



News Coverage

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Newspapers (10/02/2012)



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Author: Many authors

The Crisis of NGOs



SCAF reiterated that Egypt would never surrender to any powers of dominance. SCAF also asserted that Egypt’s international relations are based on mutual interests and do not serve one party on the account of the other.

SCAF also asserted that Egypt couldn’t be blackmailed or humiliated and that it welcomed whoever “wants our friendship according to our norms and traditions.”

On the other hand, and in a meeting with PM Ganzouri, the EU’s Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean Region called on the Egyptian transitional administration to understand the pre-revolution conditions of NGOs in Egypt. The representative asserted the EU’s respect for the independence of the Egyptian Judiciary; however he asserted the necessity of achieving balance between respecting the judiciary and supporting the civil freedoms.

The EU representative promised to take a bunch of procedures to support the Egyptian economy and enforce democracy.

Joyce Barnathan, head of the International Center for Journalists denied the existence of any political agenda of the center, asserting that the center provided Egyptian journalists with professional trainings on how to use the high tech in their work.



News has also been published about the suspected NGOs' efforts to prepare the needed documents to defend their stance.

Meanwhile, the American Embassy in Cairo issued what it called the "fact sheet" about the function of NGOs. The "sheet" also included Washington's vision concerning the NGOs' role in general to realize democracy.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman said the expected visit of Gen. Martin Dempsey in Cairo aimed at containing the crisis. Dempsey is expected to convey a message about Washington's stance towards the issue and to find a way to permit the American suspects of the concerned NGOs to leave Egypt. A number of the suspected NGOs' workers are prevented from leaving the Egyptian territories pending further investigation.

On the German level, the German parliament condemned Egypt's way of dealing with Konrad Adenauer in Egypt. Head of Konrad Adenauer and his assistant are on the list of suspects who are prevented from leaving Egypt, pending further investigation.

Al-Ahram reported on a detailed Reuters' report on the international NGOs' activities around the world. The report shed light on the security and intelligence elements in these NGOs, a matter that triggers many countries' doubts about them. Al-Ahram provided a review of the report.



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Author: Ahmad Amer

Identifying Suspects in Port Said



A responsible source at the fact-finding committee, which was formed by the People's Assembly to investigate into the Port Said incidents, declared that the committee report indicates important information and irrefutable evidence that uncover the culprits.

The source asserted that the report is tops confidential and will not be announced before the People's Assembly session on Sunday.

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



Pages: 1

Author: Fatimah al-Disouqi and Sayyid Ibrahim

The Prosecution Receives the Forensic Report



The Attorney General received the forensic report concerning the victims of Port Said incidents.

The prosecution heard the testimony of Dr. Mahmoud Muhammad, vice chief medical examiner who asserted that it had been impossible to identify the reasons of some deaths by the physical examination only; for some families refused the anatomy.

The prosecution examined the crime scene.



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Author: Khalid Abu al-Izz

Presidential Elections to be Scheduled within Days



Judge Farouq Sultan, president of the Supreme Constitutional Court and head of the Judicial Presidential Elections Commission said the presidential elections would be soon scheduled.

He said the 10th of March was assigned as the date to start the nominations, giving time to the different parties and potential candidates to be prepared.



Pages: 1, 5

Author: Imad al-Fiqi and others

FJP Considers Forming the Cabinet



The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) is considering forming a coalition government of the different parties in Egypt.

FJP leadership declared the party's readiness to take the responsibility of forming this coalition government.

FJP will also present a draft law that organizes the judicial authorities' affairs. The draft will be presented in the People's Assembly.

A leading figure in the Part asserted that the draft law aimed at separating between the Judicial and executive authorities.

Similar news was reported in al-Tahrir, pp. 1, 3



Spanish Prosecution Agrees on Hussein Salem's Extradition



A Spanish court examining Egypt's request to extradite businessman Hussein Salem will issue its ruling within the coming weeks.

The Spanish prosecution has approved the request after Egypt had completed all documents needed for the extradition process.

The defense of Salem, who appeared in court today on crutches, asked the court to turn down the extradition request citing Salem's deteriorating health condition.

His defense fears that Salem will be tried in Egypt under the emergency law and that he might not receive proper medical attention in prison.

The Spanish prosecution had confuted those claims, saying the emergency law has been revoked and that sick and elderly prisoners receive health care under Egyptian law, said Assem el-Gohary, head of the Justice Ministry's Illicit Gains Authority.

Salem fled Egypt after the uprising against former president Hosni Mubarak but was detained in Spain on an international arrest warrant.

The Egyptian government wants Salem extradited as one of Mubarak's closest friends to face trial in Cairo.

Salem is alleged to have profited by selling Egyptian gas to Israel below market prices. He is also involved in other corruption cases, including the seizure of millions of square meters of state-owned land and property in Sharm El-Sheikh, exploiting his good relations with the former president.

Similar news was reported in Al-Shorouk (page 1) and Al-Yom7 (page 1)



Page: 1 and 4

Authors: Mahmoud Gawish, Ebtesam Taalab and Alaa Sarhan

9 Marches on Friday toward Defense Ministry



Nine marches will be organized on Friday toward the HQ of the Defense Ministry to protest a decision by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) to open presidential candidature on March 10 without setting a timetable for transferring power.

The marches will set off from different neighborhoods in Cairo and Fiza.

The Revolution Youth Union announced its participation in the march. It reiterated its respect to the Egyptian Army.

Meanwhile, the “Tantawi for President” campaign called for staging a million-people rally in Abbasiya Square on Saturday under the theme “Legitimacy First” in support of SCAF. It alleged that Egypt’s national security is at stake.

Similar news was reported in Al-Shorouk (page 5) and Al-Akhbar (page 4)

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Author: Mounir Adib

Islamic Group Warns of Security, Economic Collapse over Strike



The Islamic Group has rejected mounting calls for civil disobedience and a general strike.

Those behind these calls want to wreck the already ailing economy and foment sedition, the group's advisory council told a news conference. The real motive of those people is to turn Egypt into a lawless state plagued by tension and vandals, it said.

The group also called for the return of security to the streets.

Some youth and revolutionary groups have called for a general strike and civil disobedience on Saturday, February 11, arguing that the move would increase pressures on the ruling military council to hand over power to a civilian authority. February 11 also marks the first anniversary of the ouster of the former president Hosni Mubarak.



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 Author: MENA

SCAF Unveils AUC Plot against Egypt



SCAF revealed schemes by the American University in Cairo (AUC) to expand the scope of the planned civil disobedience.

The civil disobedience will start on February 11. The AUC plans to increase the number of students participating in the general strike to 1,000, two days after its commencement, the admin of SCAF's Facebook page posted on the social networking website.

The scope will expand on February 15 to include professors, the admin warned, adding that workers will join on February 17. By then, more than 3,500 students would have been part of the civil disobedience, the admin said.

On February 22, all Egyptian universities will be encouraged to respond to the call, the admin further noted.

“Is the AUC one of the tools used by the US administration to undermine Egypt?” the admin wondered.

The most painful part is that this plot is being carried out by Egyptians, he said.

Two AUC teaching staffers are orchestrating the civil disobedience, the admin wrote.

Similar news was reported in Al-Yom7 (page 1)

Shura Council Runoff Sees 6.5% Voter Turnout



Voter turnout in the runoff of the first round of the Shura Council elections stood at 6.5 percent, said Chairman of the Higher Elections Commission (HEC) Abdel-Moez Ibrahim.

The elections in this round were held in 13 governorates: Cairo, Alexandria, Menofiya, Gharbia, Dakahlia, Damietta, Fayyoub, Assiut, Qena, the New Valley, North Sinai, South Sinai and the Red Sea.

Only 1.66 million, out of 25.38 million voters, cast their ballots in this round, he told reporters.



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Pages: 1, 3

Author: Ali al-Shadjili

The American Embassy Smuggled 14 Suspects



A highly informed source at the observation authority said the U.S Embassy in Cairo had smuggled 14 American, Lebanese and Jordanian suspects. The 14 suspects are involved in the NGOs' case being tackled now at the Egyptian Criminal Court.

Al-Gomhuriya published the names of the 14 suspects.

The 14 suspects work in the five suspected NGOs: The IRI, the Freedom House, the National Democratic Institute, the International Center for Journalists and the German Konrad Adenauer.



Pages: 1, 2

Author: Muhammad Zain al-Abidin and others

Islamists Denounce American Threats



Islamist parties denounced the American threats of stopping USAID to Egypt if the trial of the suspected American NGOs in Egypt continued.

Islamists declared that the US did not seem to have understood that Egypt regained its freedom, dignity and sovereignty in the Jan 25 revolution.

The Muslim Brotherhood, Salafists and al-Jamaah al-Islamiyah declared that they would not give up the revolution privileges for any reason.

Pages: 4
Author: Many authors

Reactions to Calls for Civil Disobedience



Al-Gomhuriya published reactions to the calls for a strike and civil obedience in Egypt.

All the opinions reported on by Gomouriya were against the strike. And the following are examples.

1200 banks, and their branches, work with full capacity over Egypt.

The local councils refused the strike.

The Armed Forces heavily spread to secure vital and public facilities.

Department of Water in Sohag rejects the strike and announces voluntary jobs.

Damietta and Port Said reject the strike.

Salafists in Buhaira rejected the strike and called for work.



Pages: 8
 Author: Not mentioned

The AUC and Washington plot to Fall Egypt



The SCAF’s Admin page on facebook uncovered a plan allegedly drawn up by the American University in Cairo (AUC) to call for civil disobedience.

“IS the AUC one of the tools used by the American Administration and its security apparatus to fall Egypt,” Admin wondered.

The plan is, however, executed by Egyptian hands represented in a number of the university’s lecturers and students.

The implementation of the plan is through eight steps represented in promotion for the plan, choosing public figures to influence the public, building up the feelings of anger against SCAF, forming human chains around universities with big banners calling for civil obedience, sending SMS and BBM messages calling for civil disobedience and other similar steps.

As for the plans, they allegedly come as follows:

ON Feb 11 strike starts at the university.

On Feb 13 strikes continue to include 200 students.

On Feb 15 lecturers join the strike.

On Feb 17 workers join the strike

On Feb 21, protestors’ number reaches 3500.

On Feb 22, protestors move on to Abbas Bridge and students of the other universities will join.



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Author: Khalid Mussa and Muhammad Imam

U.S.A Bans Political Foreign Funds



American in Arabic declared that the American Elections Commission uncovered the fact that the United States bans political funds from any foreign organization in the United States.

Meanwhile, the U.S.A calls other countries, especially Egypt, to permit the foreign support of political activists.



Pages: 1

Author: Ahmad al-Jammal

Head of Port Said Security Apparatus Identified Culprits



Gen Sameh Radwan, head of Port Said Security Apparatus declared that the complete story of Port Said incidents would be uncovered soon.

Investigations revealed irrefutable evidences. 30 suspects have been identified; two of them are already detained.



Pages: 2
 Author: Hajar Tuhami and Imad Hamdi

Hammadain Sabbahi Commenting on the People’s Assembly’s Performance



Potential Presidential Candidate Hammadain Sabbahi believes the new People’s Assembly has proved to be better than the previous one, but still not up to the expectations. He states that the People’s Assembly is influenced by Tahrir Square

Commenting on the calls for civil disobedience, Sabbahi said people were free to express themselves the way they like as far as the way is peaceful, especially that all other means had failed to get their demands met.

Sabbahi said he had not yet decided on a personal stance towards the calls for civil disobedience. Sabbahi believes that Tahrir Square is the place for the revolution and that the ways of protest should be adopted so that they do not discontent the public.

Sabbahi stated that the president should respect the parliament’s opinion regardless of his own opinions.

Sabbahi also believes that SCAF’s bad way of managing the countries affair tarnished it image, adding that he would never choose a vice president of a military background if he were president.



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Author: Not mentioned

US's Stupid Way of Managing the NGOs' Crisis



Political researcher Muhamamd Saif al-Dawlah said the suspected American NGOs in Egypt were governmental organizations funded by the US state and directed by intelligence apparatus. He called for distinguishing between the nongovernmental organizations that work in society and foreign organizations that receive foreign funds and have foreign management.

Saif al-Dawlah linked the crisis to the American-Egyptian relationships and the strategic alliance between the two countries.

Saif al-Dawlah alluded to some considerable anxiety in the United States about the political situation in Egypt and the possibility of emerging anti-Israel political powers. So pressurizing SCAF was a necessity to hinder any anti-Israel powers.

Saif al-Dawlah called for opening the "black box" of the American-Egyptian relations, asserting that the United States management of the crisis was "so stupid."

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Author: Not mentioned

The Crisis of NGOs Threatens American-Egyptian Relations



MP Imad Jad, expert at al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies referred to the authorities' political will to raise the issue of American NGOs and their funds at this time, referring that American NGOs started working in Egypt in 2004.

Jad said the government had always known about the NGOs' activities, and all the conferences and activities held by NGOs had always been attended by and registered at the State Security.

Jad referred to the negative impact of the crisis on the American aid offered to Egypt, arguing that Egypt had no other alternative for arms at this time. He finally asserted that the aid is usually used as a means of pressure applied by the donor on the recipient.



Pages: 3
 Author: Not mentioned

Presidential Elections in the Light of Doubt



Potential Presidential Candidate Hicham al-Bastawisi says he will not run the coming presidential elections in Egypt until he is sure of their authenticity and decency, asserting that he will never participate in deceiving the public.

He called for dialogue between the different political players and parties to find out the best way of the handing over of power.

Al-Bastawisi does not think that the Muslim Brotherhood would have any secret agreement with SCAF, referring to the lack of confidence between the two. [There was news about an alleged deal between SCAF and the Muslim Brotherhood].

Al-Bastawisi also rejected the Muslim Brotherhood’s suggestion to grant members of SCAF immunity, arguing that the guarantee that can be given to them is to be tried at military courts.

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Author: Muhamamd Faisal

41 Injuries in the Latest Clashes



Dr. Hicham Shiha, head of the Urgent Curing Sector declared that the clashes in the surrounding of the Ministry of Interior resulted in 10 deaths in addition to 5 in Suez.

38 people are still receiving medical treatment in Cairo; 3 of them are in the intensive care units and 3 others in Suez. As such the total number of injuries is 41.

Pages: 3
 Author: Riham Hussain al-Shal

An American Minister's Son Stages a Sit-in



The Armed Forces intensified their presence around the American Embassy in Cairo after the son of the US Minister of Transport had staged a sit-in in the embassy to protest the Egyptian authorities' decision to prevent him from leaving Egypt pending further investigations into the NGOs' case.

Other sources however told al-Dustour that the heavy presence of Armed Forces in the embassy's neighborhood was in the frame of the new plan to spread the army again to secure the vital and public facilities in Egypt.



Pages: 5

Author: Many authors

Egypt Faces the Civil Disobedience



There were calls for a strike and a civil disobedience in Egypt. A number of political groups supported the calls while others rejected it.

Islamists and men of religion rejected the calls. Pope Shenouda called Copts for obeying the ruler, and Friday sermons at mosques called the public to boycott the civil disobedience.

The Ministry of Endowments faced the calls with a unified Friday sermon in all mosques.

The Egyptian Union for Tourist Chambers denounced the calls to civil disobedience.

Leaflets were distributed in Menia calling the alls to strikes and civil disobedience “a heresy.”

The Women Organizations Alliance will join the strike.

The commercial chambers, investors and workers at the tax departments refused the civil disobedience.

The official Workers’ Union denounces all calls for civil disobedience.



Pages: 1, 3, 8

Author: Mahmoud Hussam and others

Congress vs. SCAF



The conflict escalates between Cairo and Washington, increasing the tension in the relationships between the two cities.

The Congress seems angry and the strategic relations between the two countries are threatened of collapsing.

Senators John McCain, Joe Lieberman and Kelly Ayotte criticized in a mutual communiqué Minister Fayza Abu al-Naga of Planning and International Cooperation, stating that there were people who devoted themselves to oppose the U.S.A in Egypt. They pointed out the negative impacts of the problem on the Egyptian American relationships. If the problem were not solved soon, the relations between the two countries would be under threat and so would the US aid to Egypt be, the communiqué read.

The NGOs' crisis in Egypt provoked a lot of angry controversy in the West in general and the U.S.A in particular.

The British "Independent" considered Kamal al-Ganzouri's declarations about the issue to be a "slap on the face of the Egyptian-American relations."

John Maccain warned of the catastrophic consequences of the collapse of relationships between Cairo and Washington.

An America expert told al-Tahrir that the White House would not dare refuse the demands of the Congress to stop the US annual military aid to Egypt.



In a related context, the Muslim Brotherhood refused through its spokesman Mahmaoud Ghazlan the double standard and snobbish American policies that are rejected by the group.

Ghazlan said the procedures were judicial and no one had the right to interfere in them. "The independent judiciary is one of the main characteristics of national sovereignty.

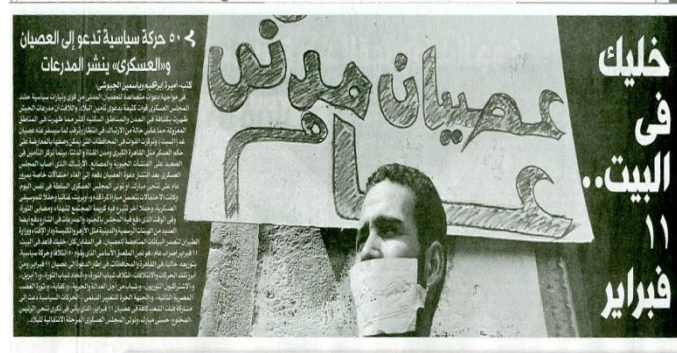
He added that the American threats shed a negative light on the authenticity of the suspected organizations.

Asem Abd al-Majid, spokesman of a-Jamaah al-Islamiyah believes that stopping the US aid to Egypt is something good for Egypt to regain its dignity, adding that the American aid had always been conditional and the Egyptian people never enjoyed any of its privileges.

Pages: 5, 6, 7

Author: Mennah Sharaf al-Din and others

Strike and Civil Disobedience



“Stay at Home on Feb. 11,” al-Tahrir headlined page five.

While the Democratic, al-Karamah, al-Nassiri, al-Tajammu and Ghad al-Tahwrah Parties are joining the strike tomorrow, al-Wafd Party, Islamist parties and a number of other parties are boycotting the strike.

The Syndicate of Journalists and that of workers will participate. The Syndicates of Lawyers and merchants will partially participate and the Syndicate of Veterinarian will be boycotting the strike.

The governmental universities will partially join the strike and Private Universities will be completely on strike. Only students and activists are joining the strike in governmental universities.

Al-Tahrir reported on activists’ declarations that the strike was meant to be against “suppression and hunger.”

On its part, the Muslim Brotherhood [MB] is boycotting the strike. MB activists are facing the calls for strike with the slogan “I am going to work.”

Some Coptic activists are joining the strike, and Pope Shneouda, Patriarch of Alexandria and Saint Marc See called Copts to boycott the strike and obey the ruler.

Many calls were made on public pages on facebook to join the strike.

Cairo apart, different reactions had been reported on concerning the strike in other governorates.



Activists in Port Said will be on strike, as they blame the persisting lack of order and security on SCAF.

In al-Mahallah, workers wanted to join the strike and companies and factories tried to change their minds by promotions.

In Suez the victims' families are joining the strike amidst attempts to calm them down.

Partial strike will be in Alexandria. Shops will close for 8 hours.

Going on strike or boycotting the strike depends on the belonging and tendency of every person. The MB members and supporters are against the strike, together with other parties and groups. Meanwhile members and supporters of the 6 of Aprils, revolutionary coalitions and their supporters will go on strike.



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 Authors: Youssef Wahbi

EU Envoy: We Respect Egyptian Judicial Independence



Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri met with European Union Special Envoy for the Southern Mediterranean region Bernardino León to tackle the possibility of supporting the Egyptian economy in such critical phase.

The EU respects the Egyptian justice independence and its transparency concerning the NGOs file, the EU envoy said.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 3)

Page: 6

Authors: Kamal el-Gaziri

3 German Tourists drown in Submarine Incident



Three German tourists were killed on Thursday when their submarine sank in the Red Sea near one of Hurghada's sea shores.

The three victims have been identified as Divaow Dinelkes, 9, Eleksia Daniel, 53 and Marie Anderial, 45, while 13 others survived.

The corpses have been transported to Hurghada morgue and the public prosecution has been notified to open an investigation.



Pages: 5
 Authors: Mohamed Abdel-Razeq

Mubarak's Trial Adjourned to Saturday



The Cairo Criminal Court under Counselor Ahmed Refaat decided to postpone the trial of the former president and interior minister to Saturday to continue the pleadings of the defense.

The Court on Thursday continued to hear the statements of lawyers of former assistant interior minister for State Security Agency Major General Hassan Abdel-Rahman on charges of killing protesters during the January 25 Revolution.

Abdel-Rahman's lawyer argued that some of the protesters of January 25 Revolution were not peaceful but on the contrary they came to provoke the police to use force against them.

The systematic burning of police stations and some security buildings across the nation proves that there is a pre-meditated plan to topple the state and not just the Mubarak regime, he added.

He said there is no clear evidence that Abdel Rahman or the other defendants have issued orders to use force against the protesters.

Abdel Rahman is one of six top security officials being tried alongside former president Hosni Mubarak, his two sons Gamal and Alaa, former interior minister Habib el-Adli and fugitive businessman Hussein Salem.



Mubarak, Adli and his six top aides are accused of complicity in the killing of peaceful protesters during the revolution that brought an end to Mubarak's 30-year autocratic rule.

Mubarak, his two sons and businessman Salem, who is being tried in absentia, are facing charges of accepting and offering bribes, financial corruption, deliberate waste of public funds and abusing presidential authority for profiteering by others (Hussein Salem) in the case of exporting Egyptian natural gas to Israel.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 9)



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Authors: Ehsan el-Sayed, Nermin Abdel-Zaher (and others)

293 Parties, Universities, Movements to Take Part in Civil Disobedience



As many 293 revolutionary and political powers and movements announced their participation in the civil disobedience planned for February 11.

Thirty-eight universities have also declared their participation in the general strike.

Some youth and revolutionary groups have called for a general strike and civil disobedience on Saturday, February 11, arguing that the move would increase pressures on the ruling military council to hand over power to a civilian authority. February 11 also marks the first anniversary of the ouster of the former president Hosni Mubarak.



Pages: 5

Authors: Ahmed Abdel-Hamid

Wasat Party not to Take Part in Civil Disobedience



Al-Wasat Party announced its stance not to take part in Saturday's civil disobedience that was called by some political powers in Egypt.

In a released statement, the party indicated that general strike is not part of its mechanisms for protest since the move will hamper vital services including hospitals, means of transportation and other governmental services.

The party asserted that the right of holding peaceful protests is a vested right for the Egyptian people as is the case with any people in any democracy in the world, especially when their protest is related to consummating the demands of the revolution.



TV Coverage (09/02/2012)



- 1- Program: Al Hayah Al Youm**
Genre: Talk Show
Channel: Al Hayah TV
Hosts: Lobna Asal, Sherif Amer

Political players disagree about participating in the civil disobedience.
Three suspects detained in Port Said.

The High Elections Commission declares the final results of the first phase of elections to the Shura Council.

The trial of Mubarak and figures of his regime was postponed to Saturday to here Ismael al-Shaer's defense.

1.5 billion Egyptian Pounds, the Egyptian Stock market's gains in spite of the calls to civil disobedience.

Freedom and Justice Party wins 21 seats in single-member constituencies in the first phase of Shura elections.



- Channel: CH 1**
Program: News headlines
Time: 27:00

The percentage of voters' turnout in the first phase of elections to the Shura Council is 6.5, Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim declared.

Time 17:00:00

The majority of parties reject the calls to a national strike.

National institutions reject calls for the strike and warned of its danger.

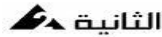
Anan reiterates SCAF's commitment to the timetable of handing over the power.

Channel: CH 1



Program: Sabah al-Khair ya Masr

The investigative judges in the case of the foreign funds of NGOs assert that they are not subject to any political pressure and that the inspection decision was completely legal.



Channel: CH 2

Program: Yesed Sabahak

Broadcaster: Sara al-Hilali and Ahmad al-Sawi

PM Ganzouri: Egypt applies the laws in the case of foreign funds.

Ganzouri: this era needs cooperation between all the players to regain the normal flow of life and production. He also rejected the calls for strike.

The Armed Forces spread its troops in many governorates to secure the public facilities, the society and to regain the prestige of the state.



Channel: ON TV

Program: Baladna bi al-Masry

Broadcaster: Reem Majid

40 movements and parties respond to the calls for civil disobedience.

Peaceful demonstrations to the Ministry of Defense, calling to end the military rule.

The People's Assembly holds a session on March 4 to choose the Constitution constituent commission.



Radio Coverage (09/02/2012)



Program: News Bulletin

Channel: Radio Misr

The fact-finding committee of the People's Assembly meets the judicial committee to discuss the issue of smuggled money.

(18:00)

The Ministry of Health draws up a plan to face the civil disobedience.

(22:00)

The Azhar and the Coptic Orthodox Church reject the calls for civil disobedience.

(22:00)

Security forces succeed in liberating an officer and 19 soldiers who had been besieged at North Sinai police station.

(24:00)

The percentage of voters' turnout in the first phase of Shura elections was 6.5 %, declared Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, head of the High Judicial Elections Commission.

(24:30:00)

The trial of the suspects who face charges of killing demonstrators in Sharqiya was postponed to March 8.

(24:30:00)

The Freedom and Justice Party gains 21 seats in the single-member constituencies first phase of the elections to the higher house of the Parliament.

(24:30:00 p.m.)

1.5 billion Egyptian Pounds, the Stock Markets gains in spite of the calls to civil disobedience.

(24:30:00)

The Armed forces spread in vital facilities.

(16:00:00)

The trial of Mubarak and the symbol of hi regime was postponed to Saturday to hear Ismail al-Shaer's defense.

(17:00:00)



Expatriate Egyptians start voting in the second phase of elections to the Shura Council.
(22:15:00)



Program: News Bulletin
Channel: Al Sharq Al Awsat

SCAF uncovers a plot to be executed t the AUC to widen the circle of civil disobedience.
(23:00:00)

Anan reiterates SCAF's commitment to the handing over of power according to the timetable that has been set before and confirms its commitment to the work to regain stability.
(23:00:00)

The Muslim Brotherhood denounces the American stance towards NGOs and foreign funds in Egypt.
(25:00:00)

The Majority of parties reject the calls to civil disobedience.
(22:00:00)

Many institutes reject the calls to civil disobedience and warn of their danger.
(22:00:00)



Mega FM

Program: News Bar

Minister of Higher Education: Students announce partial strike at universities.

Al-Jamaah al-Islamiya refuses to join the strike and warns of it consequences.

Egypt welfare now is not in the civil disobedience, head of the parliamentary majority.



Internet Coverage (10/02/2012)

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We are all Khaled Saeed

The people outlive their rulers.

It saddens me to post this video, but today is the first anniversary of the ousted president's speech. The revolution has made it his last. The revolution will continue and the revolution will win. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oX1X1xFctE>

On this day last year, Lieutenant General Saad Eddin el-Shazli, the chief of staff of the Armed Forces between May 16, 1971 and December 31, 1973, passed away. He was described as the mastermind of the successful Egyptian offense against the Israeli Bar Lev Line during the 1973 October War.

http://ar.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D8%B3%D8%B9%D8%AF_%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%86_%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%B0%D9%84%D9%8A

SCAF:

Statement #5:

To the great Egyptian people:

A year ago, your Armed Forces have taken over state affairs; they have been receiving the support of this great nation. We have faced together unprecedented challenges throughout this year. Despite obstacles ahead, we insist on transiting safely this period safely. We are keeping our word to hand over power to an elected civilian authority.

Egypt is facing plots that aim to thwart our revolution through driving a wedge between the people and the Armed Forces.

Egypt is encountering conspiracies that are being hatched against the country aiming to undermine the State institutions. The ultimate goal of these plots is to bring Egypt to its knees and spread chaos."

The Armed Forces will not give in to any threats, will not bow to pressure or accept dictations.

Egyptian Cabinet

The Interior Ministry: Security forces in South Sinai arrested three suspects involved in an armed robbery of Credit Agricole Bank in Sharm El-Sheikh.



The Muslim Brotherhood:

Muslim Brotherhood Secretary-General: Civil Disobedience Unacceptable Now

Dr. Mahmoud Hussein, Secretary General of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), asserted that the group does not support calls for civil disobedience on Saturday, February 11, and urged all Egyptians to double their work efforts and positive endeavors to help build, not destroy, the homeland, and so not to take part in this strike.

In a press statement, Hussein said, "This is very dangerous to the interests of the homeland and its future. It means a general strike that will stop the railway service and virtually all transport, factories, institutions, universities and schools, and will stop payment of monies owed to the government (taxes - electricity, water and gas bills). He pointed out that all this would exacerbate the already difficult situation in the country (economic, social and services). This will lead to the state's disintegration and downfall.

Dr. Hussein called on those responsible for this action to listen to the sound of reason, wisdom and logic, and to place public interests above any trifling, limited (personal - categorical - party) interests, and to work hard to save this their homeland and their people, and to drop this destructive action.

He continued, "If someone intends to demonstrate on that day, this is their right. However, this should be done in a peaceful, civilized way, with exclusion of anyone intent on sabotage and destruction from the ranks of patriotic demonstrators. A protest cannot be both peaceful and destructive at the same time".

The MB Secretary-General added, "We succeeded, with the Grace of God, in electing a People's Assembly (PA) that truly represents us all. It is only appropriate for us now to turn to that elected PA with our demands which it shall meet. We have to be patient, though. Demands are many. And the new PA has to effect reforms of thirty years of rampant corruption, which cannot be done in one day. We must not lend our ears to the media which resort to excitement and agitation and call for violence, sabotage and destruction.

FJP Press Release # 8, First Phase – Shura Council Elections Results

Judicial committees overseeing the re-election in Menofiya and Qena governorates in Egypt have announced the results for the first phase of the Shura Council elections 2012, with candidates of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) winning Professionals and Workers 'individual' seats in Qena and Menofiya.



Also, the FJP candidate list for the governorates of Qena and Menofiya has the most seats (more than 50%). Thus, 25 of the party's candidates contesting individual seats have won, out of the total 27 candidates who contested this round. Meanwhile, the party won more than 49% of the seats in the candidate lists for this phase, i.e. 60 seats.



Wael Abbas:

Security chaos of 1954. The military is duplicating the same events.

399 suspects held over Mohamed Mahmoud incidents to stand trial before Criminal Court. <http://massai.ahram.org.eg/Inner.aspx?ContentID=49478&typeid=25&issueid=875>

Al-Wafd newspaper - El-Awwa: Civil disobedience tantamount to the destruction to the state.

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/393965_345533948800484_162660783754469_1211033_679294174_n.jpg

From Syria: https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/430664_206268086138959_100002673069342_344801_1727707139_n.jpg

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/420734_10151265643505532_662390531_22833698_48995539_n.jpg

Youssef went to the restroom and when he came back, he found the gates of the stadium welded. He informed a police officer of the situation but the latter turned a deaf ear. He broke the gate's hinges to save the trapped audience but was crushed to death after the gate fell on him. <https://p.twimg.com/AIQnS6TCEAAWnP0.jpg>

Stories of unknown heroes, who died unheard of.

Islamists in Egypt halt filming of TV series.
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jYAWsstn4SHG7WPB-d4vihSX-Pw?docId=CNG.5898d5e01f8ae0f5fddc52d810aa4f9b.611>

Let's create this new hashtag #khodhomyarab

They say the Armed Forces controlled the fire! Three killed and they say the fire was controlled?? We had to sacrifice the infant and the mother, so the doctor can live.

<http://tahrirnews.com/%D8%AC%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%85-%D9%88%D9%85%D8%AD%D8%A7%D9%83%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%AA/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AB%D9%88%D8%B1-%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%89-%D8%AC%D8%AB%D8%A9->



Monasosh:

We arrived at a march in Ramses Street, just before Ghamra. Down, down military rule.
<http://yfrog.com/esih6jyj>
Freedom, freedom. <http://yfrog.com/ny9ssnzj>
The march has become bigger. We are heading to Demerdash now.
<http://yfrog.com/oc1dnpqj>
Women against SCAF. <http://yfrog.com/obffhipj>
We reached El-Koba Bridge. <http://yfrog.com/oe38vibj>
Great spirits.

Iyad elbaghdadi:

Around Friday prayers time in #Syria. The list of towns protesting won't fit in a tweet.
As per his lawyer's advice, #Mubarak still believes himself President of #Egypt; #SCAF only ruling in his name: <http://www.echoroukonline.com/ara/articles/121996.html>
According to pro-Assad trolls, if you have a beard, you're an Islamic terrorist, and if you're fluent in English you're a Zionist. #Syria
When people ask for reform, ignore them. When they ask for your ouster, kill them. When they want you dead, ask for talks.
Today's #Aleppo clashes were reportedly in the Al-Salheen neighborhood. Unclear still what exactly transpired there. #Syria
What do you say to a person who saw that horrible video of the kid with the blown off jaw and said it may be justifiable? #Syria

Arabist:

New on Arabist: A nuclear loose cannon: http://www.arabist.net/blog/2012/2/10/a-nuclear-loose-cannon.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter
Israel teams with terror group to kill Iran's nuclear scientists, U.S. officials tell NBC News: http://rockcenter.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/02/08/10354553-israel-teams-with-terror-group-to-kill-irans-nuclear-scientists-us-officials-tell-nbc-news
Am out of commission today as I'm moving apartments. Don't worry Arabist will still be lovingly handcrafted in Garden City.



▪ 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 Egypt¹¹ 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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