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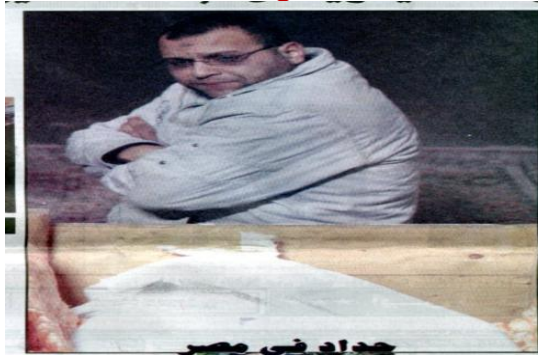
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A Review of al-Ahram Coverage of the Port Said "Massacre"



Apart from the international news page, the economy page and some advertisements, al-Ahram newspaper is fully devoted today to the "massacre" at Port Said Stadium.

On the front page al-Ahram's banner headline read: "A Massacre that Made Egypt Cry." The following headlines were published on al-Ahram's home page:

- The Parliament blames the Ministry of Interior and Forms a committee to investigate into the Port Said massacre.
- The MPs: the criminal plan started from Tora.
- Security leaders managed the massacre to hide the killers.
- Empty bullet casings were found in the stadium.
- The massacre resulted in 71 deaths and 540 injuries.
- Why were the governor and the director of the Security Directorate absent?
- Why were the gates opened before the Port Said team supporters?
- Why were the stadium gates at the ULTRAS' side (Ahly hardcore fans) closed as soon as the match had been over?



- PM Ganzouri: ready for being politically questioned
- Political parties call for withdrawing confidence from the government.
- The governor's resignation was approved and the head of the Football Union sacked.
- Security and investigations directors detained to be interrogated.
- The security forces disappeared and police stations closed.
- A fan of the Port Said team: We hate al-Ahly but not to the extent of killing.
- People of Port Said assert their innocence.
- Marches were organized from mosques to Tahrir Square.
- 28 parties and movements stage a sit-in in Tahrir today and tomorrow.
- The Attorney General: Interrogating the stadium director and 60 other suspects.
- Knives were used in killing the victims.
- Farghali: the Stadium was open to get weapons inside and manage another "camel battle."
- A victim's mother paralyzed at hearing the news of her sons' death and another mother seeks revenge.
- L.E 12 Billion losses at the stock market because of the incidents.

The details were explicitly presented inside the paper.

Protestors headed towards the Ministry of Interior where intensive security measures were taken.

Eye witnesses accused the Ministry of Interior of being involved in the attacks at Port Said Stadium. The riots stole Ahly ULTRAS' money and mobile phones.

Where were the security forces? Why were lights off in the stadium immediately after the end of the match? Al-Ahram authors wondered.

Al-Ahram also reported on the tragic scene in front of Zenhom Morgue where the victims' families were present to receive the bodies of the victims.

On page seven, al-Ahram published photos of a number of the victims.



For the first time in 40 years, the Egyptian People's Assembly held an extraordinary session yesterday to discuss the incidents. A fact-finding committee was formed to investigate into the issue and give a report after one week.

Speaker of the People's Assembly Saad al-Katatni blamed the "massacre" on a blatant security deficiency. Many MPs called for dismissing the minister of interior, the attorney general, the Security director and the governor of Port Said.

Mass demonstrations were organized all over Cairo and other governorates, showing compassion with the victims and their families and to protest the security deficient performance.

Some protestors accused SCAF of being involved in the incidents to create a pretext to impose the emergency law.

On its part, SCAF considered the allegations about its involvement in the incidents to be "sick imagination."

The Ministry of Endowments, Dar al-Ifta and the Sufi ways canceled all celebrations of the Prophet's Birthday tomorrow, Saturday.

The Ahly team coach Manuel José described the match as "crazy." He said he was assaulted. José is reported to be left for his country. The Ahly team declared boycotting playing in Port Said for five years.

Al-Ahram's Khudr Khudair reported that the atmosphere was tensed before the beginning of the match, however, the security did not respond.

Hatem al-Shirbini reported on Arabic and international denunciations of the incidents.

FIFA called for investigation to reveal the culprits and expressed its regression of the incidents.

Political players in Egypt will stage a sit-in in Tahrir. They claimed a plot against the revolution and called for dismissing the cabinet.

SCAF announced three days of national mourning in Egypt. Flags have been flown half-mast in Egypt and at all Egyptian embassies.

All artistic and sportive activities have been suspended in Egypt to mourn the victims.



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A Review of al-Masry al-Yom Coverage of the Port Said “Massacre”



Like all the other Egyptian newspapers today, al-Masry al-Yom was almost completely devoted to the coverage of the incidents of Port Said and their aftermath.

The banner headline read: “the price of blood is bringing SCAF into account and trying the Ministry of Interior.”

Al-Masry al-Yom also reported on protests and calls for mass demonstrations. Clashes between the ULTRAS (hardcore fans) and the security forces around the Ministry of Interior headquarters were also reported on al-Masry al-Yom front page.

Al-Masry al-Yom reported on sources’ statements that security officials and former NDP’s members were behind the incidents.

Political and revolutionary players said the plot was being managed from Tora (where symbols of the former regime and Mubarak’s two sons are imprisoned) and blamed SCAF for the incidents. The Revolution Youth Union called for dismissing the Cabinet and handing over power to a civil authority.

The ULTRAS threatened SCAF with revenge. Thousands gathered in front of the Ahly Club headquarters and coach of al-Ahly decided to leave Egypt.

Al-Masri al-Yom also reported on potential presidential candidates’ reactions to the incidents. [See al-Ahram and al-Shurouk reviews].



The European Union called for an independent investigation committee to reveal the reasons behind the Port Said tragedy.

Al-Masri al-Yom reported on the Police Officers Coalition's announcement that the incidents were planned to terrorize the public and that the Ministry of Interior was controlling the thugs.

Security leaderships were reported as saying that 45 thousand police officers would have been needed to protect the stadium.

The Ministry of Health announced 71 deaths and the forensic report did not include any shot bodies.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs raised half-mast flags in all Egyptian embassies and consulates over the world.

Clashes between the ULTRAS and security forces around the Ministry of Interior were reported.

The prosecution detains the security leaders in Port Said and blames them for the killings. The Attorney General examined the Stadium, and officials of the Ahly said the gates were locked and the Ahly fans were imprisoned in the stadium.

Al-Masri al-Yom also reported on the tragic scenes of the victims' families in front of Zenhom morgue in Cairo.

Thousands participated in the funeral of the victims in Cairo.

Al-Masri al-Yom reported on the People's Assembly session. [See al-Shurouk and al-Ahram reviews].

The Ahly ULTRAS want Tantawi's head for the victims' blood.

The Egyptian league was suspended.

Al-Masri al-Yom also reported on the international condemnation of the incidents. The paper also reported reactions of the international media.

On page twelve, al-Masri al-Yom published photos of some of the victims.

The Egyptian Stock Market loses 6.5 billion Egyptian Pounds.



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Another Sad Day in Egypt



Protesters converging near the Interior Ministry premises call for sacking the interior minister and prosecuting security director and Port Said governor over the deadly riots.

Protesters hurled stones on security personnel and kidnapped a soldier.

The Health Ministry put the number of injured in the vicinity of the Interior Ministry at 628.

Addressing the parliament, Kamal el-Ganzouri said he holds his political responsibility over the incidents and is ready for interrogation before any bodies.

The Health Ministry announced that 71 people were killed and 318 were injured in the Port Said riots.

Ganzouri also said he accepted the resignation of Port Said governor and the dissolution of the board of the Egyptian Football Association. The Port Said security director was referred to questioning immediately, Ganzouri said.



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Port Said Riots Bring Unrest in Egypt



The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) rejected claims framing it as the mastermind behind the deadly clashes of Port Said.

As soon as the football match in Port Said ended, everyone started attacking SCAF and accusing it of plotting the riots, the admin of SCAF's Facebook page posted on the social networking website.

The sick imagination of many has made them believe that the security chaos in the country was aimed at reinstating the emergency law, the admin wrote.

Unfortunately, many media people, activists and politicians went with the tide and started accusing SCAF of plotting those events to enforce martial law, the admin further noted.

The admin urged the people to stand united against a certain malicious group in the society that attempts to intimidate the people with thuggish acts.

The Armed Forces will continue to protect the people and cleanse Egypt from traitors and thugs, the post read.



Meanwhile, in an emergency session, the first to be held in 40 years, the People's Assembly, the lower house of parliament, approved a proposal to level charges against Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim over the Port Said incidents.

MP Essam el-Erian, along with 120 deputies, signed a request to activate a law that allows the prosecution of Cabinet ministers.

The MPs also decided to form a fact-finding commission to probe the massacre.

Attorney General Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud decided to send the Port Said security director for questioning over the events, which left at least 73 people dead.

An investigation will be held with the Port Said governor as well and forces responsible for securing the match.

Mahmoud is still in Port Said inspecting the scene of the incidents to assess the size of damage. A large team of investigators from the Interior Ministry also went to the stadium to interrogate officers responsible for securing the match.

Dropping a bombshell, Al-Ahly Club general coach Mohamed Youssef said security forces conspired in the events.

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri announced the resignation of Port Said Governor Major General Ahmed Abdullah as well as the governorate's security director.

Meanwhile, presidential candidate Amr Moussa condemned the riot incidents that occurred Wednesday at the Egyptian canal city. He offered his deep condolences to the families of the victims and warned of chaos scenarios.

Presidential hopeful Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh described the incidents as a complete crime and butchery. This is not just some football fans gone berserk, he said.

Al-Zamalek coach Hassan Shehata said he could no longer coach any team in Egypt unless a serious investigation was launched into the incidents and those responsible were brought to justice.

The Islamic Group expressed his sorrow over the Port Said events. In a statement, the group said the massacre will not undermine power transition.

The Health Ministry put the death toll from the incidents at 71.

Hundreds of Al-Ahly die-hard fans, known as the Ultras, stormed the outer gate of the Suez Security Directorate and pelted stones and fireworks against it.

Security forces responded with tear gas.



The April 6 Movement (Democratic Front) distributed fliers all over Alexandria blaming SCAF for the Port Said events.

In the statement, the movement said Egypt is always hit by disasters when the emergency law is revoked.

EU leaders are calling for an independent probe to find out why and how knife-wielding fans overwhelmed stadium security following a football match in Port Said, Egypt on Wednesday, February 1.

"I hope an immediate and independent investigation will shed light on the causes of this tragic event," said EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton in a statement.



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SCAF's Failure in Running State Leaves 71 Dead



The People and Ultras, hardcore football fans, are one hand: That was the main theme of Friday's planned mass protests in Egypt's squares.

Gathering in Tahrir on a "President First Friday," protesters, enraged and shocked by the Port Said incidents, called for avenging the victims and prosecuting anyone involved in the stadium massacre.

They also reiterated their demands of holding earlier the presidential elections.

Among the political groups that announced their participation in the protests are the Revolution Youth Coalition, the Revolution Youth Union, the Free Front for Peaceful Change, the Kefaya Movement and the April 6 Youth Movement among others.

Thousands of Zamalek and Ahly die-hard fans gathered on Thursday in Sphinx Square, Mohandessen, Giza, in solidarity with the Port Said victims.

The Muslim Brotherhood, the dominator of parliamentary seats, has disappointed many with its stances regarding the deadly riots of Port Said.

The group did not declare mourning or attended the funerals of the victims. It also issued a weak statement and blamed the former regime officials, currently held in Tora Prison, for the clashes.



It also propagated the mysterious sides' theory and did not hold the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces any responsibility for the events.

Mass funerals were held in Mansoura, Damietta, Sharqiya, Mahla and Menofiya to lay the bodies of the victims to rest.

Attorney General Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud headed to Port Said to inspect the stadium, where the massacre took place.

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A Review of al-Yom al-Sabei Coverage of the Port Said “Massacre”



“The ULTRAS want the field marshal’s head,” al-Yom al-Sabei headlined its front page.

The Parliament forms a fact-finding committee and calls for dismissing the Cabinet and the Attorney General.

Governor of Port Said resigns and the city director of the Security Apparatus is under arrest.

Coach of al-Ahli Manuel Jose retires and the Ahly Club suspends its activities.

One of the ULTRAS told al-Yom al-Sabei that he had headed to Port Said with 13 of his friends and came back home alone. All of them were killed.

Al-Yom al-Sabei reported on clashes between the police and protestors around the Ministry of Interior in Cairo.

People of Port Said said they were innocent and did not attack or kill the ULTRAS of the Ahli.



Ahly players were transferred by a military jet to Cairo and Field Marshal Tantawi, head of SCAF was waiting for them at Almaza, Cairo's military airport.

Al-Yom al-Sabei reported on reactions of the potential presidential candidates. [See al-Ahram and al-Shurouk reviews].

Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs decided to raise half-mast flags in all Egyptian embassies and consulates.

Mirvat Rashad of al-Yom al-Sabei referred to the bad influence of the incidents on tourism in Egypt.

Marwan Issam reported on the international media comments on the incidents.

Muhammad Saliman pointed out the provocative sign that the ULTRAS raised in the stadium. The sign read: "In the city of second hand cloths, no men exist." [Port Said is one of the centers that sell imported second hand clothes in Egypt].

On page 10s, al-Yom al-Sasbei published photos of the clashes and the pitch invasion.

The last page was also devoted to a big photo of the Ahli ULTRAS in the Stadium and another one of a mourning lady.



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A Review of al-Shurouk Coverage of the Port Said "Massacre"



Apart from the pages of international news, the economy and some variety, al-Surouk newspaper is fully devoted today to the "massacre" at Port Said Stadium.

"The Revolution Wakes Up on the ULTRAS Blood," read the banner headline on al-Shurouk front page.

While Egypt's squares chanted against SCAF, the People's Assembly demands were limited to dismissing the Minister of Interior.

The Attorney General headed to Port Said to examine the stadium that witnessed the bloody pitch invasion.

The Ministry of Interior announced a state of emergency with heavy security presence in the Ministry's neighborhood.

A police source told al-Shurouk that the security apparatus dealt wisely with the situation. SCAF ignored some MPs' demands to dismiss the Cabinet. A Muslims Brotherhood's MP called for interrogating Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, head of SCAF. Speaker of the



People's Assembly, however, stated that the Parliament was to bring the government into account.

Another bout of unrest broke in the surrounding of the Interior Ministry headquarters. Attack-and- retreat battles took place between the police and protestors.

The Ahly ULTRAS (hardcore fans) announced on its page on facebook that its members were not taking part in the clashes around the Ministry of Interior.

The Ministry of Health announced 600 casualties.

In Suez the clashes escalated last night. Eyewitnesses said they were shot by the police.

62 political parties and movements called for a mass demonstration today at Tahrir Square to protest what they called "the Security Apparatus' compliance" to facilitate the Port Said "massacre."

The National Council for Human Rights called for trying the culprits of Port Said attacks.

The Muslim Brotherhood and the Salafi Call accused some "unknown elements" of being behind the Port Said "massacre."

The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP), the political wing of the Muslim Brotherhood, accused the remnants of Mubarak's regime of plotting the "massacre" and linked it to the incidents of abduction, armed robberies and banditry accidents that widely spread over the past two weeks.

Ban Ki-moon, UN secretary regretted the deaths of 74 people and wished the injured a soon recovery. Ban Ki-moon was sure the Egyptian government would take the suitable procedures to deal with the situation in cooperation with all the concerned parties.

Potential Presidential Candidate Hamadain Sabbahi criticized the performance of the People's Assembly that was not, in his opinion, "up to the grave incident."

The European Union called for an independent investigation into the incident.

The Minister of Interior assigned a new director for the Port Said Security Directorate.

47 suspects have been arrested.

Political Players called for withdrawing the confidence from Ganzouri Cabinet.



In the extraordinary Parliament session that was held yesterday, PM Kamal al-Ganzouri admits the political responsibility of the Cabinet. He dismissed the Football Union and approved the resignation of the governor of Port Said.

A Parliament member called SCAF to hand over power, and MP Amr Hamzawi called for electing a civil president. A Salafist MP called for arresting the minister of interior. A Muslim Brotherhood's MP called for dismissing the Attorney General. Another Muslim Brotherhood's MP called for bringing SCAF into account, and Speaker al-Katatni replied: "we bring the cabinet into account and it PM is here."

Zenhom Morgue in Cairo received 51 bodies of the victims. Some of the victims' families said the "massacre" was a trap to revenge the ULTRAS' support of the revolution.

Contradicting previous allegations, head of Port Said hospital denied having received any casualties with sharp tools.

The Ministry of Health announced 71 deaths 30 bodies have not yet been identified.

Revolutionary players accused SCAF of inciting thugs' mobs and of reluctance in ending the clashes.

On page six, al-Shurouk reported on the compassionate stances of the different governorates with the Port Said victims.

Al-Ahram's Mamdouh Hassan reported on a security plan that precedes any important football match to deal with any emergencies. The plan always starts with an urgent meeting between the police, the ULTRAS and deputies of the two teams. The director of the Security Apparatus usually follows up with the plan.

On the Islamic part, The Azhar called for bringing the culprits into account and for avoiding bloodshed.

Ahmad Adli reported on the statements of one of the security officials in Port Said who said that the police did not intervene in order not to be accused.

Violent clashes have been reported between the ULTRAS and police forces in Suez.

"We will not keep silent, and we launch war," Tahrir Square ULTRAS declared.

On page nine, al-Shurouk reported on reactions of potential presidential candidates. Hamadein Sabbahi called for an urgent serious investigation. Sabbahi said the killings were the



responsibility of the rulers; SCAF and the Cabinet. Sabbahi warned of the danger of the continuing anarchy.

Salafist Presidential Candidate Hazem Abu Ismael considered the bloodshed to be a conflict over power.

Potential Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh criticized the police performance. Abu al-Futouh urged the victims' families to insist on a fair punishment of the culprits. Abu al-Futouh blamed SCAF for Port Said incidents.

Muhammad al-Baradei, stressed the compelling need to reconstruct the Security Apparatus.

Potential Presidential Candidate Muhammad Salim al-Awwa blamed the Security Apparatus and SCAF for the incidents.

Potential Presidential Candidate called for trying the culprits. He expressed his approval of the urgent decisions that were taken and warned of the lack of security.

Al-Shurouk reported on the Western media reactions to Port Said incidents. The Western press blamed the incidents on a modest security performance and a political emptiness.

FIFA rejected the governmental interference in football affairs by denouncing the dismissal of the Football Union in Egypt.

The Ahly team boycotts Port Said for five years.

Al-Shurouk also reported on some eyewitnesses' testimonials about what happened in Port Said.

Al-Akhar Review on Port Said Violence



Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri announced the resignation of Port Said Governor Ahmed Abdullah and the suspension of the governorate security director Major General and putting them under investigation.

The directors of football clubs Al-Ahly and Al-Masry will also be interrogated over the Port Said deadly riots.

The violence began immediately on the final whistle, as the fans of the home team, Al-Masry, swarmed on to the pitch putting the players to flight despite their team's hard-fought 3-1 victory.

At least 74 were killed and hundreds injured in the violence.

The public prosecution started interrogating 52 suspects.

The People's Assembly, the lower house of parliament, held an emergency session, the first in 40 years, to tackle the incidents.

Parliament Speaker Saad el-Katatni called for trying Interior Minister for negligence in performing his duties. He should be held political responsibility over the riots, Katatni said.



Katatni's proposal will be submitted to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) on Monday, Al-Akhbar learned.

The parliament speaker also assigned a fact-finding commission, which was formed to probe the revolution victims file, to also investigate the Port Said events and present a report within one week.

Addressing the parliament session, Ganzouri said he was ready to be interrogated before any bodies. He also described the media as the largest enemy to Egypt.

Al-Azhar called for prosecuting those behind the Port Said massacre.

In a statement, Al-Azhar urged all citizens to overcome bloodshed.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Iftaa House announced the cancellation of planned celebrations marking Prophet Mohammed's birthday over the bloody incidents. The occasion falls on Saturday.

In a quick development, thousands of hardcore football fans, better known as the Ultras, started flocking to Tahrir Square. They called for the resignation of SCAF head Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

They also called for avenging the victims of Port Said.

SCAF condemned criticism directed to the military institution in the aftermath of the Port Said bloody clashes.

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The sick imagination of many has made them believe that the security chaos in the country was aimed at reactivating the emergency law, the admin wrote.

Unfortunately, many media people, activists and politicians went with the tide and started accusing SCAF of plotting those events to enforce martial law, the admin further noted.

The admin urged the people to stand united against a certain malicious group in the society that attempts to intimidate the people with thuggish acts.

The Armed Forces will continue to protect the people and cleanse Egypt from traitors and thugs, the post read.

Flags were flown at half-mast in the People's Assembly and Cabinet buildings.



Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel also ordered Egypt's embassies and consulates abroad to lower the Egyptian flags to half-mast under the three-day national mourning across the nation.

Thousands of protesters gathered in Sphinx Square, Mohandessen neighborhood, Giza, to observe a minute of silence over the victims of the Port Said Stadium. A number of sportsmen took part in the stand.

Attorney General Abdel-Mahmoud inspected Port Said Stadium, the scene of deadly riots, on Thursday morning.

A large number of protesters headed to Tahrir Square to condemn the incidents.

Several marches were organized in Cairo and Giza to denounce the attacks.

Thousands of mourners took part in the funeral of one of the victims in Mansoura. Other funerals were held nationwide to lay the bodies of the deceased to rest in their hometowns.

Funerals were held in Mansoura, Sharqiya, Suez and Alexandria.

In Suez, angry protests erupted in outside the Suez Security Directorate. Ultras started pelting stones and fireworks at the security building.

Police forces responded with tear gas in a desperate attempt to disperse them. The youths hurled back Molotov cocktails and set fire to old tires.

The confrontations continued until three in the morning after the intervention of popular group members and Salafist youths. The clashes left many protesters and eight security officers injured.

Youths in North Sinai organized a stand in protest against the incidents. They chanted anti-SCAF slogans.

Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of Saint Mark, extended his deep condolences to the Egyptian people over the incidents. The pope wished the injured speedy recovery.

After his resignation was accepted, Port Said Governor Ahmed Abdullah said he was extremely saddened by the deadly events.

EU leaders are calling for an independent probe to find out why and how knife-wielding fans overwhelmed stadium security following a football match in Port Said, Egypt on Wednesday, February 1.

"I hope an immediate and independent investigation will shed light on the causes of this tragic event," said EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton in a statement.



Presidential candidates Amr Moussa, Ahmed Shafiq and Mohamed Selim el-Awwa condemned the riots.

Turkey and Britain consoled with Egypt over the victims.

The board of directors of Al-Ahly Club held an extraordinary meeting on Thursday to tackle the situation and issued several decisions, including:

- Boycotting any sport events held in Port Said for five years.
- Declaring a forty-day period of mourning over the victims.
- Assigning the club's legal committee to follow up a complaint filed by the club with the attorney general.

Erecting a memorial in the club's premises in Al-Jazera, Zamalek neighborhood.



TV Coverage (31/1/2012)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-An
Channel: Al-Hayat
Host: Maha Bahnasi

The Prime Minister dismisses the governor of Port Said, and arrests the director of the Security Directorate and the head of the Detective Chief to be interrogated about the football match incidents.

The Ministry of Health: 71 deaths and 318 injuries in Ahli-al-Masri match.

The Attorney General gives instructions to keep the director of Port Said Security Directorate and head of the Criminal Detection under detention.

Reconsidering the presidential elections law, said Dr. al-Sayyid al-Badawi, head of al-Wafd Party.

Dr. al-Sayyid al-Badawi: we want a revolution government. We blame SCAF for what happened in Port Said and we call on him to hold the presidential elections earlier.

Demonstrators in Tahrir are discontent with the Prime Minister's decision.

More demonstrators in Tahrir Square and calls for a mass demonstration at 16:00.

Mass demonstration in Port Said to declare the Port Said public innocent in yesterday's incidents.

Al-Katatni suggests referring the ministers' trial law to the legislative committee to take the due procedures.

The fact finding committee will immediately start investigations into Port Said incidents and will submit its report to the People's Assembly in a week.



The legislative committee, the defense committee and the national security committee have to meet and come up with decisions for Sunday session.

The Football Union refuses to shoulder the responsibility of Port Said incidents. Head of the union says he will complain to the FIFA against PM Kamal al-Ganzouri.

SCAF denounces what was circulated about the incidents being plotted by SCAF itself to take them as a pretext to impose the Martial law.

Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Lubna Assal

28 political groups and parties call for a sit-in in Tahrir Square on Friday and Saturday to mourn the “martyrs of the Port Said massacre.”

Revolutionary powers call SCAF to leave and Ganzouri to resign.

SCAF confirms that the Armed Forces will protect the Egyptian people.

SCAF asserts its will to purify the nation from thugs.

SCAF and the government are responsible for Port Said incidents and their aftermath, said Amr Moussa, potential presidential candidate in a phone call.

There must be fair trials for all the culprits who caused the state of disorder, the lack of security and the regretful incidents that took place yesterday in Port Said, said Abd al-Aziz Hijazi, member of the Advisory Council.

SCAF is responsible for the lack of security, said Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh, potential presidential candidate in Egypt.



Program: Masr Tantakhib (talk show)

Broadcaster: Lamis al-Hadidi and Abd al-Rahman Yusuf

Clashes between protesters and central security forces around the Ministry of Interior results in suffocation injuries.



News All Day

Channel 1" National TV"

Time: 12:00 \ 05:00 p.m

74 deaths and more than 250 injuries in Port Said incidents.

The government announces 3-day mourning for the victims.

An emergency session at the People's Assembly to discuss the Port Said incidents.

An emergency meeting of the Cabinet to discuss the Port Said incidents.

The Attorney General Heads to Port Said to follow up with the investigations.

The Ministry of Interior arrests 47 suspects after Port Said incidents.

Time: 25:00

Clashes between the Ahli ULTRAS [hardcore fans] and central security forces in front of the Ministry of Interior.

54 central security officers and soldiers have been injured.



Program: Incidents in 24 hours

Channel 2 "National TV"

Time: 25:00

An investigative team from the Ministry of Interior arrives to Port Said and starts the interrogation with the director of the Security Directorate and a number of the police officers who were present at the Stadium during the match.



Channel: ON TV

Program: Baladna bi al-Masry (talk Show)

Broadcaster: Reem Majid

Big numbers of the Ahli and Zamalik ULTRAS [hardcore fans] demonstrate in Tahrir Square against Port Said incidents.



Radio Coverage (2/2/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr (09:00)

The Minister of Interior gives instructions to form a supreme committee to find out the triggers of Port Said incidents.

PM Kamal al-Ganzouri holds an emergency meeting with the security department..

Following the Port Said incidents, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi announces 3-day national mourning starting today.

The Attorney General heads to Port Said to follow up with the investigations.

SCAF holds an emergency meeting to discuss the Port Said incidents. (12:00)

An emergency meeting for the People's Assembly to discuss the Port Said incidents. (15:00)

Clashes around the Ministry of Interior between hundreds of demonstrators and central security forces result in suffocation injuries.(21:00)



News

Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat

Clashes between demonstrators and Central Security Forces in front of the Security Directorate in Suez.(23:00)

54 injuries amongst the security forces officers and soldures.(25:00)

PMs approved a suggestion to resume the procedures of trying the Minister of Interior for deficiency and carelessness.(18:00)



News All Day
Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am
Time: (16:00)

The People's Assembly describes what happened in Port Said as a "massacre," that proves a fatal security reluctance and carelessness.

The Prime Minister accepts the resignation of the governor of Port Said and arrests the security director and the head of the Investigative Apparatus in Port Said. He also dismissed the head of the Football Union.

The Revolution Council of Secretaries blames the former members of the dissolved NDP and the remnants of the former regime for the Port Said incidents.

6 of April Movement blamed SCAF for the incidents in Port Said.

Protesters in Tahrir Square block the square protesting Port Said incidents.



Internet Coverage (03/02/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Three marches: the first meeting point outside the Mostafa Mahmoud Mosque, the second outside the Istikama Mosque in Giza Square and the third outside Al-Nour Mosque in Abbassiya Square after the Friday prayers.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/262920653776879/>

We want to restore the dignity of the Egyptian citizen. We want to prosecute those responsible and award those distinguished. We want real stability in our country. We do not want to see blood shed again in the street. Is this too much to ask?

Peaceful, peaceful: protesters protect Central Security Forces personnel.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpIvAOOhVIM>

God, please protect Egypt.

Attempts by some youths to form human shields to halt clashes between security forces and protesters to prevent bloodletting.

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/s720x720/430595_339529369430267_104224996294040_812325_2023244585_n.jpg

Mohamed Eid, the designer of the page's photo, was shot in the left eye with birdshot pellets. He will undergo surgery at 6am. Please pray for him.

Anas, 15 years, from the victims of Port Said. He sent his will to a friend few days before his death: to be wrapped in the Egyptian flag, to be prayed for in Tahrir Square and to donate his eyes to a revolution injured.

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First Lieutenant Mohamed Fouad was unintentionally run over by a Central Security Forces vehicle. God have mercy upon him.

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Moaataz Abdel-Fatah: We want a safe exit for the nation from the transitional period.

Protesting outside the Interior Ministry is not the solution. The protests must remain peaceful to be heard. Protesting near vital institutions is unwanted and will not reap any results. On the contrary, things will get uglier.

The Ultras Ahly page was hacked. Anything posted on does not represent them.

Egyptian Cabinet

People's Assembly: The committees of the youth, legislative and constitutional affairs and national security will convene on Saturday morning.

Interior Ministry urges all political powers to undertake their role in intervening to assuage the protesters to prevent any repercussions that could hinder stability.

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri urges the revolution youth to work on containing the situation in the vicinity of the Interior Ministry.

Attorney general issues a decision to ban several figures from travel until the end of investigations into the Port Said events.

Port Said governor, security director, stadium director and sacked chairman of the Egyptian Football Association Samer Zaher along two security officials banned from travel.

Ganzouri: Public property is the ownership of the Egyptian people and their great revolution. We call upon them to preserve it. Protesters' insistence to storm the premises of the Interior Ministry is unexcusable.



SCAF:

Statement #3

To the great people of Egypt:

- 1- The nation is going through a critical time that requires unity among the people to overcome sedition and foil attempts by outer sides to undermine the nation.
- 2- Peaceful protesting is a right guaranteed to all segments of the society.
- 3- All political powers should positively play a role in containing the ongoing crisis and defuse sedition in the country.
- 4- Egypt has achieved a lot thanks to the great January Revolution and its knowledgeable people.



Arabawy Blog

Marching into Tahrir: http://farm8.staticflickr.com/7174/6812477877_5e9d6f29bb.jpg

Revolutionaries in Mohamed Mahmoud Street:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/elhamalawy/6812460805/lightbox/>

In the midst of the clashes in Mohamed Mahmoud Street, a man is selling Ahly, Zamaleh and Egypt flags: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/elhamalawy/6812716493/lightbox/>



Muslim Brotherhood Site

Muslim Brotherhood Statement on Port Said Massacre

The Muslim Brotherhood is shocked, saddened and dismayed at news of the massacre that took place in Port Said Stadium after Al-Ahly vs. Al-Masry match, and claimed the lives of more than seventy martyrs, with hundreds injured. This is the result of vicious aggression. Evidently, there is a hidden plot behind the massacre, which had no justification. Also, failure of the police to protect the citizens cannot be simply described as neglect or default. In fact, the state of security chaos and disorder in all parts of the country has produced several armed robberies of banks, and murders for trivial reasons, with some even threatening to attack the parliament building, and violently attacking Muslim Brotherhood (MB) youths who sought to secure it. Amidst all this, we fear that some police officers aim to punish the Egyptian people for the revolution, for banishing their tyranny over the people, and cutting down their privileges.

Certainly, the authorities covered up for those responsible for the disasters that occurred previously in Maspero, Mohamed Mahmoud Street and the Cabinet area, blaming unknown persons for bloody crimes every time, allowing the real criminals to escape prosecution and punishment. All this allowed criminals intent on spreading death and destruction to come out and do their worst, completely safe from prosecution.

Further, charging the hearts of fans, who call themselves "Ultras", with hatred and hostility towards other fans, and reprehensible intolerance and loathsome fanaticism towards their football clubs, with thugs mixing amongst them, and with dubious parties facilitating their aggression on others, are some of the causes of this tragedy. On the other hand, we believe that sport, by its very nature, means refined, civilized behavior in competition.

We warn officials of attempts to destroy Egypt or burn and demolish its institutions, a theory espoused by some. We therefore call for firmness in applying the law to everyone, without bias or partiality, and without regard to domestic or foreign pressures. Security is just as essential basic a need for life as food and drink.

In conclusion, we offer our most sincere condolences to the families of martyrs. Our hearts bleed for them as we pray to God to grant them His ultimate mercy. And we pray for the injured to get well soon.

May God protect our beloved Egypt and its noble people from all evil and save them from all harm.



Freedom and Justice Party Statement on Port Said Stadium Events

The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) is closely following the disaster at Al-Ahly/ Al-Masry football match in Port Said Stadium this evening, Wednesday, February 1, which resulted in the death of scores of fans, with hundreds injured.

The FJP extends its sincere condolences to the families of the dead, prays to God for mercy and forgiveness for them, and wishes the injured a speedy recovery, but believes that what happened in this game was than fan enthusiasm or intolerance gone berserk: an integral part of a deliberate scheme to ignite strife, originally aiming to push Egypt into a downward spiral of crises.

The FJP believes that what happened in Port Said cannot be at all separated from the overall scene emerging since a few days ago, with organized robberies of a number of banks, post offices and security vehicles, as well as a proliferation of cases of robbery and banditry. These acts have indeed emerged clearly after the completion of parliamentary elections, which was a major shift for the Egyptian revolution. This points to treacherous hands which are no longer hidden, intent on forcing Egypt into chaos and destruction.

The party emphasizes that this tragedy witnessed at the Port Said Stadium and almost repeated in the Cairo Stadium during the Zamalek and Ismaili match, and before them the contrived confrontation and violence near the People's Assembly building on Tuesday, are certainly aimed at derailing the process of peaceful democratic transition of power.

These are, evidently, the handiwork of domestic parties and dubious forces that still have strong ties with the former regime, which manages the sabotage scheme from the cells of Tora prison, taking advantage of a number of businessmen who were the pillars of the failed system and still enjoy freedom, despite the many crimes of corruption they are involved in, using their money and a number of print and broadcast media they own. Moreover, there are, no doubt, foreign fingers that failed to take control of the Egyptian revolution, but never gave up attempts to distort, distract and disrupt the march of the revolution. This is why we call upon the Egyptian people, with all their leanings, hues and inclinations, to be vigilant, to thwart these plots, and to expose these groups and movements that want to drag Egypt into an abyss of organized chaos so as to prevent this homeland from enjoying stability, security, development and prosperity.

The FJP calls on SCAF, as the head of the executive power in Egypt today, to take all necessary measures to protect the people, the revolution and the country's institutions from those domestic and foreign enemy plots. SCAF should also investigate the involvement of the police force who, plainly, could have prevented this disaster, but contented themselves with being spectators, which makes them fully liable – together with the enemies mentioned above – for the violent crimes Egypt has been witnessing.



Freedom and Justice Party

Press Release No. 5

Egyptian Shura Council Elections 2012 (First Stage Results)

Judicial committees supervising Shura elections have announced that the candidate lists of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) – the Democratic Alliance – have won the highest number of votes in the majority of the provinces, with the FJP receiving 1,323,770 votes out of a total number of 2,924,187 valid votes; about 45.2%, while the Menoufia and Qena governorates' candidate lists have been postponed to February, 7 and 8.

Further, Dr. Hassan Yusuf, the FJP's candidate for the 'Professionals' seat in Fayoum governorate, won the contested seat outright, while 26 of the party's candidates are facing run-offs for 29 seats at this stage.



Wael Abbas:

A piece of advice to some stupid activists in Mansour Street: When you see people running from tear gas, do not pretend to be hero and stand in their way!!!

Let the people run from the gas, do not worry, they will come back!!!

Another piece of advice: When you see some kids running and shouting there is an attack, take a look on the front line. If the front line is standing idle, get those kids and teach them something they will never forget.

CNN is broadcasting a report from inside Port Said Stadium and footage of blood on the chairs.

Esaad Younis' article: The interior minister is a good man and is being defamed by the security chaos. What a stupid bitch.

Activist lawyers: Youths under 15 years were arrested in Port Said. They were not in the stadium at the time of the incidents but are being framed. Someone help them!

12-year olds were also arrested. Are those the murderers, answer me you corrupt Interior Ministry???

Now some people in plain uniform are throwing stones alongside the Interior Ministry officers!!!

The Health Ministry announces first death case in Mansour Street.

Breaking news: The attorney general bans Port Said governor, security director, head of the Egyptian Football Association and stadium director from travel.

Makeshift hospital in Falaki is overwhelmed with injured people.

The Facebook page of the Ultras was hacked.



Gsquare86:

Glory to the martyrs. Down, down martyr killers: the Interior Ministry, the Mubarak generals and the revolution traitors.

CSF trucks left #Maspero this morning and until now haven't been replaced...hmmm.

It's very clear that SCAF is implementing their theory of "chaos" since it failed on #Jan25Two, but they are stupid, it will never stop us!

6 CSF trucks surrounding the German Embassy in Cairo in Zamalek.

A group of supporters now in front of Ahly club in Zamalek with both Ahly and Zamalek flags.

Situation very chaotic on Mohamed Mahmoud lots of ambulances and ongoing casualties.
<http://twitpic.com/8f4ipc>

The battle zone is in Mansor St, motorcycles taking injured back and forth.
<http://twitpic.com/8f4m7r>

We just got hit by another round of strong tear gas, people chanting out with Tantawi.
<http://twitpic.com/8f4pcs>

The protesters managed to climb a building was on fire by police tear gas in the middle of police attacking us and put fire out! Amazing.

The fire is now contained by the power of the protesters while police is firing tear gas and bullets. <http://twitpic.com/8f4vt1>

14 people lost eyes now at Kasr El Eini hospital and 5 lost eyes in Dokki hospital #ACAB #Police

Mohamed Mahmoud St, clearing the way for ambulance carrying away the injured.
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gigiibrahim/6812415521/>

Tear gas so much stronger it stings your skin...hhh fuckers.

Unbelievable they are showing this transparent gas, you start suffocating without even seeing it coming. I almost choked.

The police is holding a sign saying "if you love Egypt go back to Tahrir," then they fired tear gas.



Asmaa Mahfouz:

The Tax Authority building was looted by some people. We are trying to prevent them but they are hurling empty bottles on us from above.

The time is reap to march toward the Defense Ministry.

We are now in Abbasiya. The military police is preventing us from reaching the Defense Ministry. <http://t.co/cEPRU8v9>

Join us in Abbasiya.

<https://twitter.com/#!/AsmaaMahfouz/status/165398642998517760/photo/1>

Hamdi Badeen is standing on the footbridge near the university.

We will stay here even if we were few and even if you were going to kill us.

Abbasiya youths joined us and assured us they will protect us.

Most of the youths decided to march toward Tahir, while some will stage a sit-in in Abbasiya.

Everyone in Abbasiya is heading to Tahrir now.

Monasosh:

We are fed up with them! Leave the children alone.

Most of the martyrs of this massacre were children below the age of 18.

Where to go, to Mohamed Mahmoud or Ministry of Defense?

Ahmed Ibrahim is shot. He is in Al-Hilal Hospital at the fifth floor. We need a lawyer because the prosecution is reportedly interrogating him.

I cannot leave Mansour and Mohamed Mahmoud now. I will not go the Defense Ministry now. <http://yfrog.com/kl23pwlj>

After the masses were dispersed by tear bombs, they regrouped while chanting "the people want to execute the field marshal."

Very heavy smoke. <http://yfrog.com/odbergj>

No to military trials for reptile humanoids disguised as civilians.



Another martyr, 18 years, Alaa Abdel-Moneim, from Suez.

Iyad elbaghdadi:

Sometimes I wonder whether there is indeed a "third party" (ex-Mubarak's) that wreaks havoc and then sticks #SCAF with the fallout. #Egypt

If #SCAF were serious about retaining influence, would they act with such criminal ineptitude? #Egypt

It just seems to me that #SCAF are building a case against themselves. #Egypt

As we say: "If they know, then it's a calamity; and if they don't know, then it's an even bigger calamity." #SCAF #Egypt

In other words, if #SCAF is unaware of a "third party", that's bad; if they're aware and do nothing, it's even worse. #Egypt

One thing is for sure, the "idea" of military rule or political influence, which was healthy post-#Jan25, is now all but dead. #Egypt #SCAF

Don't be disheartened by the MB/Salafi leadership's political deal-making; the youth bases of both movements are very anti-#SCAF. #Egypt

The real fissures are horizontal - across generations - and not vertical - across ideologies. #SCAF #Egypt #ArabSpring

The real fissures seem less about left vs. right and more about liberty vs. authoritarianism. #SCAF #Egypt #ArabSpring

MB leadership says "democracy first, and then law & order"; it's putting the cart before the horse. #SCAF #Egypt



Arabist:

Egypt football violence spills over into clashes | The Guardian: <http://bit.ly/wNA8kH>
Morning wrap.

New on Arabist: Syrians dig in for long haul
<http://www.arabist.net/blog/2012/2/3/syrians-dig-in-for-long-haul.html>

New on Arabist: The Egypt economy/aid debate
http://www.arabist.net/blog/2012/2/3/the-egypt-economyaid-debate.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Wael Ghoneim:

Important note to the people in Tahrir Square: Kasr El-Aini Hospital receives anyone injured in the eyes.

The international eye hospital has no doctors. Please send all the cases to the old Kasr El-Aini Hospital. # Tahrir

Enough 60 years of military rule in Egypt. Let this people choose who will run it. What happened in Egypt in the past year is a crime that we will not allow to persist.

Doctors urgently needed in Qasr ElDobara church (mild and valium also needed) #Tahrir



▪ 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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