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Newspapers (22/1/2012)



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Intensive Preparations for Jan. 25 Celebrations



All political powers and parties have been bracing for the first anniversary of the revolution of January 25 with all reiterating their commitment to peacefulness.

The Revolution Youth Union announced the establishment of an operations room with a number of political movements to follow up the January 25 celebrations in Cairo's Tahrir Square and other public squares across Egypt.

The Guards of the Revolution Movement expressed its rejection of staging a sit-in in Tahrir Square after the celebrations.

Meanwhile, other groups adopted the "Tahrir Document" that underlines the principles of equality and a democratic civic state.

Repeated in Al-Masry Al-Yom page 5



Obama Concerned Over Repression in Egypt



US President Barack Obama stressed US support for Egypt's move to democracy and discussed its International Monetary Fund talks in a telephone conversation on Friday with Egyptian SCAF chief Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, the White House said.

"The president reinforced the necessity of upholding universal principles and emphasized the important role that civil society, including non-governmental organizations, has in a democratic society," the White House said in a statement.

"He underscored that non-governmental organizations should be able to operate freely."

Obama also discussed Egypt's economic outlook with Tantawi.

Egypt has asked the IMF for \$3.2 billion in support and an IMF delegation is due to visit in late January.

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Author: Ahmed Shalabi and Fatma Abu-Shanab

Mubarak's Defense: Intelligence Led Israel Gas Export Deal



The 22nd hearing of the former president Hosni Mubarak, his two sons Alaa and Gamal, former interior minister Habib el-Adli and six of his top aides along with fugitive businessman Hussein Salem was held on Saturday.

Farid el-Deeb, the defense lawyer, said the Egyptian Intelligence Services have led the gas export deal with Israel.

He revealed for the first time that Hussein Salem, whose company forged the deal, was in fact an intelligence man.

The gas deal was signed mainly for four reasons, Deeb said. Among the reasons was to enhance the peace process but the other reasons could not be unveiled for security reasons, Deeb quoted the testimony of Egypt's former intelligence chief Omar Soliman, the fourth witness in the case.

Mubarak has never intervened in the pricing of the gas deal with Israel, the lawyer said, adding a specialized commission was formed to set a price for the export of natural gas to Israel.

The Cabinet at the time has approved the price set by the commission, he said, adding that when Mubarak knew about the rising international prices of gas, he informed Israel that the price stipulated within the deal must increase retrospectively or else the whole deal will be revoked.

The Israeli side, in response, agreed to raise the price from \$1.5 to \$3.5 for each one million thermal units, he said.

Deeb is expected to conclude his defense pleadings on Sunday.

Repeated in Al-Dostour (page 1 and 4), Al-Tahrir (page 2 and 3)



الجمهورية

Pages 1, 3

Authors: Mohamed Fathullah, Gehan Hassan (and others).

El-Ganzouri: Peaceful Protest is a Constitutional Right



Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri confirmed that the citizen’s right to peaceful protest is a constitutional and legal right. He explained that peaceful protests have restraints and conditions; the most important of them is not to disrupt the general order and the daily lives of other citizens.

Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Fayza Abol-Naga met with the prime minister yesterday and said he confirmed to her that the government will protect the right of demonstrating peacefully and that the Egyptian citizen also has to realize the importance of maintaining security and stability as well as protecting public and private buildings.

Abol Naga said all the rumors that surround the anniversary of the January 25 revolution should not concern Egyptians. She mentioned that the Minister of Interior confirmed that the role of police forces will be limited to protecting public buildings and all forces will withdraw from Tahrir Square on that day.



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1959 Political Prisoners Pardoned



Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, Head of the ruling Supreme Council of Armed Forces, has pardoned 1959 people convicted by military courts during the security chaos that prevailed after the January 25 revolution.

Head of Military Court General Adel Al-Morsi declared the news and said that Maikel Nabil Sanad will be among those released.



Page: Front
 Author: Sahar Salama

Israel and Qatar are Egypt's Enemies



Information and Decision Support Center conducted a study that revealed the following:

- 17% of all citizens voted in the elections.
- 85% of all citizens support the revolution.
- 5 % of all citizens reject the revolution, and their reason was because of the security chaos.
- 16% of all citizens consider Qatar an enemy to Egypt.
- 84% of all citizens consider Israel as an enemy to Egypt as well.
- 67% of all citizens agree on subjecting figures of the former regime to trial.
- 13% of all citizens are against trying figures of the former regime.

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Legislative Agenda of New Parliament



The legislative agenda of the new parliament has drawn the attention of political and religious figures and intellectuals.

To summon it up, they called for including the following in the new agenda:

Issuing laws to prosecute ministers.

Avenging the blood of martyrs.

Restructuring the Interior Ministry.

Liberating the media from the ambit of the government.

Pardoning all political detainees.

Regulating the construction of worship places.

Protecting public and personal freedoms.

Setting maximum and minimum figures for wages.

Ensuring the independence of the judiciary.

Reconsidering military legislation.

The demands were called for by: Leader of the Gama'a Islamiya (Islamic Group) Nasr Abdel-Salam, senior member of the Muslim Brotherhood Gamal Heshmat, Political Science Professor at Assiut University Alaa Abdel-Hafeez, political thinker Gamal Asaad, MP Saad Aboud, and Muslim Brotherhood MP Ashraf Badreddin, honorary leader of Al-Wafd Party Mostafa el-Taweel and member of the Islamic Research Academy Abdel-Moeity Bayoumi.



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Authors: Ameera Ibrahim, Khaled El-Rouby

Appointed PA Members



The Military Council announced yesterday the ten appointed People’s Assembly members. Article 32 of the constitutional declarations entitles SCAF to select the appointed members after Mubarak’s ouster.

The Appointed members list included four Christians, one Nubian, another from Sinai’s Bedouins in addition to a number of revolutionary youth. The list includes a member of the Revolution’s General Union and a member of the Advisory Council.



اليوم السابع

Pages: 1 & 4

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Abul Fotouh Visits FJP Headquarters



As part of his presidential campaign, Candidate Abd El-Moneim Abul-Fotouh visited FJP Headquarters. The visit lasted for 15 minutes.

Journalists, media representatives and members of his campaign were enraged after the visit, as they weren't allowed to enter FJP headquarters and had to wait for him outside to hold a press conference.

Mohamed Al-Beltagy, FJP member, talked to the media representatives and said they will immediately open an investigation over that incident.

Pages: 3
Author: Eman Ali

Ayman Nour Discusses His Party's Plans



Ayman Nour held a conference in the headquarters of Ghad Al-Thawra Party. During which he said that the people want an unbiased authority to hold the presidential elections.

“The party will discuss in its General Assembly meeting, which will be held on February 11th, its resolution on boycotting the political life after the party’s presidential candidate was excluded,” he added.



Pages: 1
 Author: Mohamed Abu Zeid

Tantawi to Attend First PA Session



The first People’s Assembly session will be held tomorrow. Field Marshal Tantawi will inaugurate the new Parliamentary term and might give a speech on January 24th in the Parliament.

Sources said that he will announce in his speech some of the procedures that might calm down the protestors. It is also expected that Prime Minister Kamal El-Ganzory would also attend on January 24th.

Some People’s Assembly members suggested taking a new oath for protecting the revolution and its demands.



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 Author: Mostafa Hashim

January 25th Preparations



Revolution Coalitions and Movements started to coordinate for peaceful marches that focus on the revolutionary demands. They plan on avoiding any clashes with the parties that will join the celebrations or with others that demand handing over power to the People’s Assembly Speaker or the Head of Supreme Constitutional Court.

The marches’ route will not pass near any public buildings. They will install cameras on these buildings to monitor any riots or vandalism attempts.



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 Author: Not mentioned

Advisory Council: Handing Over Power by the End Of June



During a Press Conference, the Advisory Council, headed by Mansour Hassan, announced that they have reached an agreement with a number of political forces that are represented in the People’s Assembly over the National Consensus principles that should guide the remaining period of the transitional period.

Dr. Hassan Nafaa, Advisory Council member responsible for the National Consensus Committee, that the meeting was attended by representatives from the Arab Nasser Party, National Tagamo’ Party, Egyptian Social Democratic Party, Free Egyptians Party, Reformation and Development Party and Construction and Development Party.

The Advisory Council has contacted Nour and Wafd Parties who agreed on the meeting’s resolutions, while FJP did not attend the meeting despite approving the idea of National Consensus.



Pages: 4&5
 Author: Khaled El-Meery

Official Parliamentary Results



The Higher Elections Commission (HEC), headed by Abd El-Moez Ibrahim, announced the final People’s Assembly results. They announced 332 slate seats. Fifteen Parties exceeded the “electoral threshold” which is over 0.5% of the number of valid votes.

FJP won 127 seats, 37.5%

Nour Party 96 seats, 9%

The Egyptian Bloc 33 seats, 8.8%

New Wasat Party 10 seats, 3.6%

Revolution Continues 7 seats, 2.7%

Reformation and Development 8 seats, 2.2%

Freedom Party 4 seats, 1.8%

National Egyptian Party 4 seats, 1.5%

Democratic peace 1 seat, 0.9%

Egyptian Citizen, 3 seats, 0.8%

Arab Egyptian Union, 1 seat, 0.7%

The Union 2 seats, 0.6%



Despite exceeding the “the electoral threshold,” The conservatives and Justice Parties were unable to win any seats.

21 Parties were excluded for not getting enough votes; Arab Democratic Naseiri Party, New Independents, Ghad, Egypt Revolution, Egyptian Revolution, New Egypt, Democratic Front, Arab Party for Justice, Equality, Egyptian Social Democratic, Justice, Egyptian Development, El-Wa’y (Awareness), Free Egyptians, Social Peace, Free Socialists, Revolutionary Guards, Egyptian Tahrir, Free Socialist Constitutionalist Party, Egypt’s Voice, El-Uma, Human and Citizenship Rights, and the Democratic Public Party.

The HEC has also announced the results of the 166 individual seats in the three phases of the elections.

FJP won 105 seats.

Nour Party won 32 seats.

Independent candidates won 20 seats.

Wafd Party won 2 seats.

Reformation and Development won 1 seat.

Construction and Development won 1 seat.

Justice won 1 seat.

Egypt’s National Party won 1 seat.

Freedom party won 1 seat.

Egyptian Citizen Party won 1 seat.

The Egyptian Bloc won 1 seat.

Thus the final results of 498 People’s Assembly seats are:

FJP won 242 seats, 48.5%

Nour Party won 128 seats, 26%

Wafd party won 38 seats, 7.7%

The Egyptian Bloc won 34 seats, 6.9%

Wasat Party won 10 seats.

The Revolution Continues won 7 seats.



Reformation and Development won 9 seats.

Freedom Party won 5 seats.

The National Egyptian party also won 5 seats.

The Egyptian Citizen won 4 seats.

Union Party won 2 seats.

The Democratic Peace won 1 seat.

The Egyptian Arab Union won 1 seat.

Construction and Development won 1 seat.

Justice Party won 1 seat.

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Similar news were reported in Ahram pages 1&7; Tahrir pages 6&7; Masry Youm pages 1&8;
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TV Coverage (21/1/2012)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-An (News)

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Maha Bahnasy

Tantawi chooses 5 Copts including 2 ladies from a total of 10 to be appointed in the PA.

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HEC Head said, 21 parties were kicked out of the elections as they didn't get 0.5% of the votes.

Ministry of Interior reviews with his assistants the security plans of January 25th.

January 25th is a decided to be a national holiday.

Advisory Council meets with a number of PA parties to draft the constitution before electing a president, but MB and Al-Nour didn't attend the meeting.

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

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Lobna Assal

Guests:

Judge Mahmoud Al-Khodery, Former vice Cassation Court Head and PA member

Al-Khodery said:

I demand that electronic voting is implemented in the parliament from the first day.

FJP will not nominate a presidential candidate.

Revolution Legitimacy is the only way if PA members didn't fulfill the revolution demands.



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

Guests:

Tahany Al-Gebaly, Vice Constitution Court Head

Sahar Al-Gaara, Journalist

Al-Gebaly said, demanding SCAF to immediately handover power is not reasonable.



Program: Masr Tantakheb
Channel: CBC
Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy and Khairy Ramadan

HEC Head said, 27% is the voting turnout of the elections.



Program: Masaa Al-Sabt
Channel: ON TV
Host: Amr Khafagy

Saad Al-Katatny said he gave up FJP Secretary General post.



News All Day
Channel 1 "National TV"

HEC Head announces the elections final results.

Parties' Heads announces their platforms.

Advisory Council reaches a decision regarding the National consensus general principals.



Radio Coverage (21/1/2012)



News All Day

Channel: Radio Masr

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News All Day

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

HEC Head holds a press conference to announce the final results of the elections process.

HEC Head will announce in this conference the parties who were kicked out of the elections as they didn't get any votes.

Saad Al-Katatny said he will give up his post as FJP Secretary General after his nomination for PA Head.



Internet Coverage (21/2012)



Facebook

We are all khaled saeed

Good news: The release of 1959 that were military prosecuted.

The first blind People's Assembly member Dr/ Wageeh El-Sheemy, Professor of Islamic Legislation in *Faculty of Dar al-Ulum in Fayoum's University*. He represents *Al-Nour Party*.

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It is very important for every civilian who will participate on the 25th. We do not to give any one the opportunity to divert us from our demands. We will not respond to any provocation attempts. Our revolution is peaceful and we all stand against vandalism.

Egyptian Cabinet

Fayza Abu Al-Nagga said, January 25th celebration can't be changed to threats and violence.

Al-Ganzory:

Said peaceful demonstrations are a constitutional right for each citizen.

Puts flowers on monument of police officers martyrs in the Police Academy and they prayed funeral prayer for the revolution and police martyrs in absentia in all police mosques CSF headquarters and all security directories.

SCAF:

Communiqué number 1:

To the great Egyptian people: With the approach of the first anniversary of the January 25 Revolution, staged by the youths and protected by Egypt's Army, we remember with honor the martyrs of the revolution.

We know that any tribute paid to their memory will not be on par with the great sacrifice they made for their country. We cannot forget the revolution's injured, who sacrificed



their own bodies, their own eyes, for their country to see freedom. We award them all the 25 January Medal.

We all should be aware of the fact that the path of any transitional period is always befallen with risks and obstacles.

On this great occasion, SCAF head had approved the following:

Bestowing the 25 January 2011 Medal on all the revolution's victims.

Appointing all the revolution's injured in governmental posts in appreciation of their sacrifices to Egypt.

Bestowing the 25 January Medal on all Armed Forces personnel, who have been on duty since the outbreak of the revolution.

Pardoning 1,955 of those convicted by military tribunals over criminal charges.



Twitter

Asmaa Mahfouz

SCAF has to return back the 20.000EGP bail they took from me when I was summoned.

We must get rid of this regime before they killed all of us.

The problem is that SCAF media succeeded in spreading lies about revolutionaries and scared people from demonstrations.

The last time I saw the martyr, Mohamed Gamal, was during the stand that demanded the release of Ahmed Douma. I used to see him in Tahrir Square all the time. May he rest in peace!

Ghonim

Masrena issued a statement on power handover and drafting the constitution. We demand holding presidential elections right after the Shoura Council elections.

I respect the results of elections and I believe that winners are the legitimate representatives of the people.

The Democratic Alliance won 235 seats (96% of them belong to the Freedom and Justice Party). I respect their victory but they were wrong when they spread the idea of a "balanced parliament" to campaign for their list.



Monasosh

I am quite shocked by the fact that many people are angry at stripping a girl from her clothes than seeing a person tortured to death or shot in the head!

The funeral of Martyr Mohamed Gamal will take place tomorrow at his house in Shoubra.

Freedom for Ahmed Douma, Sheika, Sambo, Amr Al-Beheiri, Tareq Shams, Mohanad Abd El-Moneim, Mohanad Meselhi, Mohamed Hassan.. Freedom for all Egyptians inside and outside prisons!

"Tantawi ordered release of 1959 from those in prison because of military trials. Our battle continues to free all and bring down military rule."

Can you all please help us by collecting names of the 1959 prisoners released?

Arabist

"New on Arabist: Final results for Egypt's parliamentary elections <http://bit.ly/z27kQn>"

"New on Arabist: Egypt and censorship <http://arb.st/zI2Jxz>"

"Blogger Maikel Nabil released after 10 months in detention - Ahram: <http://bit.ly/w22LzP>"

"HRW's Ken Roth: "Egypt should open up Gaza border for people and goods"

iyad_elbaghdadi

"The EUR was a doomed project from the start. Some even predicted it (such as this guy <http://bit.ly/xRF311>)"

"What we're witnessing is the end of government's ability to create money ex nihilo - out of nothing."

"If the other person is proud of something, immediately call it a conspiracy, a hoax, or pure blind luck. #DebateForDouchebags"

"If the other person doesn't like something, immediately take up its side and say it's the best thing ever. #DebateForDouchebags"

Wae labbas

If SCAF issued a statement "No.1" then this means an internal coup might have happened!



Police forces are arresting anyone who puts the “No Military Trials” stickers.

There is a death list and my name is on it along with Asmaa Mahfouz, Nawara Negm and other famous activists.

Gsquare86

Socialism Festival: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXxiD3_14Gw

“Most #Egyworkers sitting-in in Egypt are striking to make their factories work again, they want to WORK,& the regime is preventing production.”

“This is how #Egyworkers are being dismantled by privatization<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIUctTA-Svo>”

“Systematically factories are stripped of its assets, privatized, and sold to "investors" in return of fast money for officials in charge”



▪ 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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