



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (23/1/2012)



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Author: Amani Majdi

### **Hussein Ibrahim Head of Parliamentary Majority**



The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party who won the majority of the people's Assembly's seats chose Hussein Ibrahim to head the majority party.



Pages: 1, 4, 5

Author: Sameh Lachine, Amani Majid and others

## The Parliament



The People’s Assembly holds its first session, today. It is the first time for the People’s Assembly to hold a session without the National Democratic Party.

Amani Majid marked the opposition’s presence in the Parliament.

Salafist al-Nour party officials stated that harmony between the different players would mark the Parliament’s function.

Al-Ahram’s Hiba remarked the poor representation of the revolution coalitions in the Parliament (10% only).

Al-Ahram also published the names of speakers since the first Egyptian parliament was held.

Ahmad Sami Mitwalli pointed out the poor representation of women in the Parliament.

The first session will witness the election of the speaker and the two deputies.

The Azhar Grand Imam called on the MPs to remember the martyr’s sacrifices and to realize the revolution goals.

The Supreme Administrative Court referred the case of the annulment of elections for individual seats in Menia’s second constituency to the State Commissioners’ Authority.

The Egypt’s revolutionary coalition organizes demonstrations on January 23 in front of the People’s Assembly. The demonstrations are meant to convey the message that the MPs have their seats now in the Parliament thanks to the revolutionaries and their sacrifices.

Meanwhile, strict security measures have been taken to secure the People’s Assembly.

Similar news was reported in al-Dustour, p. 3; al-Yom al-Sabee, p. 3



Pages: 3

Author: Hussam Zayid

## Ambulances to Transfer the Revolution Victims



The Ministry of Health dedicated five ambulances to transfer the revolution casualties to 52 different hospitals in Egypt.



Pages: 3  
Author: Safa Shaker

## Syndicate of Journalists Warns of Interrogating al-Akhbar Editor-in-Chief



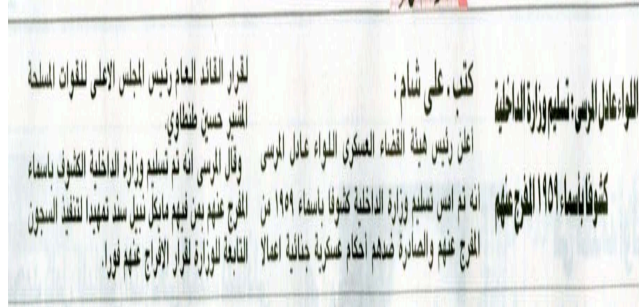
The Freedoms Committee at the Syndicate of Journalists warned of interrogating journalist Yasser Rizq, editor-in-chief of the al-Akhbar newspaper. Mubarak's defense filed a claim against Rizq who had called for an urgent trial of ousted Mubarak.

The freedom commission rejected the claim and warned of interrogating Rizq



Pages: 7  
Author: Ali Sham

### 1059 Political Detainees Released



Head of the Military Judiciary Commission, General Adel al-Mursi, handed the lists of the names of the 1959 political prisoners who were released by a decision of Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, head of SCAF.

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Author: Abd al-Jawwad Tawfiq

## SCAF Denounces the Revolutionary Guards' Communiqué



On its official website, SCAF denounced the communiqué of the Khalid Ibn al-Walid Battalion of the Egyptian Revolutionary Guards.

The communiqué has attacked what it called “SCAF’s Militias.”

SCAF accused the communiqué of being false defective and defective, referring to the Egyptian Army’s efficient military skills. SCAF alluded to the foreign nature of such battalion.



### Tahrir Revolutionaries Reject SCAF Medals



The number of protesters in Tahrir Square rose on Sunday, the third day of mourning the martyrs of the revolution. About 25 tents were set up in the square.

In a statement, the protesters rejected a communiqué issued by the SCAF, in which it introduced a new honorary medal the called the 'January 25' to be bestowed on the revolution's victims.

Al-Wafd, Al-Tagammu and the Free Egyptians parties announced their participation in the planned protests of January 25 to call for fulfilling the demands of the revolution.



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Author: Mounir Adib, Hamdi Dabsh, Osama el-Mahdi, Hani el-Waziri and Ghada Mohamed el-Sherif

### Islamic Group Warns of Plot to Eliminate Political Figures on Jan. 25



The Islamic Group received information that some groups are collecting explosives from quarries in Upper Egypt to be used in eliminating political figures on January 25.

Those who call for a second revolution want to drag the country into a state of chaos, director of the Islamic Group media office Assem Abdel-Meguid said.

He was precisely talking about the April 6 Youth Movement and socialists.

### Shafiq Seizes BBC Tapes after Interview



Members of the presidential campaign of Ahmed Shafiq seized tapes on which an interview between BBC Arabic and Shafiq was recorded.

In a statement, the BBC said after its correspondent Khaled Ezzul-Arab conducted an interview with Shafiq, on Saturday night, Shafiq presidential campaign were angered by some questions in the interview and prevented the BBC staff from leaving before handing over the tapes.

The presidential campaign members were incensed by a question over SCAF and another about Shafiq's evaluation of former president Hosni Mubarak and SCAF Chief Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

The members called for cancelling the interview or deleting the parts, which according to them, have a negative impact on Shafiq's public image.

The interview was planned to be aired on January 22.



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Authors: Samir Ramadan and Nada Hamdi.

### Farid Al-Deib: Mubarak is Still Egypt’s President



Farid Al-Deib, Mubarak’s lawyer, concluded his pleading, yesterday, before the court that examines the charges of killing protesters and financial corruption against former president Hosni Mubarak, his two sons Alaa and Gamal, his former minister of interior, and six of his security officials. Al-Deib’s pleading lasted for five days in which he presented his argument in the charges Mubarak is facing, which includes killing protesters, abusing his powers, wasting public funds, and exporting gas to Israel with lower than market-price rates.

Al-Deib said that the case does not lie within the jurisdiction of this court, and hence all the investigations of the prosecution are invalid, based on Article No.85 of the 1971 Constitution, which provides that any charges directed against the President must be based on a proposal made by two-thirds parliamentary majority. The President should be tried before a specialized court, he confirmed. According to Article 15 of the Judicial Authority Law, the president should be tried before a special court as the Constitution necessitated that an independent judicial authority examines any charges directed against the president.

Al-Deib shouted that Mubarak is still the president of the country according to the provisions of the constitution. Civil-rights lawyers objected to Al-Deib’s statement while Mubarak’s supporters responded by loud applause. He explained that Mubarak was elected as Egypt’s president in 2005 for a six-year term and his presidency should have ended on September 18, 2011. The constitution stipulates that “if the term of the president ended before another president is elected; the former president stays in power until new president gets elected,” he said. If the resignation of the president was not made in written form, then his resignation becomes unconstitutional, Al-Deib explained.



He addressed the court calling them to apply justice without fearing public pressure or threats imposed on them. He also addressed Mubarak, saying that “You stood strong in the face of many challenges and fought for Egypt and Egyptians, yet many took the chance to abandon you and turned their backs on you,” Al-Deib said.

Repeated in: Al-Sherouk: Pages 1, 7; Al-Masry Al-Youm: 1, 4; Al-Ahram: 1, 6.



Pages Front, 4  
 Author: Sayed Abd Allah.

### Suez Revives Spirit of the Revolution



People of Suez revived the spirit of the revolution by organizing a number of stands and protests, which resulted in cutting off main roads and clashing with the Army.

There were at least seven protests for workers, unemployed young people and employees working under temporary contracts. A group of workers started their sit-in in Al-Awa'id Square in Suez and burnt car tires to cut off the road. Army forces were quick to move against them in an attempt to re-open the road, which led other protesters to join them and chant slogans against the SCAF.

A number of young revolutionaries gave out printed statements to all the people of Suez to participate in protests in solidarity with families of martyrs and to demand achieving the revolution's goals.



Front Page  
Author: Radwa Al-Shazli.

## Revolution Continues in Maspero



A conflict erupted between Minister of Information Major General Ahmed Anis and the staff working in Nile News. The channel's staff considered statements made by Anis to be provocative, especially after the Minister prevented them from screening a documentary produced by the channel titled 'My Name is Tahrir Square' without specific reasons. He also gave orders to the channel to focus on pro-regime protesters in Al-Abbasiya Square on January 25.

Tens of TV presenters and other staff of the channel gathered in front of the Minister's office to protest his decisions and statements and threatened to cut the broadcasting of the channel.



Al-Tahrir: Page 4  
 Author: Mahmoud Hossam.

### Expatriates Chant: Down with Military Rule



Despite being thousands of miles away, the hearts and minds of Egyptian expatriates are close to their countries as the anniversary of the January 25 revolution approaches.

They insisted that the revolution must continue until all its goals are achieved. They organized many marches and demonstrations in many cities around the world to draw attention to the importance of continuing the revolution and demand SCAF to hand over power to an elected civilian authority.

### SCAF Appoints Fraud Suspect in Shura



SCAF's decision to name Yasser Salah Abdel-Hamid, known as Yasser al-Qadi, one of the ten appointed members of the People's Assembly aroused public anger. Al-Qadi was NDP's assistant secretary general in Rod al-Farag district. He was dismissed of the NDP over fraud charges.

Similar news was reported in



Page: 1  
 Author: Mostafa Hashem

## El-Awa: Will Participate In January's Revolution



Mohamed Selim El-Awa, presidential hopeful, assured that he will be present on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Tahrir square to participate in the celebrations. He expects that the day will be peaceful and civilized.

He suggested to name a certain square in each governorate to be dedicated for demonstrations, and no police officers or army personnel should be present in those squares.



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Author: Maisaa Fahmy

## Human Rights Watch Criticizes SCAF



Human Rights Watch described SCAF's performance as "oppressive." It said SCAF was positive in the beginning when protected protestors but this positivity quickly turned to suppression of freedoms.

Kenneth Roth, HRW executive director, pointed out, yesterday, that the security forces in Egypt, both the Ministry of Interior and the Military Police used extreme violence in breaking out protests.



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Author: Not mentioned

### 27,000 Voted For the Revolution's Parliament



The numbers of valid votes in the parliamentary elections were 27,065,135 votes. The turnout reached 54%.

The Democratic Alliance won 127 slate seats, 101 individual seats, namely 45.7%. FJP won 128 of those seats. El Karama Party won 6 seats. Civilization Party won 2 seats. Labour Party won 1 seat. The coordinator of the Democratic Alliance Dr/ Waheed Abd El-Megeid also won.

Al-Nour alliance won 96 slate seats and 31 individual seats; 127 seats. Nour Party won 111 seats. Construction and Development, and Asala Parties won 16 seats.

Wafd seats won 36 slate seats and 2 individual seats. The Egyptian Bloc won 33 slate seats and one individual seat. Seventeen of those went to the Egyptian Social Democratic party. Another 14 went to the Free Egyptians, while El-Tagammu' Party got 3 seats.

Eight women won those elections, and only 9 Christians entered the parliament. Both the women and the Copts won slate seats. No women or Copts won individual seats.



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 Author: Not mentioned

### Anan Meets US Official to Discuss Joint Exercises



Sami Anan, military chief of staff and deputy SCAF head, met with Major General Terry Wolff, commander of U.S. Division-Center to discuss the bilateral military cooperation. Wolff assured the continuance of the joint military exercises between the two strategic allies. Wolff also praised the integrity and transparency of the election process.

A number of SCAF members attended the meeting in addition to the American delegation.

Similar news was reported in Ahram page 3



## TV Coverage (22/1/2012)



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

**Channel: Al-Hayat**

**Host: Maha Bahnasy**

FJP, Al-Nour, Wafd, and the Egyptian Bloc won the majority of the parliament seats after the revolution.

Al-Azhar Imam urges the Parliament members to give up their interests for the sake of Egypt.

Mubarak Defense said, he is still the president and his trial is not constitutional and he demands that Mubarak should be transferred to the presidential palace to resume his work.

Tomorrow the first Parliament sessions will be held with Islamic majority and weak coalitions. In this session the PA speakers and deputies will be chosen.

FJP got 235 seats

Al-Nour got 121 seats

Wafd got 39 seats

Egyptian Bloc got 35 seats

Advisory Council forms two committees, one for drafting the constitution and the other to develop mechanisms to choose constituency committee members.

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

**Channel: Al-Hayat**

**Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer**

The parties chose:

Judge Mahmoud Al-Khodery appointed as Head of the legislative committee.

Dr. Sobhy Saleh, MB deputy, appointed as Al-Khodery's deputy.

Al-Nour party said they demanded to be responsible for the presidency of the following PA committees:

Education Committee

Agriculture Committee

The Arab Affairs Committee



The Religious Committee

Developing Plans Committee

Over the phone, Dr. Mohamed Al-Beltagy, FJP Leader said:

After negotiations with all Parliament parties, we agreed on the members appointed for each specialized committee.

Egypt's Problems and the rest of the revolutions demands won't be fulfilled in one parliamentary session.

Over the phone, Dr. Ashraf Thabet, PA member said, we will take part in January 25<sup>th</sup> celebration to control the situation in Tahrir Square.

The three churches praise Tantawi's decision of appointing 5 Christians in PA.

Coptic activists criticize SCAF's decision of appointing 5 Copts in the Parliament, and they describe the appointed Coptic PA members as unknown.

Over the Phone, Assem Abdel-Maged, Head of Al-Jamaa Al-Isalmeya Office said we have information about plans to sabotage and murder January 25<sup>th</sup> revolutionary Islamic figures.

Over the Phone, Mahmoud Afifi, April 6 Movement Spokesman said, we announce our support to the upcoming parliament and we give them the full authority to fulfill the revolution demands.



**Program: Balana Belmasry**

**Channel: ON TV**

**Host: Reem Maged**

HEC Head said the elections process was clear of irregularities.



**News All Day**

**Channel 1 "National TV"**

Dr. Al-Tayeb defines, today, the future role of Al-Azhar Sheikhdome in the Parliament. Political powers agree on the criteria of choosing constituency committee members and they will stick to the handover of power timeline that was previously set.



**Ahdas 24 hours**  
**Channel 1 "National TV"**

Among the key decisions by Tantawi to appease the protestors are: Appointing 10 PA members, releasing the prisoners, granting January 25<sup>th</sup> revolution martyrs a medal, appointing injured revolutionaries in governmental positions.



**Program: Al-Yoom**  
**Channel: Tahrir**  
**Host: Dina Abdol-Rahman**

Guest, Amr Hamzawy, PA member, said we demand to discuss the revolution demands to unite the Parliament with the protestors.



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## Radio Coverage (22/1/2012)



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

Tomorrow, the first parliamentary session will be held headed by Mahmoud Al-Sakka, and they will choose the PA Speaker and deputies, they will appoint the head of each specialized committee and they will take the oath.

Mubarak Defense said: Former President Trial doesn't lay within the jurisdiction of the Criminal Court and Al-Deeb demands trying Mubarak before a specialized court.

Al-Azhar Imam urges the PA members to give up their interest for the sake of Egypt.



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

HEC announced the final results of the elections.  
FJP hit the polls then Al-Nour, Wafd, Egyptian Bloc, and Al-Wasat.

Dr. Al-Tayeb defines, today, the future role of Al-Azhar Sheikhdom in the Parliament.



**News All Day**  
**Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am**

HEC Head said the elections process was clear from irregularities.



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## Internet Coverage (23/01/2012)



Facebook

### We are all khaled saeed

The Second Article of the constitutional declaration issued by the Military Council, on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 states: "The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces is temporarily in charge of running the country for six months or until the Parliament and president are elected." This proves that no constitution should be drafted before the presidential elections.

Moataz Abd El-Fattah, political sciences professor: Claiming that Mubarak is still president because he did not officially tender his resignation is like claiming that the Suez Canal was not nationalized because the company did not sell it to the Egyptian people.

We refuse drafting the constitution under the military rule. We demand retribution from all those who murdered protestors.

Over 3500 people confirmed their attendance in Mostafa Mahmoud march on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

25 January: Our revolution continues against injustice, poverty, unemployment and torture.

### Egyptian Cabinet

Minister of Information said, 'Voice of the people' Channel, which will be launched on Monday to cover all Shura and PA sessions live, is one of the revolutions advantages.

PA holds 3 sessions tomorrow as it's the first day of the 2012 Parliament.



Muslim Brotherhood Site

## **MB Statement on Announcement of Egyptian Parliamentary Elections Final Results**

Now that parliamentary elections have reached the end of the proverbial race track, and the final results have been announced, it is time for swelling hearts to subside, for tensions to recede and disappear, and for everyone to express respect for the will of the people and to thank the great Egyptian people for taking part in this marathon election, and for insisting on turning out to cast their votes as they felt the precious value of each vote and witnessed the integrity of the electoral process. Indeed, we – the Muslim Brotherhood and our party (FJP) and our coalition (the Democratic Alliance) – warmly and sincerely thank our beloved nation for the precious trust they've given us, and we pray God to help us live up to their expectations and aspirations. We also thank those who ran the election in such an honorable way and those who protected the whole process in a balanced manner.

We deeply appreciate the noble, civilized manner in which the People's Assembly roles and tasks are being distributed, for the Parliament Speaker, technical committees, agents and representatives, and secretaries in a fair consensual way, giving everyone their due rights, away from selfish acquisitiveness and the wish to exclude others – chronic ailments of the old defunct regime. We hope this will reassure fearful souls, and ease away the effects of electoral competition, and reveal the truth about the Muslim Brotherhood and the Freedom and Justice Party's vitality and commitment to broad consensus.

What happened is a major step in the march of the revolution. After just one day, full legislative powers will be transferred from the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) to the People's Assembly elected by nearly 30 million Egyptians. This Assembly is the first institution to be established in a democratic way after the revolution. Those who wish to rush things should ponder and appreciate and give this event its due, and protect the democratic process with all the people who look forward to the day they recover full sovereignty, freedom and free-will by completing the transfer of executive power to the elected civilian authority and the drafting of a new permanent constitution.

Everyone should gather around major goals that achieve the greater good of the homeland and the people, their interests and priorities. Those who enter parliament should realize that they are not representatives of their own respective parties only, nor of their respective districts only, but representatives of the Egyptian people, the full spectrum of sectors, communities and leanings, with all their hopes and aspirations and their revolution ambitions, and join those endeavoring to replace corrupt, rough laws-of-the-forest with fair and good and balanced legislation, and to monitor the executive branch, so it stays on the straight and narrow.



Everyone, parliamentarians and citizens alike, should realize that the task is arduous, the burden is heavy, and the required reforms are many and profound, and that no one faction or party or power can carry all that on its own, not even all political parties and institutions put together. Hence, all members of the public must stand by political forces and stakeholders to save the ship – our homeland – and help it set sail.

Therefore, there must be full transparency and frankness with the people regarding all the facts, so they shall always be aware and put their shoulders to the wheel, in order to get out of this tunnel. The Egyptian people have proved their strength and tenacity, persistence and sacrifice in many calamities and tribulations, as well as their ability to realize their hopes, overcome obstacles and endure all pains.

We hope that the elections will be a catalyst for all citizens to work hard, connect with others and selflessly serve the noble Egyptian people. This must also be a reason and a motive to respect and protect constitutional legitimacy in the light of Islamic ethics, good values and morals as well as noble national wisdom – self-denial, respect for others, giving selflessly, and sacrificing for the sake of God and in order to achieve the goals of the revolution.



## ▪ 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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