



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (31/01/2012)



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Author: Majidah Atiya, Adel al-Alfi and Muhammad Sharabi

### **Anger at the National Council of the Revolution**



Dr. Safwat al-Nahas, head of the Central Apparatus for Organization and Administration declared that 1588 of the revolution casualties would be appointed today in administrative positions.

A state of chaos and disorder prevailed at the headquarters of the National Council for Revolution Victims because of the victims' protests. While the government had promised to grant the victims their dues within 24 hour, all the governmental employees who were responsible for the execution were absent within the 24 hours.



Pages: 1  
 Author: Ahmad Amer and others

### The People’s Assembly Considers a Law



Headed by Dr. Saad al-Katatni, the People’s Assembly is to hold a session today to elect the specialized committees of the Parliament that were postponed last week because of disagreements on leadership of the committees.

PM Kamal al-Ganzouri will be present in the second session of the People’s Assembly to give a speech about the measures taken by the government to compensate the revolution victims.

Saad al-Husseini, member of the executive office of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) said the parliamentary members of the party would present a draft law to annul article six of the military judicial law that permits trying civilians at military courts. MPs of the FJP will also present a draft law that prevents monopoly.

FJP is expected to present a bunch of draft laws to the People’s Assembly; one of them is the draft law of presidential elections, another is about the constituent commission which will draft the new constitution.

Meanwhile, MP Mustafa al-Jundi demanded Speaker al-Katatni to form a fact finding committee to restore the stolen and smuggled Egyptian money.

Similar news was repeated in Shurouk, p. 4



Pages: 4

Author: Tamer Abd al-Raouf

## Abu al-Futouh against an Immediate Handover of Power



Potential Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh said he did not approve an immediate handover of power, especially that the Speaker of the People's Assembly refused the matter.

Abu al-Futouh believes that the timetable set by the SCAF for presidential elections is the best scenario under the current conditions.



Pages: 4

Author: Abeer al-Mursi

## The Advisory Council Discusses the Formation of the Constituent Commission



In a meeting held yesterday, the Advisory Council discussed Vice Speaker of the People's Assembly Sameh Ashour's suggestion to form the constituent commission that will be responsible for drafting the Constitution. Ashour suggested that 45 % of the commission members be from the Parliament and 55% of them from out of the Parliament.

Ashour stressed the significance of drafting the Constitution before presidential elections, calling for shortening the transitional period.



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Author: Ismael Jumaah and Mutazz Majdi

## Calls for Civil Disobedience



The activists who are staging sit-ins in Tahrir Square and Maspero called for a civil disobedience if SCAF does not hand over power to an elected civil authority.



Pages: 4

Author: Muhammad Anz

## Abu Ismail does not Approve a Temporary President



Potential Presidential Candidates Hazem Abu Ismael strictly refused the idea of electing a temporary president for one year. Abu Ismael refuses the military rule and any possible amendments to the constitution that may grant the military authorities to dominate people during the referendum on the constitution.



## Israel Mulls New Rail Link to Compete Suez Canal



Israel said on Sunday it plans to build a railway line linking its Red Sea and Mediterranean ports that could handle potential overflow from the Suez Canal on the freight route between Asia and Europe.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet the idea of ships dropping off goods in one port to be picked up by a second ship at the other, had stirred "great interest" from major exporters India and China.

The project has yet to receive final approval or secure funding. Israel has not issued any cargo volume projections for the proposed electrified railway that would run 350 km from Eilat, on the Red Sea, to Ashdod, on the Mediterranean some 30 km south of Tel Aviv.



# الجمهورية

Pages: 6&7

Authors: Iman Zein El-Abdeen, Ahmed Tawfiq (&others)

## Poor Participation in Shura Council Elections



The second day of the first Shura elections phase witnessed a very poor turnout in the thirteen governorates. In Cairo, the polling stations remained empty during most of the day, despite Parties' and candidates' attempts urging people to vote.

Judge Wael El-Sheemy, who is heading a station in El-Zaher district, mentioned that the turnout does not exceed 10%. In another station the number of voters was only 90 in the first day and 76 in the second. A candidate attributed the voters' reluctance to participate to the fact that they are not convinced with the role of the Shura Council.

A number of station Heads assured that the vote count would be conducted in substations.

A state of confused dominated the voting stations in Menoufia after Administrative Court's ruling to cancel slate polls and continue the polling process over the individual seats.

In Gharbia, the competition is confined between FJP and Nour Salafi Party candidates.

The HEC announced that they received more than one complaint reporting violations of the "electoral silence."

Similar news was reported in Shorouk page6; Tahrir Pages 6&7

## Katatni: the Parliament will select Constituent Assembly Members



Dr. Mohamed Saad El-Katatni, People's Assembly Speaker, assured that the new constitution will be drafted by consensus. "All Egyptian sectors will participate in drafting the constitution," he added.

He also clarified that the both the Upper and Lower Parliament Houses will participate in selecting 100 members for drafting the constitution. The Assembly will include parliamentary and non-parliamentary members.

### Defense Claims Adli Has Clean History



Former interior minister Habib el-Adli, who is standing trial over charges pertaining to killing protesters during the revolution, has a long clean history in serving this nation, his lawyer told the trial hearing on Monday.

Adli insists on subpoenaing Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lieutenant General Sami Anan and intelligence chief Mourad Mouafi to testimony in the case, his lawyer Essam el-Batawi said.

On Tuesday, the defense pleadings of Adli's aide Major General Ahmed Ramzi will start.

A state of relief spread among lawyers of the revolution's victims after the conclusion of Adli's defense pleadings.

Adli could be executed because the pleadings did not include any acquittal evidence at all, the lawyers said.

Similar news reported in Al-Ahram (page 4), Al-Gomhoria (page 4), Al-Dostour (page 4), Al-Akhbar (page 7 and 8), Al-Shorouk (page 7), Al-Yom7 (page 1 and 4).



Page: 1&5  
 Author: Mohamed Basal

### SCAF Retroactively Passes Presidential Elections Law



One week after officially handing over the legislative authorities to the People’s Assembly, the ruling Military Council surprised the political forces yesterday by retroactively publishing the Presidential Elections Law in the third edition of the official gazette that was published on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

This step deprived the People’s Assembly from its right of discussing the law. SCAF amended 4 articles regarding the presidential elections regulations and added one article tackling the procedures that should be taken if a candidate passes away during the publicity period.

Hopefuls must be endorsed by at least 30 parliamentary members or 30,000 eligible voters from 15 governorates. Parties represented in the Parliament can nominate a presidential candidate.

The Presidential Election Commission will be responsible for the polling process that would last only for one day. The Commission should be headed by the Head of the Supreme Constitutional Court.

According to the new election law, only Egyptian nationals born to Egyptian parents and who do not hold dual citizenship can qualify for candidacy.

Similar news was reported in Akhbar page 3; Masry Youm page7 ; Ahram page 1; Youm7 page1

## Political Players Condemn the Transgressions against Maspero Protesters



55 political movements, parties and revolutionary coalitions condemned in a communiqué issued yesterday the attack against protesters in front of Maspero.

They blamed SCAF and the Ministry of Interior for the attacks. They also called the considered the authorities to shoulder their responsibility of securing peaceful protests as the Constitutional Announcement and the Human Rights Resolution state.

Protesters in front of Maspero had been attacked by unidentified individuals.

The sit-in is staged as a call to purify the biased Egyptian media that advocates SCAF and do not reflect reality.



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Author: Khairi Hussein, Alaa Hegab, Mostafa Yonis, Hoda Mohamed, Abdel-Galil Mohamed

### Tahrir Braces for “Tuesday of Determination” Protests



Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the January revolution, was poised to receive protesters on new mass protests held on Tuesday under the theme of “Determination.”

On Monday, a protest was held outside the Tahrir governmental complex, while others continued a sit-in in the square for the sixth day running.

Uneasy calm reigned over the Maspero area, the scene of clashes on Sunday.

The protesters call for handing over power in April at maximum, avenging the martyrs of the revolution, purging state institutions. They also urge the Army to return to its barracks.

The Revolution Youth Coalition will organize a march on Tuesday from Tahrir to the parliament HQ after the afternoon prayers.

The march aims at setting up a revolutionary tribunal to try forthwith former president Hosni Mubarak and his regime figures.

Another massive march will head to the parliament under the rubric “one demand.”

The marchers will express their rejection of the so-called safe exit of SCAF from power, holding presidential elections under SCAF rule and drafting a constitution under SCAF.

Similar news reported in Al-Ahram (page 1, 4 and 5), Al-Gomhoria (page 4), Al-Masry Al-Yom (page 1 and 4), Al-Dostour (page 1 and 5), Al-Tahrir (page 1 and 5), Al-Shorouk (page 1 and 4), Al-Yom7 (page 1 and 5).



## TV Coverage (30/1/2012)



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

Low voter turnout on the second day of Shura Council elections.

Shura Council and People's Assembly members will choose the members of the Constituting Commission of the Constitution.

HEC said Qena and Monofiya slates elections will be conducted on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Egyptians Embassies and Consulates send 28 diplomatic portfolios with the expatriate Egyptians Shura elections votes.

People's Assembly specialized committees crisis escalated after Wafd Party decided to withdraw.

HEC announced that the turnout percentage in the Shura elections was 15%.

Cautious calm in Maspero area after clashes took place between protestors and unknown individuals.

Tahrir and Maspero protestors form human shields to secure the protestors.

**Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer**

HEC said, Shura Council election process cost L.E 1billion.

Over the phone, Tahany Al-Gebaly, Vice Constitution Court Head said nominations for presidential elections would start next week according to a Constitutional Court decision.

SCAF issues Presidential Elections Law behind the parliament back.

Tantawi issues a decision to appoint Major General Ismail Etman as Lieutenant General Samy Anan's Assistant.



**Program: Masr Tantakheb**  
**Channel: CBC**  
**Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy and Khairy Ramadan**  
**Time: 20:00**

Guests:

Nadia Zakhary, Minister of Scientific Research

Hussein Khaled, Minister of Higher Education

Seif El-Din Abdel-Fatah, Political Science Professor in Cairo University

Constitution Court Head said the presidential elections commission will start preparations for the elections next week.

Advisory Council holds urgent meeting to discuss the transitional period timeline.

Saad Al-Katatny, People's Assembly Speaker said the current parliament has unlimited powers; it can draft laws and question the government.



**News All Day**  
**Time: 5:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

Some protestors and political powers continue their sit-in in Tahrir Square demanding to fulfill the revolution's demands.

Ballot stations resumed their work on the second day of the Shura Council elections.

HEC announced suspending the elections of party-based seats in Qena and Monofeya governorates. 12:00 AM

Al-Katatny said the new constitution must not discriminate between the citizens. 5:00 PM

Counting of Egyptian expatriate votes continues. 5:00 PM

**Program: 24 Hour News**  
**Time: 25:00:00**

Tantawi meets with Al-Ganzory and Al-Katatny to discuss the country's conditions.



**Program: Yessed Sabahak**  
**Channel 2"National TV"**  
**Host: Karim Awadallah and Dina Farouk**

27 political parties and movements demand opening presidential candidature.



### **Al-Arabeya**

The first phase of the Shura Council elections started with a low voter turnout.

1462 candidates compete on 90 seats in 13 governorates.

Salah Hassab Allah, Egyptian Citizen Party Head, said the results of the People's Assembly (PA) elections showed that competition with Islamist parties won't be easy.

After low voter turnout, first round of Shura elections wound up.

HEC said the voting process took place in all ballot stations.

Al-Wafd Party decides to withdraw from the PA specialized committees elections.

### Tantawi said:

We won't allow anyone to hinder the pace of democracy.

No one is betraying the country but some don't understand the nature of the transitional period.



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## Radio Coverage (30/1/2012)



**News All Day**  
**Channel: Radio Masr**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**

A number of political movements and powers in Tahrir and Maspero demand to satisfy the revolution demands.

Polling stations opened on the second day of the Shura Council elections.

Presidential Elections Commission starts working next week.

Counting Shura Council elections votes started at 3:00 AM



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

Tantawi meets with Al-Ganzory and Al-Katatny to discuss the country's current conditions. 25:00:00

SCAF issues a law that governs the upcoming presidential elections. 25:00:00

Some revolution powers call for demonstrations today from Maspero towards People's Assembly headquarters. 25:00:00

Speaker of the People's Assembly al-Katatny said the Constitution should not discriminate against any group of citizens. 16:00:00

Low voters' turnout in the Shura elections.



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## Internet Coverage (31/1/2012)

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### We are all Khaled Saeed

An image of Qasr El-Nile Bridge on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2012: [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s320x320/395917\\_336096639773540\\_104224996294040\\_808519\\_899380943\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s320x320/395917_336096639773540_104224996294040_808519_899380943_n.jpg)  
Shura Council will participate in selecting members of the Constituent Assembly.

Thus, everyone should participate in the Shura voting process.

An image of an Egyptian holding a banner reading “Be positive and participate in the elections.”

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Major General, Mamdouh Shahin, said that the Presidential Elections Law was published in the Official Newspaper on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Field Marshal, Hussein Tantawi ( age 76), sends Ismail Etman (age 60),  
Morale Affairs Director to retirement, and appoints him as an advisor for Lt. General Samy  
Anan (age 64), Armed Forces Chief of Staff.

Tomorrow is the first time in sixty years; an elected People’s Assembly interrogates an  
Egyptian Prime Minister.

### Egyptian Cabinet

Tantawi met with Dr. Al-Ganzory and Dr. Al-Katatny to discuss the current country  
issues and the most important issues to the public.

Al-Ganzory voted yesterday in Shura Council elections.



Twitter

**Wael Abbas:**

The video of Maspero's alive martyr. His heart stopped functioning and his body was kept in a morgue for five hours. Just before his autopsy, he regained consciousness. Military police then detained him for a month and a half.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an2Bt7CnneA&feature=youtu.be>

What's the story of the Jilbab robbers??? They stole a supermarket and a bank!!! They do not look comfortable in those robes!!! They were moving like police forces.

Those who follow me on Twitter just to say how ill-mannered I am are like those who step in a brothel to say this is wrong but is still standing and watching.

**Arabist:**

Yemen Protesters Demand Air Force Chief's Ouster. He's Saleh's half-brother.  
<http://online.wsj.com/home-page>

**Gsquare86:**

5.6 Earthquake in Sharm El Sheikh. It is not like we need more dead, pray for Egypt.

**Iyad elbaghdadi:**

I have a long day ahead of me. Expecting an acceleration of news from #Syria this week. See you later.

**Asmaa Mahfouz:**

How the lives of Egyptian citizens become so cheap???????

Al-Hayat Al-Yom: Tantawi issues decision to appoint Etman as an assistant to Sami Anan, seriously?



## ▪ 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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