called to looking at the situation from a bigger picture, referring to protesters assaults and violence against the Armed Forces.

Gen Imarah denied having given orders to end the sit-in by force and asserted the Armed Forces strategy of self-restrain.

On the other hand, the 6th of April movement held a conference to respond to SCAF's.

The youth conference accused SCAF of leading a counter-revolution. They also accused the soldiers of intentionally assaulting women and stripping one of them of her clothes.

According to the 6th of April, the Armed Forces chased demonstrators and assaulted them. The Army has allegedly broken into hotels, attacked journalists and broken their cameras.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay condemned the brutal suppression of protesters in Egypt. Pillay described the scenes as "shocking."

Pillay called for a neutral and objective investigation into the incidents and for the immediate release of all detainees. Pillay further warned of the ongoing violence, alluding that the situation cannot continue as it is without punishment.



In Egypt, representatives and leaders of many political players decided to stage a symbolic sit-in in front of the Ministry of Justice to protest the brutal suppression of protesters. They also call for an urgent trial of the culprits.

120 women organizations condemned the Armed Forces' harassment against women. Women are to organize a demonstration today to protest the assaults against women protesters.

A page was created on Facebook apologizing for the lady who was harassed and stripped of her clothes by the Armed Forces on Friday.

The Prosecution released 45 underage detainees who had been detained during the clashes.

Ministry of Health announces that the death toll rises to 12 victims.

Students of Cairo University called for a strike to protest the Army's violence against protesters.

Head of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate said a committee would be formed to condemn SCAF's assaults against protesters. Some of the physicians were under pressure to forge their reports about the injuries and deaths causes. Head of the Syndicate called on all physicians to file complaints due to putting pressure on them to forge reports.

Potential Presidential Candidate Muhamamd al-Baradei denounced SCAF's press conference that was meant to prove SCAF while admitting the assaults against protesters.

Al-Tahrir reported that the Armed Police had detained 114 children and 17 women during the clashes.

Al-Tahrir also reports on the failure of the Armed Police second attempt to end the sit-in by force.

Many demonstrations are being organized in other Egyptian governorates in solidarity with the protesters against the brutal assaults.

Al-Tahrir Abd al-Rahman's Abadi played down the arson in the Egyptian Academy, arguing that the Academy's activities were suspended long ago. Ihab al-Mallah stated other original copies of the valuable books and manuscripts at many places like Cairo University.

In SCAF's press conference, Gen Adel Imarah stated that the news about the arson in the Egyptian Academy had been broadcasted by CBC TV station before the arson took place.

The Crisis Escalates



The Supreme Council of Armed Forces held a press conference, yesterday, to comment on the current incidents taking place in Egypt.

General Adel Imarah of SCAF referred to a third party who was adding fuel to fire in the clashes between demonstrators and the Armed Forces, alluding to “Torah,” the prison where the political figures of the former regime are jailed.

Gen. Imarah also referred to some third party paying thugs money to attack and burn governmental institutions. He also admitted the harassment against women and called on people to tackle the incident in its own context. He also called on the media to respect the journalists’ code of ethics and stop the provocative discourse.

On the other hand, political players accused SCAF of shouldering the responsibility of the crackdown and the regretful consequences.

Lieutenant Sami Annan, deputy chairman of SCAF will meet the Advisory Council, today, to discuss the current situation and the possible vents out.

Clashes continue between demonstrators and the security forces downtown Cairo.

Imarah did not answer many of the journalists’ questions and threatened a journalist of forcing her out of the conference hall if she had not stopped interrupting his speech.

The media spokesman of the Muslim Brotherhood stated that SCAF’s management of the crisis was bad and that SCAF had to admit its mistakes and apologize.



Potential Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh said SCAF was able to stop the thugs, alluding to SCAF's reluctance in dealing with the issue.

Potential Presidential Candidate Amr Musa condemned the arson at the Egyptian Academy called for an urgent investigation into the issue. He also called for regaining the January 25 spirit to save Egypt.

Potential Presidential Candidate Hamdain Sabbahi blamed SCAF for the incidents and said that Prime Minister al-Ganzouri was part of Mubarak's regime. He called on al-Ganzouri to resign because of his reluctance to play an effective role to end the crisis.

Sabbahi called on the Muslim Brotherhood to show a clear stance towards the incidents.

Professor Ahmad Zewail called on the revolutionaries to withdraw from the streets to give to reveal the thugs. Zewail believes that SCAF does not intend to retain its grip on power.

Al-Shurouk also highlighted the international press's denouncing reaction to the Egyptian crackdown.

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Authors: Muhammad Abduh, Adel al-Shaer (and others)

Elections Updates in Sherouk



The second phase of elections is to reach an end tomorrow. Islamists are leading in almost all of the constituencies.

In Sharqiay, a lawsuit was filed to annul the elections results after revealing that a dead candidate who died before the elections got four thousand votes! Other violations were detected.

In Sohag, losing candidates and their advocates demonstrated to protest alleged rigging. They pretended having evidences.

In other governorates the race is mainly between the Islamists parties who are getting ready for the runoff round with an obvious deterioration of former members of the National Democratic Parties.



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Confrontations in Rehan St after SCAF's Press Conference



Adel Emara, deputy defense minister and SCAF member held a press conference, yesterday, where he accused a third party of executing a scheme “to bring the country down.”

He said that some vandals were against the results of the parliamentary elections so they used thugs and drug addicts to incite the clashes.

He had received information about a potential plot to set the People’s Assembly on fire today.

He admitted the footage of the girl being dragged and undressed by soldiers were authentic and not photo-edited, “I say yes, this scene actually happened and we are investigating it, but before you tell me this is violence, take into consideration the circumstances,” Emara said.

According to him, the Armed Forces have exercised self-restraint in the clashes, accusing the media of falsifying reports.

“The Armed Force does not use violence systematically,” said Emara. To back his narrative, Emara played video footage showing people throwing Molotov cocktails on public properties.

Clashes between protestors and CSF continued, yesterday, in Sheikh Rehan Street. The two sides exchanged fireballs and the security forces used water and fireworks to disperse protestors. The Ministry of Health announced the latest casualties update: 12 dead and 600 injured.



South Cairo's Prosecutor ordered the detention of 140 suspects and the release of 45.

Eight suspects confessed they were hired to vandalize, set buildings on fire and resist army forces for 50 EGP.

They revealed that the medic and pharmacist of the square's makeshift hospital incited them. Video recordings from the cameras surrounding the ministerial cabinet and People's Assembly reveal that former NDPs and parliamentary members are involved in the matter.

A number of political figures and elected parliament members announced their intention to start an open sit-in inside the Supreme Court of Justice until a judicial committee investigates the latest events.

Yom7 reported the clashes in Sheikh Rehan Street yesterday; a new death occurred this morning in addition to 11 more injured.

The prosecution's investigations lasted for over 12 hours. Later, the prosecutor transferred 26 of them to the Forensic Medicine Authority after a suspect, named Mohamed Mohey, died in detention.

Abu Ismail Calls For a Judicial Committee



Presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu Ismail called for forming a judicial committee to examine the actions and resolutions of the security authorities. He said that the ministerial cabinet events were expected as the authorities are using the same methods in dealing with protests.

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Abul Fotooh: Revolution Not Over



Presidential hopeful, Abd El-Moneim Abul Fotooh called on January 25th revolutionaries to be ready for offering more martyrs to reach their goals.



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FJP Launch Campaign to Hand over the Presidential Authorities



FJP members started a popular campaign, calling for handing over power to the speaker of the People’s Assembly and hold the presidential elections early to limit the protests in front of the ministerial cabinet.

Menya's Martyr Shot by Live Ammunition



The cause of death of Menya's martyr, who died in the Occupy Cabinet events, that was issued by Kasr Einy hospital revealed that he died of a gunshot to his back.



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Author: Ibrahim kassem, Shaimaa Hamdy

HEC Investigates Elections Violations



Head of the HEC, Abd El-Moez Ibrahim stated that the commission has started its internal and confidential investigations with a number of governmental official authorities over the violations of publicity regulations committed in the first round of the second phase.



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Author: Abd El-Halim Salem

Egypt Gas Pipeline



After Egypt's gas pipeline to Israel was attacked for the 10th time, the state-run company GASCO started working on the pipeline to resume pumping. The security authorities are investigating an unknown paper said to be left by the masked attackers.



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Authors: Not Mentioned

Presidency Candidature to Start Mid-April



An official source confirmed that the presidency candidature will start mid April 2012, adding that the election process will continue as scheduled. The source was reported in MENA as saying that former parliamentary members and political figures were involved in the events.



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Paid Thugs to Set Downtown Cairo Ablaze



Akhbar reported the press conference held by Adel Emarat, deputy defense minister and SCAF member, in which he accused certain forces – whom he did not name - of plotting to instigate “chaos,” thwart the state and drive wedges between the military and the people. The authorities concerned will carry out investigations into all related events, and the names of those involved will be revealed once they are done, he stated.

6th April movement held a press conference - as a response to SCAF’s conference-rejecting SCAF’s explanation of the events, reported Ahmed Abu Raya. They responded by playing videos of the violence committed by CSF. The footage proves that the Armed Forces used live ammunition on protestors. The movement and Azhar representatives co-issued a statement calling for putting an immediate end to violence against protestors.

Yesterday, protestors attacked a girl in her twenties who headed to Tahrir square demanding to stop the clashes, after the girl described them as thugs.

The casualties of the ministerial cabinet incidents have jumped to reach 12 death cases and 815 injured. Yesterday’s clashes alone resulted in 2 dead young men, while 200 were injured.

Public defense committees in Tahrir square foiled an attempt by 5 criminals to burn down the Egyptian Museum using Molotov.



A concrete barrier was built in Shiekh Rehan Street to stop the clashes turning the area into a semi-colony, blocking traffic.

United States Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, expressed her “deep concern” over the violence reports in Egypt, reported several news agencies.

On page 6, Al-Akhbar depicted various reactions over the events; Mohamed El-Baradei, presidential candidate called for an immediate trial for all those involved. Former PM, Essam Sharaf called for holding the presidential elections before the Shura elections to stop violence. Abd El-Moneim Abul Fotooh, presidential hopeful, blamed Mubarak’s regime for planning the country’s downfall. Another candidate, Hamdeen El-Sabahy, called on PM El-Ganzouri to tender his resignation immediately. International reports were mainly concerned over the girl who was dragged and humiliated in Tahrir, decrying what happened as a humiliation of Egyptian women and a betrayal of the revolution.

The prosecution’s investigations revealed that a number of thugs and unemployed elements were paid 50EGP and a meal to set El-Falaky school on fire, reported Akhbar reporter, Khadiga Afify.

Giza Candidates Stage a Protest



The candidates of the second and third single-member constituencies in Giza staged a protest, in front of the headquarters of the State Council in Dokki, rejecting the result of the elections and accusing FJP of influencing voters' choice.



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Giza Election Results



The results of the multi-member constituencies in Giza:

First Constituency (10 seats):

FJP 4 seats

Nour 3 seats

Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Wafd 1 seat

Wasat 1 seat

Second Constituency (10 seats):

FJP 4 seats

Nour 3 seats

Egyptian Bloc 1 seat

Wafd 1 seat

Wasat 1 seat



TV Coverage (19/12/2011)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-An (News)

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Maha Bahnasy

SCAF said:

Cabinet and Kasr Al-Einy Street incidents proved there are organized plans to destroy Egypt.

Armed Forces securing Cabinet didn't use any kind of violence with the protestors, despite of the protestors' attempts of provocation.

SCAF: We insist to hand over power to a civilian authority.

Some media channels intentionally triggered sectarian strives.

Those vandalizing the public institutes can't be the January 25 revolution protestors.

The plan to destroy the country includes doubting the integrity of the elections, toppling the police forces, and starting clashes with the Armed Forces.

Political forces and public figures start an open-ended sit-in and launched an initiative to open candidacy door to run for the presidency elections on 25 January 2012.

Silence in Tahrir Square after the security forces attack in dawn, which lead to several injuries to 2 dead.

Ministry of Health said, the number of clashes victims increased to be 12 dead and 815 injured after the attack Friday dawn.

Public prosecution resumes investigation with 164 suspects in Cabinet incidents. Investigations proved that 83 protestors received money to set fire in the governmental institutes.

Al-Ganzory holds a meeting for the first time with Cabinet members in Urban Planning and Development Authority Headquarters to discuss the current events.



Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yom (Talk Show)

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Lobna Assal and Sherif Amer

Guest:

Mohamed Salem, Minister of Communication

Head of Referendum Court decides to mandate 2 judges to investigate in Tahrir Square and State Council incidents.

Public prosecution proved that a former parliament member and some activists are involved in incitement of setting fire in the public buildings and attacking security forces.

Cabinet sets the maximum rate for wages to be 35 times double the minimum rate of wages.



Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda (Talk Show)

Channel: Al-Hayat 2

Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash

Guests:

Yasser Rezk, Editor-in Chief of Al-khbar Newspaper

Ali Mahfooz, one of Al-Sheikh Emad Effat students

Arresting 123 and releasing 53 others.

SCAF said the clashes started after attacking a police officer.

Yasser Rezk said:

Whoever is involved in attacking the protestors must be punished.

Thugs, children, and protestors are in front of the Cabinet.



Program: Masr Tantakheb (Talk Show)

Channel: CBC

Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy

George Isak , Abdol-Galil Mostafa, and Amr Hamzawy and others file a report against Minister of Interior and Head of the military area regarding Cabinet incidents.

Major General Adel Emara said:

Armed forces success in securing the elections pushed some parties to create chaos.

SCAF will not use violence against protestors.

Setting fire in The Egyptian Academy cannot possibly be accident.

Cabinet decides to secure all archeological sites and vital institutes.

Individual candidates in the second and third constituencies in Giza and their supports throng in front of State Council, protesting the elections results.

FJP lead the polls in the second phase of the elections followed by the following parties, in order:

Al-Nour

Wafd

Egyptian Bloc

Wasat

Dr. Mostafa Al-Naggar, Parliament member: over the phone: We will start a sit-in to call for ending the bloodshed in Cabinet incidents.

Mamdouh Ismail, Vice Head of Al-Asala Party: We must know the real culprits responsible for the incidents.

Moaz Abdol- Kerim, member of Revolution Youth Coalition Executive Office, over the phone: Security forces must stop attacking the civilians whoever they are. Investigations must be conducted by the official bodies and another investigation must be conducted by a party representing the people.



Emad Hassan Official Spokesman of The Silent Majority Movement Over the phone
Armed Forces didn't start Cabinet incidents.



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Channel 1 "National TV"

SCAF said we will not allow anyone to destroy the country.

Expatriate Egyptians continue voting in the runoff.

Clashes between protestors and security forces in front of Cabinet.

Cabinet assures that they will not use violence against protestors.

Official source said that some former parliamentary figures are involved in the incidents.

Public Prosecution said that one of the suspects in Kasr Al-Einy Street incidents confessed he received money from a mediator sent by a former parliament member to join the protests and create chaos.

Ministry of Health: 12 dead in Kasr Al-Einy incidents.

SCAF renews regret over Cabinet incidents.

Adel Emara: We stopped using tear gas to end the sit-in.



Program: Yeseed Sabahak
Channel 2 "National TV"
Host: Dina Farouk and Hazem Abu Al-Sood

Akram Al-Shaer, Parliament member said:

The slow pace of the trials is not acceptable.

Elections results must be accepted



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

13 martyrs and more than 500 injured in Cabinet and Kasr Al-Einy incidents.



Channel: Al-Arabiya

Head of the HEC announces runoffs in most second phase constituencies.

Abd El- Moez Ibrahim: The second stage witnessed violations against judges.

FJP heads the polls in the second phase followed by Al-Nour Salafi Party, then Al-Wafd.



Links

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Radio Coverage (19/12/2011)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

Cautious calm in Tahrir Square after security forces and protestors exchanged throwing stones.

Cabinet holds a meeting for the first time to discuss the current crisis.

SCAF confirms that army forces responsible for securing People's Assembly building exhibited the highest degree of self-restraint.

Forces securing People's Assembly are fully prepared for any potential attacks.

Five people arrested today had Molotov cocktails and said they intended to throw them on the Egyptian Museum.

Head of Court of Appeal decides to mandate 2 judges to investigate the violent events that took place near cabinet headquarters and in Tahrir Square.

Investigations prove that some of the protestors received money to set governmental buildings on fire.



News

Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat

Separate clashes between security forces and protestors took place in the area around cabinet headquarters.

Political forces and public figures launched an initiative to end the ongoing clashes near cabinet building.

Major General Emara said:

Armed Forces will never use violence against protestors.

Armed Forces will not change their intention to hand power over to a civilian authority.



The incidents showed that there is a plan to destroy the country.

News

Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am

SCAF renews their apology regarding the cabinet headquarters clashes.

Public Prosecution resumes investigation with 164 persons facing charges in the cabinet incidents.



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Internet Coverage (20/12/2011)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Another scenario for handing over power: Handing over the president's authorities to the speaker of the elected People's Assembly, holding urgent presidential elections, forming a coalition government and then drafting the constitution.

All Egyptian blood is scared whether of a civilian or policeman, Muslim or Christian, young or old, man or woman. Egyptians must not be dragged to clashes where they fight one another; nothing justifies an assault against an Egyptian by a fellow citizen.

A number of elected parliament members start a sit-in inside the Supreme Court of Justice demanding a trial for military leaders.

In SCAF's press conference we listened for 15 minutes about the perishing of a book that has 5 other copies. Despite this being a great loss, nothing was said about the souls lost today. We lost 11 Egyptians, 2 of which remain unidentified; who were added to the long list of Egyptians who died since January 25th and no one was convicted or held accountable.

We never condone violence or arson, but does it make sense to turn a blind eye when a young man is taken inside the ministerial cabinet building and gets brutally beaten? Who is responsible for the lives of over dozen civilians and the hundreds who were injured? The failed policy the military council follows lead to a total loss of control. Everyone should think deeply and reevaluate the situation and not get caught up in a one-sided media attack.

A picture, from Tahrir square, of a kid named Islam Abd El-Hafez being transferred to the ambulance after the makeshift hospital failed in extracting the bullets from his body.
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Tahrir Square now: The blood of Mohamed Mostafa El-Sayed Hussein, 19, a student at the Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University. Mostafa was murdered today at dawn in Tahrir by live ammunition, after the police and Armed Forces stormed the square. May his soul rest in peace.

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Egyptian Cabinet

Cabinet approves a rationalizing budget ranging from EGP20mn to EGP22mn. The Cabinet stated that citizens' main consumption goods and salaries will not be affected.

Cabinet decided to secure all the archaeological sites and vital institutes of the country to protect them from potential attacks similar to the Egyptian Academy.

Cabinet approves setting the maximum rate of wages to be 35 times of the minimum rate.



Arabawy

The blood of Tahrir's Martyr Hassan Mostafa.

The People Want To Hang Tantawi

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=L0qJpSEMjAE



Twitter

AsmaaMahfouz

They are distorting my image outside Tahrir Square but it is unbearable that they distort my image inside the square by spreading rumors that I hand over young revolutionaries to army forces.

If taking our rights, dignity and freedom is a criminal act, then I am a criminal. If responding to violence by using peaceful means is an act by a "third party," then I am happy to say that I am the third party.

AalamWassef

Must read: SCAF spokesperson describes #egycabinet's democracy fighters as vagabonds who deserve Hitler's cremation ovens bit.ly/rCd3gf

Monasosh

They are calling revolutionaries and threatening them to kill their families or kidnap them. All this is possible now. There are serious attempts to spread panic among us.

We are trying to reach the families of kidnapped revolutionaries. We should not forget them as they need all our support.



Ghonim

Since the beginning of the revolution, innocent Egyptians are killed and the murderer is always unknown. They always blame it on the "third party."

Safwat El-Sherief is not a man you can easily get rid off by imprisoning. He is more like a cancer that spread inside the Egyptian political regime.

Iyad ElBaghdadi

Video from today's pre-dawn Tahrir clashes: <http://bit.ly/uJzI3P>

At least three deaths so far. Not clear how many injured. Pictures & videos emerging.

There's a massacre taking place at Tahrir right now. Shooting demonstrators at dawn while the world is asleep.

Some people may criticize me for saying that Islamists are in a crisis, given the elections. I say it's a crisis in thought, not polls.

Gsquare86

You would be a fascist if you are justifying SCAF crimes against street children by questioning their presence at clashes #StopBlamingVictims

Street kids are the victims of this regime. Their scream for justice is what makes them present in the frontlines fighting for a better life.

Street children r part of this revolution as much of anyone. Their presence at clashes is inevitable. They are victims of this repressive regime.

VIDEO: Attempting to save the life of a child shot in his side by #EgyArmy live ammunition used at dawn: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baOhroWsZvc>

WaelAbbas

It is surprising how TV presenters like Ahmed Al-Meslemani turned into a mouthpiece for the regime.

Arabist

Syria releases blogger on bail: media rights group: <http://bit.ly/vcGNbo> Razan Ghazzawi is out.

In Tunisia, a Clash between the Religious and the Secular - The Chronicle of Higher Education: <http://bit.ly/vVTjQb>



▪ 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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