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Newspapers (18/1/2012)



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Authors: Essam Meleigi, Samira Ali Ayyad (and others)

Defense Presents Mubarak's History to Save Him



Farid Al-Deib, Mubarak's lawyer, said during his pleading that the Public Prosecution was unable to prove the intention of killing and that Omar Suleiman, former vice president, clearly said that Mubarak and Al-Adli did not give orders to shoot protesters. He said that their orders explicitly said demonstrations should be countered through usual methods, which includes sticks and shields. According to Al-Deib, Suleiman said in his testimony that there might have been foreign criminal elements that infiltrated protests and burnt nearly 90% of police stations, stole weapons and broke inside prisons.

In his argument, he explained that Egyptian police cars were found in the streets of Gaza, according to a statement made by Mahmoud Wagdi, former minister of interior.

Al-Deib said Mubarak was not a bloody man and he was exhausted by his diseases and the major responsibilities he assumed.

He also explained that Mubarak served the country for 60 years as he served in the Armed Forces and then he served the country as a president. His history is full of successes while it is normal that he encounters failure in some of his policies.

There was a heavy security presence outside the Police Academy, which prevented possible clashes between families of martyrs and victims of the January 25 revolution and Mubarak's supporters. Dozens of Mubarak's supporters gathered and carried flags of Saudi Arabia and chanted slogans such as "We love you Mubarak," while families of martyrs demanded retribution for their children.

Repeated in: Al-Gomhoreya: Pages: 1, 5



Pages: 6

Author: Mahmoud al-Noubi

Elections Updates in al-Ahram



Spokesman of Egypt’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs Amr Rushdi said the High Judicial Elections Commission provided Egyptian expatriates with the ballots for the reruns of the reruns in four single-member constituencies, two days ago. The four constituencies are: the first constituency in Daqahliya, first constituency in Qalyoubiya, third constituency in Qena and the constituency of South Sinai.

Reruns start today in the four mentioned constituencies in Egypt.



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Author: Not metioned

Revolutionary Youth Demonstrate



Dozens of the revolutionary youth demonstrated, last night, in front of the Attorney General office, calling for the overthrow of the SCAF rule and a soon handing over of power to a civil authority. The protesters call for granting the People's Assembly the authority to choose a civil leadership until a new constitution is drafted and a president elected.



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Author: Not motioned

A Committee Representing 6 Parties



Six Parties in the people's Assembly formed a committee to draw outlines for the parliament's specialized committees.

The Freedom and Justice Party, Salafist al-Nour Party, al-Bina wa al-Tanmiya Party (Construction and Development), al-Masri al-Dimuqrati (the Democratic Egyptian Party), al-Islah wa al-Tanmiya (Reform and Development Party) are considering the formation of a committee to come up with a vision about what can be done on the formation of the Parliament's specialized committees.

Coordinator of the Democratic Alliance Wahid Abd al-Majid said the aimed committee would be laying down the measures and standards that should be taken into account when forming the committees.

He said three main measures were the percentage of representation of each party, the parliamentary experience and efficiency.



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Author: Nagy Abd El-Aziz

Mansour Hassan: A Presidential Candidate



Informed sources revealed that a number of FJP officials and political forces are examining the possibilities of nominating Mansour Hassan, President of the Advisory Council, for presidential elections. The source says that Hassan enjoys wide acceptance in the political milieu. One FJP Parliament member is leading the campaign in coordination with a number of parties.

The Seven ministers in the incumbent government maybe replaced after selecting the PA Speaker and his two deputies.



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Author: Mansour Kamal

Presidential Elections Law before January 23rd



A high-level source said that SCAF referred the Presidential Elections Law, which was approved by the Ministerial Cabinet, to the Supreme Constitutional Court. The Constitutional Court will finish examining the law within days. The Military Council will issue a decree regarding the same law before the first parliamentary session which will be held on January 23rd.

Mohamed Atiya, minister of Local Development, stated that the Cabinet’s legislative committee has finished revising the law on Sinai’s development.

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Author: Nashwa El-Houfy, Moneer Adeb (& others)

January 25th Security Plan



Informed sources reported that the Military Council and the Ministry of Interior finished laying down a plan for confronting possible clashes or riots that might take place on January 25th.

The plan employs gradual violence; starting with using batons and ending with spraying rioters with colored water that would leave stains on skin for 6 months. The plan states that forces might fire at feet in case anyone tried to break into vital buildings.

Page: 1&6
Author: Dalia Othman

Tantawi: The Army Will Not Surrender To Foreign Plans



Head of the Military Council, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, said that the Military Council will not surrender to any foreign destructive plans, assuring that the army is the country's backbone that vowed to perform its duty to protect the country.

During attending a drill for the second field army, he stressed that Peace is Egypt's first choice confirming the country's commitment to the peace treaties. General Samy Anan, chief of staff of the Armed Forces, attended the drills as well.

Tantawi stated "We are facing unprecedented dangers on the short term."

Similar news was reported in Gomhoria page 4; Youm7 page1; Akhbar page 5;

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Author: Mohamed El-Khouly, Shaimaa Adel, Safaa Sorour

Protestors-Thugs Clashes in Tahrir



The march organized by dozens of activists under the name 'No Military Trials for Civilians' ended with clashes when a number of thugs tried to mug the participants in the march.

Yesterday evening, around 200 young men attacked the tents of street vendors. The clashes started when 30 thugs attacked the protestors and tried to rob them in the street.

Free Egyptians Quits Egyptian Bloc Alliance



The Free Egyptians Party announced that it is no longer part of the Egyptian Bloc coalition. The Party's statement added that it would never join any alliances or coalitions inside the Parliament.

FJP holds a meeting, today, with al-Nour, Construction and Development, El-Karama and Egyptian Social Democratic Party to coordinate over the names proposed to nominate to head the nineteen specialized committees in the People's Assembly.

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Author: several

Election Updates



Wafd Party will announce, Thursday, its nominee for the post of Deputy Parliament Head.

Runoffs held, today, in Kalyobiya.

Runoffs went well in the second and third constituencies in Naga Hamadi.

Low voters' turnout in Asyut runoffs.

Sohag:

Low voters' turnout.

Eight candidates from Democratic Peace Party withdrew from the elections due to the head's party in Cairo mistake in arranging their names in the party's list.

Egyptian Bloc candidate in Dakahliya passed away due to an accident which led to the drowning of his car in the water.

Runoffs in Cairo went well and all publicity posters were removed.



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Author: Mohamed El-Sawy, Ahmed Ghonim

Plans for Ending Transitional Period Early



Hassan Nafaa, member of the Advisory Council, submitted his first report regarding the National Consensus Committee. The report includes all the suggestions made by national political forces for shortening the transitional period.

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Author: Ahmed Ghonim, Alaa Kahwagy (&others)

Low Turnout in Election Reruns



Yesterday's reruns witnessed a very low turnout that did not exceed 10% in some constituencies. Some stations remained totally empty, while others were free from publicity violations in all forms, unlike the previous phases. Most of the voters were females.

The turnout was very poor in Sahel's constituency in Cairo despite opening the doors of the polling stations at 8am sharp. Reruns in the constituency are held for the individual seats between FJP and Egyptian Bloc candidates.

The HEC set 18th and 17th of January for the reruns in South Souhag's multi-member constituency.



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Authors: Hoda Abu Bakr, Al-Walid Ismail (and others)

“Mubarak Supported the Revolution”



Ousted president Hosni Mubarak appeared in the trial session sitting on a wheel chair instead of lying on a hospital trolley as he appeared earlier. Mubarak’s defense team promised people there will be a huge surprise during his pleading; instead there was what some saw as funny surprise when Farid Al-Deib, Mubarak’s lawyer, confirmed that Mubarak supported the revolution and this appeared during his first speech on January 28 when he announced that he supports the revolution and assigned Ahmed Shafik as the new prime minister.

Al-Deib quoted what Major General Mokhtar Al-Molla said on April 4, 2011, when he declared that “the army did not force Mubarak to step down. Mubarak has spared the country falling into huge disasters amid the conditions that prevailed at that time. Mubarak could have used his Republican Guards and businessmen to inflame the crisis.

Al-Deib criticized the Public Prosecution for their pleading and the description they gave to Mubarak. He said Mubarak was in great pains when he heard the parts related to his wife, Suzanne Mubarak, in the prosecution’s speech.

He said his pleading is divided into three sections; the first is related to the charges of killing peaceful protesters, the second focuses on charges of misusing power, and the third and last part will address charges of profiteering and wasting public funds.

Al-Deib reviewed Mubarak’s history from the time he joined the military college until he became a president. He mentioned the crises that Mubarak dealt with during his rule, confirming that he improved the conditions of the poor and developed the infrastructure of the country. He said there is no concrete evidence that proves Mubarak’s involvement in killing



protesters during the January 25 events. All charges of killing protesters are directed mainly against Habib Al-Adli, former minister of interior, and his assistants, he said.

Mubarak's lawyer continued to plead that Mubarak was not directly involved in giving orders to kill protesters, and that charges of not orders to stop killing protesters do not necessarily prove his involvement in killing them.

"He said nothing important," said Sameh Ashour, Lawyers Syndicate Chief and head of the defense team of the revolution's victims. He said it is clear that Al-Deib is unaware of the revolution because the corruption that prevailed during Mubarak's rule is what drove Egyptians to the streets to revolt against him. He confirmed the case is very strong and the evidence clearly indicts the ousted president, his minister of interior and senior security officials and should result in a heavy sentence.

Senior Judge Ahmed Refaat ordered civil-right lawyers to remain quiet during Al-Deib's pleading, however, some of them made sarcastic comments when Al-Deib said Mubarak supported the revolution.

Refaat adjourned the trial until Wednesday to continue hearing the defendant's pleading. He told the media and lawyers that the court will carry out justice and will speak the truth, away from all external pressures.

Repeated in: Al-Akhbar: Pages 8, 9; Yom 7: 1, 5; Al-Masry Al-Youm: 1, 4



UK Ambassador Meets FJP Leader



UK Ambassador to Egypt James Watt met with Chairman of the Freedom and Justice Party Mohamed Morsi on Tuesday.

During the meeting, Morsi said consultations were underway between the Democratic Alliance and other parties to decide on the formation of the new parliament.

Consensus was reached on nominating FJP Secretary General Mohamed Saad el-Katatni as the speaker of the new parliament.

Page: 1 and 6
Author: Noura Fakhri and Rami Nawar

Political Parties Launch Initiative to Monitor Parliament Performance



A number of political powers and parties launched an initiative to monitor the performance of the Parliament and serve as a link between it and the people.

Al-Nour, Free Egyptians and Al-Wasat, Construction and Development, Awareness parties along with the Revolution Youth Coalition partook in the press conference to announce the move.

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Author: Ehsan el-Sayyed, Sara Allam, Mohamed Ismail and Mohamed Hagag

Katatni Resigns from FJP Secretariat over Parliament Chairmanship



Secretary General of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) Mohamed Saad el-Katatni will resign from his post in the party after being nominated for the chairmanship of the new parliament, FJP member Mohamed el-Beltagy said.

The FJP decided to exempt party members from their leading posts if they were nominated to chair any of the parliament's committees, Beltagy told Yom7.

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Author: Mahmoud Mohyey

Netanyahu: US to Cut Aid If Cairo Revokes Peace Deal



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that if the peace agreement with Egypt was abolished, the US financial aid to Egypt will stop.

Peace with Egypt will always remain an advantage for both countries, Netanyahu said.

The changes in the Arab region will increase threats against Israel, especially with the flow of arms from Libya to the Gaza Strip through Sinai, he said.

Israel, therefore, must enhance its defensive and offensive capacities, he noted.

US Ambassador Denies NGO Union Selection of Aid Recipients



The former US Ambassador to Egypt refused to allow Egypt’s General Federation for Civil Associations (GFCA) to nominate the NGOs that deserve aid, former Prime Minister Abdel-Aziz Hagazi said.

“The US Ambassador has told me this is our money and we will give it to whoever we want,” Hegazi, also the GFCA Chairman, told a seminar at the National Center for Social and Criminology Research.



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Author: Muhamamd Nassar

The Muslim Brotherhood’s “Reconstructionism”



MP Hassan Abu Shuaishei said the Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing Freedom and Justice Party had reached a consensus to support a presidential candidate, (No names mentioned).

Shaishei, who is also the director of the Administrative Bureau of the Muslim Brotherhood in Kafr al-Sheikh told al-Shurouk that the Freedom and Justice party would “cleanse” the State’s Press and media from corruption before reconstructing them.

The party will also abolish the Supreme Press Council because its role was limited to censorship.

Shuaishei believes that the Shura Council should also be abolished when drafting the new constitution because it does not have an effective role, asserting that his party will not accept granting SCAF any special privileges in the Parliament.

Shuaushei said the Freedom and Justice Party, if assigned to appoint the government, would adopt the Spanish way of moving from a military to a civil rule. It will adopt the Turkish way to fight corruption, the Malaysian experience in education, the economical system of Singapore and the South African experience to reach peaceful coexistence.



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 Author: Not mentioned

NGO Bill Bans Clandestine Bodies



The Insurance and Social Affairs Ministry announced a new bill to regulate the establishment of the civil society associations and NGOs.

The bill bans the establishment of NGOs on clandestine or military grounds.

It also prohibits NGOs from adopting principles pivoted on discrimination or political targets.



TV Coverage (17/1/2012)



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

Public prosecution demands arrest of Free Egyptians Party candidate and his 18 supporters who blocked the railways in Naga Hamadi.

Democratic Ally headed by FJP decides to nominate Al-Katatny, the party's Secretary General, for Parliament Head, and decided that his deputies will be from Wafd Party and the other will be from al-Nour.

Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom (Talk Show)
Channel: Al-Hayat
Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer

Guests:

Azab Mostafa, Parliament member and member of FJP high board.

Ashraf Thabet, Al-Nour Party Parliament member in Alexandria; first constituency.

Hamdy Al-Fakharany, Parliament member in Al-Mahala constituency.

HEC said, the first People's Assembly session will be held next Monday.

Al-Fakharany quoted the MB as saying that they won't get more than 35% of the seats, although they competed for 100% of the seats.

Prime Minister said that the nuclear station will be build in the same place as was decided and security entities is investigating into who is behind the incidents.

A new law drafted to govern the NGOs work in Egypt.



Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda (Talk Show)
Channel: Al-Hayat 2
Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash

Guests:

Ahmed Shalaby, Journalist in Al-Masry Al-Yoom Newspaper.



Noha Al-Zeiny, Writer and well-known intellectual.

Al-Zeiny said:

Mubarak regime is not overthrown.

Mubarak's trial is a cover up and I expect that Mubarak will be announced innocent as there is no evidence to prove him guilty.



Program: Masr Tantakheb

Channel: CBC

Host: Khairy Ramadan

Voting ended in Cairo, Sharkiya and Asyut

Voting ended in the runoffs of the first constituency in Sohag.

Expatriate Egyptians ended voting in the delayed constituencies.



News All Day

Channel "National TV"

Runoffs in Sahel constituency and Sohag's first constituency will be held.
Sohag runoffs witness low voter turnout and riots in some ballot stations in Mashta village.

Voting continues in Sahel first constituency.

Expatriate Egyptians vote in the delayed constituencies.

Runoffs held in Sharkeya's fifth constituency on individual seats.

Today voting resumed in the runoff of the first constituency in Cairo.

Runoffs are held in the second and third constituencies in Asyut.

Elections of the second constituency of South Sohag will be held tomorrow.

Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr

Channel 1 "National TV"

Runoff is held in the delayed constituencies in Kena, Dakahleya and South Sinai.



News

Channel: ON TV

Voting ended in Sohag runoffs.

Over the phone, Dr. Mohamed Al-Beltagy, FJP Secretary General in Cairo said,

He was talking about whether or not he won thanks to the citizens support.



Channel: Al-Arabeya

SCAF announced that nomination for presidential elections will start on 15 April.
FJP will nominate its Secretary General for Parliament Head.

Wasat Party said that the upcoming parliament will consist of opposition parties.

Free Egyptians Party said that they respect Al-Baradei's decision of withdrawal from the presidential elections.

Al-Baradei decides to withdraw from the presidential elections.

Al-Ganzory discusses with MB the legislations governing the upcoming parliament.

Al-Baradei said:

"I am sure of the revolution's success owing to the youth's efforts, which deserve a better Egypt."

"Some of the incidents that happened are a shame to all of us and to SCAF."

"The transitional period was ruled without any organization."

"I can't run for president among a fake democratic system."



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Radio Coverage (17/1/2012)

News All Day
Channel: Radio Masr

Citizens vote in Sohag's second constituency and in the runoffs of South Sinai, Qena, and Dakahliya.



News All Day
Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

Expatriate Egyptians vote in the elections of the delayed constituencies.



News All Day
Channel: Al-Shabab w Al-Reyada
Egyptians vote in the delayed constituencies.

News All Day
Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am

FJP decided to nominate Al-Katatny, FJP's Secretary General for Parliament Head.

The nuclear station will be built in its place and investigations are being conducted for the previous violations.



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Internet Coverage (18/1/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

We do not want to bring down the army; our army is a national institution that includes officers and soldiers ready to sacrifice their lives to defend the country. Changing the real targets of the revolution from handing over power to civilians in to attempts of bringing down the army is incitation against the revolution and intimidating people against joining it

We will celebrate the revolution when we have an elected president, when the country's executive and legislative authorities are with the president and the parliament, until then we are in a transitional period.

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s320x320/403305_326016464114891_104224996294040_791688_32213196_n.jpg An image showing that when demonstrations are peaceful and the media focuses on the destructive thugs.

Egyptian Cabinet

Ministry of Petroleum said, 3 million liters of diesel fuel are being pumped to the stations in order to avoid the cars long lines jamming in front of the petrol stations. This problem was triggered due rumors of raising the fuels' prices and smuggling issues.

Fayza Abu Al-Nagga said, the diesel fuel crisis is caused by rumors as fuel is a local product and available.



Asmaa Mahfouz

There is a fight every day in Tahrir Square as thugs attack people using white weapons.

I am in "Liars" campaign in Ain Shams. Join us!

Ghonim

"Chains of Revolution" in Maadi <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho54fq0C-IA>



I visited one of the injured revolutionaries. He lost his eye sight on January 28 last year when he was shot with birdshot pellets in the face. His wife told me: "We would have loved to invite you to lunch but we do not have propane tanks."

The crisis of propane tanks in Imbaba still exists. People are buying tanks with up to 30 pounds! They have been looking for them for days and they cannot even find them with high prices!

Monasosh

In a celebration of Libya's revolution, "Down with Military Rule" chants interrupted the speech of SCAF spokesman. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXd5p1SXppE>

Salah Soltan, one of the revolutionaries, was accused of "joining a gang that aims to destroy social security by protesting in front of the Israeli embassy." The accusations included the following: "The protesters carried signs condemning the Israeli state and demanding the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador, which threatens the security and safety of the society."

The military junta is explicitly taking Israel's side.

The appeal session of Ahmed Douma will be held tomorrow. Tomorrow the court will issue the sentence in the case of Mohanad Abd Al-Moneim who is tried before a military court, despite of the fact that Tantawi repeatedly claimed that civilians will not be referred to military courts.

Arabist

"Israel doing 'immense damage' to peace process Nick Clegg says:<http://tgr.ph/zTypaH>"

"New on Arabist: Meet Egypt's next speaker of parliament<http://bit.ly/weXdcK>"

Iyad_elbaghdadi

"Once had a Salafi employee who refused to "work in the same office with Hindus". He was stumped when I asked for a Qur'anic reference."

"As a Palestinian I've been called many things, someone even said I'm "barely even human", but at least he acknowledged that I "exist"."

Wael abbas

The Armed Forces will receive a new shipment of tear gas and protective masks within days!!!

Gsquare86



“I spoke with people camped in Tahrir lately & i can't say are all paid thugs but some of them definitely are then they mess up every sit-in.”



Muslim Brotherhood site

FJP Statement on Formation of Egyptian Parliament

A number of political parties as well as the Democratic Alliance for Egypt (DA), led by the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP), issued a statement on the Office of the People's Assembly (PA) formation. During an international press conference, Monday, at FJP headquarters, those parties suggested to their respective parliamentary committees that the party with the majority of seats that is the FJP – should nominate the PA speaker.

Conference attendees also suggested that the following two parties, in order of majority of seats namely: Al-Nour and Al-Wafd – should nominate the speaker's two deputies.

The statement highlighted the importance of coordination among all parties represented in the PA for formation of committee offices, taking into account representation of independent MPs as well as experiences and competencies appropriate to positions of responsibility.

The statement was signed by several parties including the FJP, Al-Nour, Karama, Reform and Development Party, Construction and Development Party and The Egyptian Social Democratic Party.

The said parties stated that they offer these suggestions only to ensure that the Parliament of the revolution is free from all forms of domination, hegemony, exclusion, marginalization, conflict, polarization and discord.

They added that they want the new parliament to reflect national consensus among all the political, social and ideological spectra of the homeland, which may have competed in the elections, but are ready to cooperate to work together now.

The above parties confirmed that they offer these proposals out of awareness of their collective responsibility to achieve the desired success for the first truly democratic experience in Egypt, indeed due to the enormous weight of this responsibility and the burden of the tasks and duties to come, as well as the critical nature of the current stage.



▪ 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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