



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (15/01/2012)



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Author: Adel al-Alfi and Muhammad Sharabi

### The Revolution Victims' Coalition Threatens of Open Sit-in



The Revolution Victims Coalition threatens to stage a sit-in if compensations were not paid to the revolution's victims before January 20, the deadline given by the Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzouri.

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Author: Muhammad Anz and others

## Elections Updates in al-Ahram



The Muslim and Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice nominates Saad al-Katatni for the People's Assembly Speaker's position.

The group supports Dr. Essam al-Aryan as the People Assembly's deputy and leaves the vice deputy position to Salafist al-Nour.

The Egyptian Bloc suggested Wahid Abd al-Majid for the same position.

Al-Nour Party aims for the Deputy position.

Spokesman of al-Nour Part Nader Bakkar said the party would never ally with parties that did not have Islamic reference.

Al-Nour Party and a number of Islamist and Liberal parties launched the initiative of the "national responsibility" to control the national performance in the People's Assembly.

Al-Wafd Party stressed the compelling need for a national agreement on the Constitution.

The Egyptian Bloc suggested Omar al-Shubaki and Mahmoud al-Fjudairi for the Speaker's position.

In Sohag, 18 parties compete for 12 seats in the reruns, today.

Low turnout is reported in Qalyoubiya. The low turnout was attributed to bad weather conditions.

The High Elections Commission's decision to hold reruns at Daqahliya's first constituency discontented people.



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Author: Sayyid Ibrahim

### Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh and Presidential Elections



In a press conference in Ismailiya, Dr. Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh, potential presidential candidate, stressed the importance of SCAF neutrality towards the various presidential candidates.

He added that the public will decide who wins the presidential elections not the Muslim Brotherhood or Salafists.

He hailed Muslim Brotherhood as great.

Similar news was reported in al-yom al-sabee p3

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Author: Sameh Lachin

### Sabbahi Meets Carter



Potential Presidential Candidate Hamadain Sabbahi met with former US President Jimmy Carter. Carter praised Sabbahi's political experience.

The meeting tackled the new constitution that is to be drafted soon. He declared that the new constitution would limit the president's authorities.

Sabbahi hailed the Armed Forces as an institution of deep-rooted history and praised the Army's role in supporting the January 25 revolution.

Sabbahi also referred to his friendly relations with the various political players in Egypt.

Similar news was reported in al-yom al-sabee p3

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Author: No mentioend

### Lieutenant General Shafiq in Tanta



Former Prime Minister and Potential Presidential Candidate Ahmad Shafiq resumed his electoral campaign in Tanta.

Shafi denied rumors about a SCAF-Muslim Brotherhood deal.

He added that he was an independent candidate to presidency.



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Author: Muhammad Anz

## Al-Nour Litigates Mahmoud Saad



Salafist al-Nour Party filed a claim against journalist and TV broadcaster Mahmoud Saad and the team of Akhir al-Nahar TV show.

Spokesman of al-Nour Nader Bakkar declared that the lawsuit was filed against the defaming footage that shows him dressed in white and presenting himself as member of the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice Committee.

Bakkar stated that the party accepted criticism but not defamation.



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Pages: 1,3, 8, 9

Author: several

## Elections Updates



Sources said that the Democratic Ally is seeking to win the following posts in the new parliament:

Parliament Head

The Deputies

Secretary General of 6 specialized committees, specially "Defense and National Security" in order to monitor the military's budget.

Al-Nour Party said they will have to coordinate with liberals as MB refused to ally with them.

Head of HEC Executive Office said the elections process went well.

HEC Head decided to conduct the elections again in the following constituencies:

First and third constituencies in Dakahleya.

First constituency in Qalyobeya.

Dakahleya:

Clashes took place between candidates supporters.

Low voters' turnout.



Kena:

Clashes took place between candidates' supporters.

Report filed against al-Nour Party due to violation of the pre-silence election.

Banha:

Voters didn't go to the stations due to the cold weather.

A lot of women voted in the governorate.

Low voters' turnout in South Sinai runoff.

Expatriate Egyptians vote in the delayed constituencies.



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Author: Khaled Moussa, Mohamed Imam

### Wikileaks: US Funded Egyptian Human Rights Organization



America in Arabic news agency confirmed that Wikileaks website revealed a surprise by publishing correspondences from the American Embassy in Cairo that prove that the US used Arab countries and US-funded organizations to transfer money to Egyptian Human Rights organizations .

A sealed diplomatic cable classified as confidential signed by former US ambassador to Egypt, Margaret Scooby, says: The Egyptian Human Rights Organization received funding from a Moroccan institution to hold a conference in Cairo on the freedom of journalism on January 2009. This Moroccan institution, according to Scooby, is financed by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) launched by former president, George Bush after 9/11.



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Author: Samar Nabih

## Wafd Denies Joining Any Alliance



Member of El-Wafd’s higher committee, Hussein Mansour, assured that his party will not join any alliances. The Party’s members are more focused now on the constitution and the nature of the Constituent Assembly that will draft it.

The Party still supports the document it signed with the Democratic Alliance over the constitutional principles. El-Wafd Party has won 45 seats in the latest parliamentary elections.



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Authors: Mohamed El-Sayed, Ibrahim Gameel, Sameer Radwan

### Shahin, Hamza and Nawara Before Investigative Judges



The investigative judges in charge of the case of the Ministerial Cabinet clashes apprehended 10 suspects who participated setting the Egyptian Academy ablaze.

Today, Nawara Negm, activist and blogger, Mamdouh Hamza, political activist, and Revolution preacher, Mazhar Shahin, stand today before the investigative judges to respond to charges accusing them of inciting the clashes.

Boulaq’s Misdemeanors Court postponed the first hearing in the case of business tycoon Naguib Sawiris who is accused of contempt of religions.

## El-Baradei Drops Out Of the Presidency Race



Mohamed El-Baradei issued a shocking statement, yesterday, in which he announced that he has dropped out of the presidency race in protest over the military's continued hold on power nearly a year after Mubarak's ouster. "My conscience does not permit me to run for the presidency or any other official post unless it is within a real democratic system," he stated. He explained that the best way for him to serve the revolution is by holding no official posts, not even that of a president.

"The revolution's ship has sailed a difficult path and was tossed and turned by high and treacherous waves." he added attacking SCAF that "the captains steering the ship – without its passengers' choice and with no prior experience – has moved it among the waves without a clear compass (...) as if no revolution took place." He said that the former regime did not fall.

El-Baradei denounced SCAF's repressive policies; that include subjecting revolutionaries to military trials instead of punishing those who killed their friends in the revolution.

According to him, the most important gain of the revolution so far, is that the barrier of fear was broken and people regained their faith in themselves and in their ability of forcing change.

"The randomness and the mismanagement of the transitional period are pushing the country away from the aims of the revolution," he said. "No decision was taken to purify state institutions, particularly state media and the judiciary, from figures of the old regime,"

In his statement ElBaradei said he will continue to "work with the youth of Egypt" who unseated Mubarak in order to help them play an effective role in politics.

Similar news was reported in Shorouk page1; Gomhoria page 13; Dostour page 1; Masry Youm page 1; Akhbar page 5; Ahram page 1&6; Youm7 page 1



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Authors: Mennah Sharaf, Raba Nour, Mahmoud Badr (&others)

### Reactions over El-Baradei's Withdrawal from Presidential Elections



Tahrir newspaper reported on El-Baradei's decision in an article headlined ' Presidency's Loss no El-Baradei's' A number of political figures commented on El-Baradei's withdrawal, saying that Egypt lost a truly eligible presidential candidate.

Presidential candidates commented on El-Baradei's withdrawal:

Hamdeen El-Sabagy said "We may have lost El-Baradei as a presidential candidate but we won him in serving the country and its future."

Ayman Nour, Ghad Party Leader considered his decision a slap to awaken people's consciences. He agreed with El-Baradei in describing the Military rulers as "inexperienced." Nour said that SCAF is not neutral in dealing with presidential candidates.

Amr Moussa expressed his sorrow over El-Baradei's decision, considering him one of those who stirred a lot of political awareness. He stated his assurances that El-Baradei will continue his major contributions to the country.

Abd El-Moneim Abul Fotouh and Selim El-Awa were too preserved to comment on El-Baradei's decision.

Salah Abu-Ismaïl's campaign said he will make a statement on Sunday regarding the topic.

Ahmed Shafiq said "El-Baradei would have enriched the upcoming presidential elections."

International newspapers also commented on the news; The Associated Press focused on Baradei's sentence "as if no revolution took place and no regime has fell." Los Angeles Times said that El-Baradei's withdrawal was "in protest of the military's persistent grip on power despite a year of revolution and political upheaval." The Israeli newspaper, Haaretz, titled its article on El-Baradei "an earthquake hits Egypt"



“He acted wisely, but his decision is confusing,” said Hassan Nafaa, political sciences professor.

Gamal Zahran, political sciences professor said “El-Baradei realized that the games played by the figures of the former regime have not changed.”

Facebook users launched a number of pages supporting El-Baradei and calling him to reconsider his decision. Political activist, Hazem Abd El-Azeem, said the Baradei did not consult anyone before announcing the shocking news.

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## Minister of Interior Protects Demonstrators' Killers in Suez



General Adel Rifaat, director of Suez Security Directorate reported on a Minister of Interior's decision to keep Ibrahim Faraj, known as the revolutionaries' killer in Suez, in prison in spite of the ruling to release him and his son. The decision was to prevent the disorder that might threaten security and stability in town.

The decision responded to the public uproar created by the ruling on Thursday.



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Author: Not mentioned

### The Brotherhood and Aimered Media Corporation



The Muslim Brotherhood’s Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) declared that it was considering a national corporation to replace the current institutions that deal with the press and satellite channels.

FJP reports on SCAF’s view about the media being in compelling need to reconstruction and control.

However, neither the FJP nor SCAF has yet contacted journalists about the issue.

The author fears imposing a restricted vision on the media in Egypt.



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Author: Rihab Abd al-Lah

## Revolutionaries Prepare for January 25



The revolutionary players in Egypt are coordinating for the protests of January 25.

Demonstrations will be organized and leaflets distributed to call on people to demonstrate in all the governorates.

The revolutionary players warned SCAF of being present in the Tahrir Square on January 25 and formed committees to protect the demonstrators.



Pages: Front  
Author: Mohamed Sami

## HEC Head Sets Date for Runoffs



HEC Head said run-off of the delayed constituencies will be conducted on January 18 and 19.

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Author: Mohamed Gad.

### 150 New Workers Syndicates, 1300 Protests in 2011



Despite all attempts to smear their efforts by claiming they are hindering production, workers managed to establish more than 150 new syndicates to advocate their rights throughout last year.

While revolutionary youth left Tahrir Square for a while after the overthrow of Mubarak, workers continued their struggle by protesting and striking in their factories and institutions to pursue their rights.

Some pressures made by workers resulted in a wide-scale administrative changes in their companies and factories last year. Their demands are primarily focused on improving their working conditions and the economic situation of their factories or companies, in addition to some political demands including eliminating Mubarak's name from national establishments.



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 Author: Sherif El-Khafagi

### FJP Refuses Demands to SCAF to Hand over Power on January 25



Mohamed Saad El-Katatni, Deputy Head of the Freedom and Justice Party, confirmed that his party refuses revolutionaries' demands of SCAF to hand over power on the first anniversary of the January 25 revolution. The party is committed to the timeline that all political forces agreed to follow, according to which SCAF will hand over power on June 30, he said.

These statements were given during a press conference that was held with the participation of Dr. Mohamed Saad El-Katatni and Dr. Mohamed Morsi, Head of the Freedom and Justice Party, following their meeting with Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri. El-Katatni confirmed that the meeting discussed ways to achieve the best interest of the country and cooperation between the Government and the People's Assembly. The visit came to stress the importance of cooperation between the government, the parliament and SCAF to achieve the goals of the January 25 revolution, which are freedom, social justice and dignity.

When asked about the possibility of forming the new Government, Morsi said it is too soon to speak about forming a new government and that the meeting did not discuss any details in this regard. The visit only confirms the strong relationship between the FJP and El-Ganzouri's government, he said.

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Authors: Ahmed Abd Al-Hamid, Mohamed Hamdi (and others)

### Parties' Initiative to Reach Compromise on People's Assembly Speaker



Days before holding the first session of the Parliament, scheduled on January 23, political parties and national forces continue to exert efforts to achieve success in the first test of democracy.

Negotiations are underway to reach a compromise on the person who will assume the presidency of People's Assembly, his deputies, and forming parliamentary committees. Most political parties in the parliament agreed that the ongoing negotiations aim at coordinating the work of parliamentary forces and not creating an alliance.

Al-Adl Party renewed his invitation to other political parties to attend an informal meeting to organize efforts in the Parliament.

Mohamed Nour, spokesman for Al-Nour Salafi Party, confirmed that his party is interested in communicating with all political parties and forces whether they are represented in the Parliament or not. This aims at achieving a decent performance for the Parliament, he said.

Dr. Saad Al-Katatni, FJP secretary general, said this is the first time in the history of Egypt that a parliament is elected through the participation of 30 million voters. The Parliament must reflect the demands of the revolution and represent the people who voted for us, he confirmed. He stressed that the FJP does not seek to go through any confrontations with Al-Nour Salafi Party because the differences between the FJP and Al-Nour do not necessarily mean contradiction.

Mohamed Al-Samman, secretary general of Al-Wasat Party, said that it is in the best interest of Egypt that the coming parliament succeeds in choosing the speaker of parliament, his deputies and heads of specialized committees.

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## TV Coverage (14/1/2012)



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

**Channel: Al-Hayat**

**Host: Lobna Assal**

### Guests:

Dr. Mamdouh Hamza, Secretary-General of the Egyptian National Council

Abdel-Halim Kandil, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Omma Party and a Founding Member of National Assembly for Change

### Kandil said:

El-Baradei withdrew from the presidential elections due to his low chances in winning.

I think El-Baradei chose this time to withdraw in order to be closer to the revolutionaries.

### Dr. Hamza said:

We can't exclude that Carter's visit to Egypt is related to El-Baradei's withdrawal.

Speeding up conducting presidential elections without drafting a constitution is a catastrophe.

FJP got 72% of the seats but this doesn't mean they got the same votes percentages.

**Program: Al-Hayat Al-An (News)**

**Channel: Al-Hayat**

**Host: Maha Bahnasy**

Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei withdraws from the presidential elections.

Voting started in the delayed constituencies. HEC Head says that this will not affect the date assigned to start holding the first Parliament session.

37.1% turnout of citizens who voted in last phase run-off.



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

Military forces secure the ballot stations in the run-offs.

**Program: News all day  
Channel 1 "National TV"**

Al-Ganzory meets FJP Head and Deputy.

Kena, Kalyobeya, Dakahleya, and South Sinai elections started.

Voting continues in Qalyobeya's first constituency.

Voting continues in Dakahleya's first constituency.

28 candidates compete for individual and slate seats in South Sinai.

Elections in Menya's second constituency are invalid.

Sohag's first constituency run-off will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday.

El-Baradei announces his withdrawal from the presidential elections.

Vote count of the delayed constituencies continues.

Expatriate Egyptians vote in the delayed constituencies.



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### Radio Coverage (14/01/2012)



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

Voting resumed in the delayed constituencies.

Expatriate Egyptians vote in the delayed constituencies.

Dr. Al-Baradei withdraws from presidential elections.



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

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## Internet Coverage (15/12/2011)



### We ara all Khaled Saed

Some people think that when we chant the slogan: “We Are Egyptians against Vandalism,” we are afraid of their reaction. We have been saying no to vandalism Since January 25th 2011 because we demand change which does not justify vandalism or hiring thugs. The people have the right to live in a civilian state (not a military one). It is our role now to talk to the people and convince them with the demands of the revolution.

A revolution is considered successful when it achieves its demands. Our demands are “Bread, Freedom, and Social Justice.”

El-Baradei’s decision to drop out of the presidency race is personal. Let’s remember the 7 demands he called for through the National Association for Change, in 2010:

- 1-Ending the state of emergency.
- 2- Full judicial supervision over the elections.
- 3- Enabling local and international civil society organizations to supervise the elections.
- 4- Providing equal opportunities in the media for all candidates, especially in the presidential elections.
- 5- Enabling Egyptians abroad to exercise their right to vote in embassies and consulates
- 6- Ensuring the right to stand in the presidential elections without arbitrary restrictions according to the International Convention for Civil and Political Rights. Limiting the right to run for presidency to two terms only.
- 7- Voting using the national ID card only.

Revolution Continues chains in Nasr City  
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## Egyptian Cabinet

Al-Ganzory met with FJP Head and his Deputy. Prime Minister said that the cooperation between parties representing all spectrums of society is very important as the new parliament is about to be formed. The Government and the FJP agreed on several issues, and they stressed the necessity of cooperation between the Government and the Parliament for building Egypt's future.



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## Ghonim

Dr. El-Baradei strongly refused holding presidential elections before writing the constitution, and most probably this is the scenario that will be applied, thus he preferred not to continue.

El-Baradei's withdrawal from presidential race is his personal decision and it does not necessitate all that criticism.

The best thing about our revolution is that it does not have a leader, a savior, or a figure. It did reach power but returned the right to choose those in power to the people.

## AsmaaMahfouz

I am not one of El-Baradei's supporters but I cannot understand all the criticism directed towards him over his decision to withdraw from the presidential race. Why cannot we respect each other's opinions and try to find points of agreement. We should try to overcome being centered on certain figures.

"A Revolution to Gain Back our Revolution":  
[https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=10150333938229443](https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150333938229443)

## Monasosh

"SCAF are Liars" [www.nomiltrials.com/2012/01/blog-post\\_05.html](http://www.nomiltrials.com/2012/01/blog-post_05.html)

I wish so much they free Amr El-Beheiri, this is too much!

I do not think it is right that we demand all candidates to withdraw from the presidential race. Eventually those who will remain are El-Awa and Amr Moussa!



I like the idea of “Chains of the Revolution.” It does not necessarily have to be something I like to be a part of but it seems that it is able to reach a wider audience who sympathize with the revolution but are not ready for confrontations.

### Arabist

“Arabs in the shadows of their neighbors -by Hisham Melhem | The Middle East Channel: <http://bit.ly/y0AfJ4>”

“New on Arabist: One year ago today <http://bit.ly/zYuWWJ>”

“New on Arabist: The Kazeboon (Liars) campaign <http://bit.ly/wZpfos>”

### iyad\_elbaghdadi

“Today's the one-year anniversary of Ben Ali's departure and the triumph of Tunisia's revolution. #ArabSpring #J14”

“El-Baradei has suspended his presidential campaign. #Egypt”

“We keep distracting ourselves, and hence the #ArabSpring runs furiously in place instead of moving forward.<http://bit.ly/oMmMz5>”

“When people are running in place instead of being busy moving forward, they tend to bump & pick fights among themselves. #ArabSpring”

### waelabbas

Secretary of Women’s Affairs in the FJP: When a woman takes off to the streets to defend her rights, this is a violation of her dignity. Doesn’t she have a husband, a brother or a son to defend her rights?

El-Baradei was able to embarrass all those bastards who think what we are going through is real elections and democracy.

This is by far the most revolutionary decision El-Baradei takes.

I thank El-Baradei for withdrawing from presidential race because this move delegitimizes the plans of the military junta.



## Gsquare86

Best chants of Kamal Khalil leading up to #Jan25 this was a turning point #Jan15 last year <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVS2aKAVSZs>

My video from last year #Jan15celebrating Tunisia hoping for Egypt "Today Tunisia, Tomorrow Egypt! Down w/ Mubarak!" <http://youtu.be/ZR1-sXHoh8U>



## Muslim Brotherhood Site

### **Katatni: Our Meeting with Ganzouri to Coordinate Legislative Agenda**

Dr. Mohamed Saad Katatni, Secretary-General of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP), stated that the meeting which took place Saturday between Dr. Mohamed Morsi, FJP Chairman, and Dr. Kamal Ganzouri, the Prime Minister, also attended by Dr. Katatni, discussed coordination and compatibility between the parliament and the government regarding the management of the transitional phase, which requires agreement between the legislative and executive authorities.

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In a special statement, Dr. Katatni said that the current situation in Egypt is different from normal political situations elsewhere: "We have a majority that is not represented by a government, and a government that is not based on a parliamentary majority, which requires reconciling issues between the government and Parliament, especially with regard to urgent legislative agenda that needs consensus and agreement between the two.

" He explained that the meeting with Dr. Ganzouri was to explore the government's views on the most important legislation that it may present to the People's Assembly during the coming period, and also the most important legislation that the FJP will present, so that there is agreement on the legislative agenda during the next phase.

The Secretary-General mentioned that the FJP Chairman emphasized that suggestions for power handover to the elected parliament before the 25th of January 2012 are not consistent with the nature of the transitional period that requires a speedy completion of Shura Council elections and selection of the Constituent Assembly that will draft the new constitution, which



together will coincide with presidential election procedures to be completed by the end of next June, as per the road-map agreed upon by political forces and parties.

Further, Dr. Katatni stressed that there are ongoing consultations between the parties of the Democratic Alliance, which fought the elections under the FJP candidate list, and between the main parties and blocs in parliament, so as to shape the upcoming People's Assembly that will ensure representation of said blocs in parliament.

### **FJP Press Release (49), Egyptian Legislative Elections (Third Phase, Deferred Elections)**

The first day of the parliamentary elections' third-stage deferred voting has come to an end in the first constituency of Qaliubiya governorate (Mohsen Yousef Radi, Hani Gad Fahim Gad), the first constituency of Dakahlia governorate (Tariq Qutb), the third constituency in Qena (Ali Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Shishni).

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The FJP's central operations room Legal Committee has filed a report and complaint with the High Judicial Elections Commission which reported the matter to the armed forces, but they did not address the issue until the ballot boxes were closed.

The FJP emphasizes that those practices do hinder the electorate, and cause the results to be unrepresentative of the desire of the Egyptian people and their choice of those who represent them in the post-revolution Parliament. This requires that the armed forces – who have since the beginning of the election played a major role in supporting the electoral process – should take all necessary measures to protect voters and enable them to safely cast their votes.

The FJP notes that, at the Supreme Administrative Court's decision of re-election in the Dakahlia constituency 'lists' 1 and 3, Sohaj constituency 'lists' 1 and 2, as well as Qaliubiya constituency 'list' 1, elections will be held on the 18th and 19th of January 2012.

The party emphasizes that the Egyptian people, who participated in the electoral process right from the outset on 28 November last year in such a civilized and dignified manner that dazzled the world, will cherish the completion of the celebration of its first electoral experience that is truly free from interventions and fraud, with tremendous, effective and positive participation in the election re-runs and runoffs, both in these constituencies as above, or others to be held this week.



### **FJP: We Won 46% of Seats, No Nominees For Head of Parliament**

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Speaking to Ikhwanweb, he observed: "The FJP is still to compete for 18 more seats Saturday, January 14, in the third phase runoffs which were appealed in numerous districts".

Eleewa denied circulating rumours in Egyptian papers that the party would nominate Dr. Saad Katatni or Dr. Essam El-Erian for parliament speaker. "Such speculations are premature and purely for press consumption.

Decisions in this regard will take place only when the elections are completed and after discussions are held", he stressed.

Once the elected 498 members of the 508-seat parliament are finally elected, it is expected that the remaining ten members will be appointed by the SCAF which is currently managing the state's affairs.

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Dr. Saad Katatni said that the meeting explored the prime minister's views on the legislation that the Government will present to the People's Assembly, adding that the party has a legislative agenda focusing on the interests of the poor.

He said that the discussion did not address the details of this legislative agenda; but there was general agreement on the principle of the legislative agenda. The meeting with the Prime Minister is a preliminary get-together that will be followed by other meetings and visits.



Dr. Mohamed Morsi, FJP Chairman, said: "We are determined to achieve stability and harmony, for the sake of Egypt and its vital interests, above all else," stressing the importance of cooperation among all segments of society, especially as the post-revolution parliament is about to be formed; and that - for the first time in decades - it does represent the will of the Egyptian people.

Dr. Morsi expressed the party's resolve for cooperation between the upcoming parliament and the current government for the best interest of the homeland and to achieve the required stability.



## ▪ 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 11 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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