



News Coverage

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Newspapers (7/01/2012)



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Al-Ahram Election Update



Hani wins in Mansoura, Askar in Gharbiya, the rest will go in single-member constituencies' runoffs.

Slate elections 35.2% Freedom and Justice, 27.5% al-Nour, 9.8% Wafd and 5.6% Egyptian Bloc.

Judge Abdel-Muez Ibrahim, Head of the Elections Commission, announced in a press conference, yesterday, the first round results of the third and final stage of the Egyptian Parliamentary elections. Voters' turnout reached 62%.

Results were postponed for Southern Sinai governorate until all ballots are received.

Candidates outraged by defeat in Qina, organized sit-ins on the railway to stop trains; others asked for results not to be announced. Abdel-Reheem El-Ghoul, former NDP, went to the runoffs and denies participating in protests

Al-Nour party wins 110 seats and goes to runoffs over 24 more seats.

Egyptian Bloc parties win 36 seats.



MB Denies Promising Washington Respect Peace Treaty



Rashad al-Bayoumi, deputy general guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, refuted what State Department Spokesperson Victoria Nuland’s said during a press conference that the group guarantees to the US Administration to respect peace treaty with Israel.

“We never met with US Administration officials except for the protocol meetings,” he said. “Respecting Camp David Treaty was never brought up during protocol meetings,” he added.

Bayoumi explained that the Brotherhood shall respect all international peace treaties which they declared before on the matter and their stance towards Camp David’s will be the same towards other peace treaties. He stressed that no “guarantees” were especially made to Washington.

Similar news was reported in al-Dustour, page 1; Youm 7, page 1.



Al-Masry al-Yom Election Update



Muslim Brotherhood candidates won the majority of seats, and al-Nour represents opposition.

“Liberas” compete against “Islamists” with 120 seats and expectations of new alliances.

Experts: Parliament is “mixed” and represents capitalists, not the poor.

Islamists win big in third phase and Wafd advances ahead of the Egyptian Bloc.

FJP wins 37.5% of votes; followed by al-Nour, whose supporters celebrate their victory partying until the morning.

Democratic Alliance looks into legislative agenda and is to include more parties over the next few days.

HEC: Contestations will not postpone opening session

Egyptian Expatriates’ turnout was reported by Al-Mary Al-Youm as follows: Saudi Arabia 52.7%, Kuwait 21.5%, UAE 9.2%, Qatar 5.1%, Oman 2.3%, USA 1.5%, Bahrain 1.2%, France 1%, Italy 0.6%, Jordan 0.5%, Canada 0.5%, Australia 0.3%, UK 0.3%, Germany 0.2%, Greece 0.2% and Other 2.7%.

Muslim Brotherhood Unprecedentedly at Mass



Pope Shenouda III conducted the holy mass at the St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, yesterday. The mass was attended by Deputy Head of SCAF Lieutenant General Sami Anan, 10 SCAF members, and a number of ministers and ambassadors, of which the US Ambassador was at the head.

Among the attendees also, for the first time, were a number of leading figures of the Muslim Brotherhood group and its political arm FJP.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, page 3; Yom 7, page 1



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Election Updates



The results of the parliamentary elections are determined thrice (in three phases)

FJP wins 213 seats and competes for 30 in runoffs, al-Noor obtains 105 seats and competes for 27 in runoffs; Liberals race for third place, while 32 parties received no seats at all.

Official results of the first round of the third phase of the elections will be announced today.

Revolution Continues comes third in Daqahliyah and former NDPs are “Out of Service” in al-Wadi al-Jadeed.

Murtada Mansour, a lawyer, and al-Ghoul, former NDP, compete in runoffs and Maadi is out of the game.



الدستور
الإصدار الثاني

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Author: Ahmed Ghoneim

Pro-Former Regime Newspaper Criticizes Revolution.



First issue of the newly published newspaper Shams al-Hakika (the sun of truth) circulated on Facebook and Twitter as its Front page headlined “To Hell with the Revolution” and “Why We Defend Mubarak.”

The pro-former regime’s editor-in-chief is the former coordinator of the Gamal Mubarak for President Campaign, Magdi Fouada.



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Author: Various

Dustour Election Updates



FJP leads the polls in Daqahliya in the third phase of the parliamentary elections. The results of the first constituency were announced by Judge Abdel-Hadi Ahmed, head of the HEC in Daqahliya. In this constituency, FJP's bracket candidate won uncontested, while an independent won the laborer seat.

The Muslim Brotherhood's political arm also led the polls in al-Gharbiyah governorate, followed by al-Nour and then Wafd party.

In South Sinai, the people blocked the international road, setting it ablaze, and chanted against members of the vote count committee, protesting the announced results of the third phase. They also blocked the Noweiba-Sharm el-Skheikh road.



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 Author: Ismail al-Wasimi

Tahrir Election Updates



FJP leads the polls and al-Noor is its “best man.”

Revolution Continues comes third in Daqahliyah.

Muslim Brotherhood’s FJP gains 4 seats in single-member constituencies and compete for 29 in runoffs.

Abdel-Reheem Al-Ghoul, an independent former NDP, resists defeat in Qina and goes to runoffs against Fathi Qandeel.

Final results for third phase is today.

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Camel Battle Haunts Shafiq



Former prime minister, last prime minister appointed by Mubarak before he was overthrown, Ahmed Shafiq held a press conference in Imbaba two days ago as part of his campaign for presidential elections.

The conference turned into a state of commotion as people of Imbaba and revolutionaries gathered brandishing signs accusing him of engineering the attack of horses and camels on Tahrir protesters in January 2011, which was later referred to as the “Camel Battle.”

Shafiq, who had to climb the table to be heard among the hubbub, said he was in his house with Dr. Aboul-Ghar (famous medical doctor, co-founder of the left liberal Egyptian Social Democratic Party and spokesperson of the National Association for Change) and five revolutionary youths on the day that battle took place.

Tons of satires mocking Shafiq circulated on Facebook and Twitter on the day of the conference in Imbaba.

Similar news was reported in

Former Mufti: Dismembering Mubarak Licit



Former mufti of Egypt, Sheikh Nasr Farid Wassil, said that the killing of the January 25 revolutionaries should be punishable by dismembering. The former Mufti based his fatwa on the punishment in Islamic sharia for armed groups who fight their own people and shed their blood for unlawful reasons. The punishment in Islamic law is called “Had al-Hirabah.”

Wassil added that such punishment should be applied to former interior minister Habib al-Adly and other senior security officials who were involved in the killing of protesters.

Salafis Stage Protests for Bilal



Hundreds of Salafis organized demonstrations, yesterday, in Cairo in Alexandria as the day marked the first anniversary of the death of Sayid Bilal, suspect of executing the Two Saints bombing who was tortured to death by the security.

Protesters chanted against former interior minister, Habib al-Adly, asking to wreak vengeance on him in tribute for all torture victims and not just Bilal, as his brother stressed.

Protests were staged outside the High Court of Justice in Cairo, and in front of the State Security premises in Alexandria.

Similar news was reported in al-Dustour, page 1; Tahrir, page 6



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Al-Akhabar Election Updates



HEC will announce, today, the results of the first round of the third phase of the parliamentary elections. According to the preliminary results, the new People’s Assembly will not have a parliamentary majority as the MB’s FJP failed to obtain 50% +1. While FJP got 190 seats, al-Nour won 113, Wafd 37 seats and the Egyptian Bloc 30 seats.

Runoffs for the third phase will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday for 45 seats in addition to the 26 seats that were postponed.



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Judiciary Source Reveals Foreign Fund Secrets



A judiciary source said that the file of foreign funds received by pro-democracy civil organizations operating in Egypt has been assigned to former minister of Justice Judge Mohamed al-Guindi.

According to the source, a fact-finding committee was formed to probe the status of the organizations in question. Reports were made, throughout a period of four months, collecting correspondences and documents of activities and transactions made by/to these organizations.

The source added that due to the gravity of the information the reports collected, they were referred to the Ministerial Cabinet which decided that the judicial committee take necessary action: searching the said organizations.

The reports, says the source, included evidence of transactions worth millions of dollars from the US, Israel, and other European and Arab countries. The funds were sent to prominent figures, companies, private businesses, and civil organizations of which some are not authorized to operate in Egypt.

The source added that a US-European-Israeli plot aiming at thwarting the Egyptian revolution is soon to be uncovered.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, page 13



TV Coverage (6/1/2011)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom
Channel: Al-Hayat
Host: Sherief Amer

HEC to announce the third phase results tomorrow.
Initial indicators show that Islamist parties hit the polls.

Foreign Ministry reported to HEC that expatriate Egyptians started voting in the runoffs.



News Brief
Channel 1 "State-run TV"

Initial indicators show that runoffs will be conducted in the majority of constituencies and FJP and Al-Nour hit the polls.
Wafd and The Revolution Continues lead in some constituencies.

Program: Sabah Al-Kheer Ya Masr

Channel 1 "National TV"

According to Al-Akhbar Newspaper: initial indicators show that the following parties led the polls in the order below:

FJP

Al-Nour

Wafd

Egyptian Bloc



News
Channel 2 "National TV"

A number of Bedouins demonstrated, protesting the elections results in South Sinai.



Radio Coverage (06/01/2011)



News All Day
Channel: Radio Masr

HEC sets an initial date for announcing the elections results.
Demonstrations, protesting the elections results in Sinai and Nag Hamadi



News All Day
Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

A number of some candidates supporters in the third constituency in Qena, blocked the railway, protesting the elections results.



News All Day
Channel: Al-Shabab wa Al-Reyada

Vote counting continues.
Initial indicators show that Islamic parties lead the polls.

News All Day
Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am

Expatriate Egyptians started voting in the delayed constituencies due to contestations.
HEC will announce the results of the third phase of the election tomorrow.



Internet Coverage (7/1/2012)



Twitter

AsmaaMahfouz

We cannot protect a traitor and a killer for using the army against us. Tell me what law justifies that?!!!!

Justice is the most important thing in a country, losing it means the state's down fall. Tantawi must be prosecuted.

We are not asking SCAF to leave. Have Egyptian revolutionaries forgotten "no negotiation before leaving" or what?! There will be no safe exit or immunity for the council.

The Council was proven to be a traitor and a spy. It must leave no negotiations in this regard.

Ghonim

Egypt knows and sees and in a glimpse of time it will restore everything back.
<http://bit.ly/yeL6mW>

arabist

"Don't mess with the people. The people are dangerous 25th January, 2012 -
YouTube: bit.ly/xX81yx @salmasaid @mosireen +..."

"WARNING: Careful when opposition demand a 100% elected government | We Speak News: ..."

@iyad_elbaghdadi

"Intellectuals please stop trying to dissect the Spring! Your collective intelligence is needed to move forward, not to analyze backwards."

Monasosh

write the name of any civilian in prison after a military trial on a piece of paper preceded by "freedom for", then take a picture and send it to us. #Nomiltrials

Islam Harby, age 16, is spending a 7-year sentence in Tora intensive security prison. The military tribunal handed down the same sentence of to Khaled Saeed murderers to a minor.



▪ 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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