



News Coverage

prepared for: **The European Union delegation
to Egypt**



▪ **Disclaimer:**

“This document has been produced with the financial assistance of the European Union. The contents of this document are the sole responsibility of authors of articles and under no circumstances be regarded as reflecting the position of IPSOS or the European Union.”



▪ Thematic Headlines

▪ Domestic Scene

- ✓ EOHR Warns of Rising Lawsuits over Contempt of Religion
- ✓ Abul-Naga Rejects Calls to Boycott US Aid
- ✓ Islamic Group Excludes Moussa, Shafiq from Presidential Candidates Meeting
- ✓ Islamist Parties Divided on Presidential Candidate
- ✓ Moussa Rejects Expulsion of Christian Families from Alexandria
- ✓ Al-Nour Party Threatens to Quit Parliament over Army Budget Supervision
- ✓ Parliament to Approve Legislation on Ending Military Trials
- ✓ Sinai Chieftains Meet PM
- ✓ Second Phase of the Shura Elections
- ✓ FJP: Ready to Assume Responsibility
- ✓ Amending Article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration
- ✓ PA Discusses Port Said Massacre
- ✓ PA's Health Committee to Visit Tora Prison
- ✓ Behind the Curtains of NGOs
- ✓ The Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies is not Involved in the NGOs Violations
- ✓ The Second Phase of Elections to the Shura Council Starts Today
- ✓ Investigations into NGOs Activities
- ✓ Port Said Massacre; a Plot against Egyptians and their Revolution
- ✓ Students' Strike Goes On
- ✓ Obama Suggests Military Aids to Egypt
- ✓ Women in Polling Stations
- ✓ The Muslim Brotherhood's Funds
- ✓ Ahmad Shafiq in a Forum
- ✓ The Martyrs' Partners on Valentine's Day
- ✓ Is the Muslim Brotherhood Government an Alternative to Presidential Elections?
- ✓ Defense: El-Sha'er Was in Tahrir Square on January 25
- ✓ Al-Tagamu' Attacks the Muslim Brotherhood's Proposed Government
- ✓ Parliamentary Committee in Al-Ameriya to Resolve Crisis of Copts
- ✓ EU Supports Egypt's Nuclear Program
- ✓ Schools Call Parents to Prevent Protests



Newspapers (14/02/2012)



Page: 1

Author: Imad al-Fiqi and Mustafa Tammam

The Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies is not Involved in the NGOs Case



Judges Sameh Abu Zaid and Ashraf al-Ashmawi, the investigative judges who are responsible for the investigation into the case of NGOs declared that the Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies was completely out of the case.

The two judges said the case file was delivered to the Court of Appeal. They denied all statements that have been attributed to them after the press conference they held last week, asserting that the last declarations they made were in the press conference that was held last week.



Page: 1
Author: Wires

Obama Suggests Military Aids to Egypt



US President Barack Obama suggested yesterday 1.3-billion-Dollar military aid to Egypt in 2013 to keep the range of aids stable.

American Secretary of State declared that Obama's suggestion was implied in his plan for the 2013 budget. The Congress should approve the aids, however.

Some US Senators have called to stop the military aids to Egypt if Egypt did not drop the charges against a number of American suspects in Egypt who are involved in the NGOs case.

Meanwhile, the White House has announced a US \$ 800-million aids to countries of the so-called "Arab Spring."



Page: 1

Author: Not mentioned

Port Said Massacre; a Plot against Egyptians and their Revolution



In a heated discussion of the report of the fact-finding committee at the People's Assembly, MPs described Port Said incidents that resulted in hundreds of casualties as "criminal."

MPs also considered the incidents to be a plot against Egyptians and their "great revolution."

In its session held yesterday, the People's Assembly approved the report, and the discussions about the topic were referred to the fact-finding committee to be considered and added to the final report.

The People's Assembly called for a hearing session where security officials are summoned to give information that can help in identifying the culprits.



Page: 5

Author: Mustafa Fuad

Women in Polling Stations



Judge Maher Bibars, governor of Beni Suef declared that the governorate was fully ready for the Shura Elections that are to start today in the governor.

Ladies were assigned in polling stations to check the identity of fully veiled women (niqabis).



Page: 5

Author: Muhammad Anz and Amani Majid

The Second Phase of Elections to the Shura Council Starts Today



The second phase of elections to the higher house of Parliament [Shura Council] is to be held today in 14 constituencies: Giza, Kafr al-Shaikh, Aswan, Luxor, al-Buhairah, Beni Suef, Port Said, Sohag, Suez, Ismailiya, Sharqiyah, Matrouh, al-Minia and al-Qalyoubiya.

Candidates compete on 90 seats; 60 seats for slates and 30 seats in single-member constituencies.

The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party is running with 87 candidates; 60 on slates and 27 in single-member constituencies.

Salafist al-Nour Party is running with 85 candidates; 60 on slates and 25 in single-member constituencies.

Heated competition is expected between the two parties amidst an expected low turnout.

The authors claim that voters in many constituencies do not know the candidates.



Page: 6

Author: Not mentioned

Investigations into NGOs Activities



Investigations into the case of illegal funds of NGOs revealed that the United States had offered huge funds to American and Egyptian NGOs that work in Egypt.

The funds have enormously increased after the Jan 25 Revolution.

Egypt's Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Fayza Abu al-Naja stated that the Jan 25 Revolution surprised the US and went out of its control. Therefore, the United States started to make enormous efforts to contain the situation and redirect the events to serve its own interests and those of Israel.

Abu al-Naja also claimed that the American goal behind the direct funding of NGOs in the period between 2005 and 2010 was mainly to apply pressure on the former regime to a certain extent that does not reach the point of overthrowing it. Abu al-Naja believes that Egypt under Mubarak's regime was ideal for America and Israel and had no interest in overthrowing it.



Page: 6

Author: Hiba Said

Students' Strike Goes On



The Democratic Front of the 6 of April Movement confirmed the continuity of strike in Egyptian universities in spite of all the challenges.

The movement asserted that the students who are on strike have one main demand; that is the immediate handing over of power to a civil authority.

Students also call for early presidential elections that will bring about stability to Egypt.

Students' strikes continue at Cairo University, Mansoura Universities, the British University, al-Shurouq Academy and other universities.

Page: 20
Author: Sayyid Ali

Behind the Curtains of NGOs



Ali wrote a lengthy article about details related to the NGOs function and crisis in Egypt.

Ali chose a lengthy headline for his article. The headline read: “The Details of the Assassination of the Revolution with \$ US 200 million.”

Ali reported on the American ambassador’s statements in Cairo last April admitting donating \$ US 40 million to Egyptian NGOs to support the so-called “democratic transportation” in Egypt. The American ambassador also spoke about some US \$ 160 million that were on the way.

Ali points out an American defamation campaign against Abu al-Naja that reached the point of claiming that she belonged to the former regime and was aiming to nominate herself to presidential elections.

Ali criticizes the illegal function of NGOs as a blatant violation of the Egyptian sovereignty. He also refers to several facts in the case, stating that the most important document in the case was the American ambassador’s admission of funding NGOs in Egypt.

He referred to the Egyptian firm stance and the American tensed stance that lacks diplomatic courtesy.

Ali also published the Western press reactions to the case, and comments of some Egyptians.



Parliament to Approve Legislation on Ending Military Trials



The People’s Assembly, lower house of parliament, will pass legislation within days to ban military trials of civilians, said Chairman of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) Mohamed Morsi.

The FJP’s parliamentary bloc has submitted a proposal to amend some articles of the military judiciary law that would ban trying civilians before military tribunals, Morsi said during a meeting with an international human rights delegation.

Al-Nour Party Threatens to Quit Parliament over Army Budget Supervision



Salafist Al-Nour Party threatened to walk out of parliament if the budget of the Armed Forces was not placed under the parliament's supervision.

Al-Nour Party will not allow the passage of any articles in the new constitution that would grant the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces any privileges.

Al-Nour MPs will resign from parliament if the Army's budget was not overseen, said party spokesman Nader Bakar during a symposium at the National Youth Council.

SCAF is part of the executive authority and thus should be subjected to the supervision of the People's Assembly, the lower house of parliament, he said.

Islamist Parties Divided on Presidential Candidate



Islamist powers and parties were divided on the presidential candidate they would field in the upcoming presidential elections.

Salafist powers did not reach consensus on supporting Hazem Abu-Ismael, who has already announced his nomination in the polls.

The Muslim Brotherhood party, which had said it would not field any candidates in the presidential elections, called for supporting Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh.

The Salafist front has announced its support for Abul-Ismael without waiting for the decision of Al-Nour Party in this regard, front spokesman Khaled el-Saeed said.

Al-Nour spokesman Mohamed Nour said the party will reveal the name of its candidate when candidacy application opens.

He denied reports that the party had contacted the Freedom and Justice Party, Al-Wafd Party and the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to agree on a certain candidate.

Sufi powers have not decided yet on the candidate they will support.



Author: Wael Ali

EOHR Warns of Rising Lawsuits over Contempt of Religion



The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR) expressed worry over the rising number of lawsuits filed against public figures accusing them of contempt of religions, which represent a restriction on the freedom of expression.

A lawsuit was filed against Egyptian businessman Naguib Sawiras accusing him of contempt of Islam. A misdemeanors court will hand down a verdict on March 3, although Sawiras has apologized to Muslims for the incident many times.

Also, another lawsuit was filed against actor Adel Imam for starring in movies offending Islam. A misdemeanors court gave him a 3-month sentence and an EGP 1000 fine.

EOHR emphasized unlimited support to the freedom of expression and denounced the prosecution of intellectuals over their thoughts.



Page: 2.

Author: Safwat Omran.

Al-Tagamu' Attacks the Muslim Brotherhood's Proposed Government

التجمع يهاجم الإخوان ويصفها بـ«المحظورة» المتحالفة مع «العسكري» زكى: لو شككوا الحكومة ستكون «فرجة» لشعب مصر والجماعة ترد: الدستور يعترف بمشروعيتها منذ ١٩٢٨.. والكلام «غيره وعجز»

التجمع يهاجم الإخوان ويصفها بـ«المحظورة» المتحالفة مع «العسكري» زكى: لو شككوا الحكومة ستكون «فرجة» لشعب مصر والجماعة ترد: الدستور يعترف بمشروعيتها منذ ١٩٢٨.. والكلام «غيره وعجز»

التجمع يهاجم الإخوان ويصفها بـ«المحظورة» المتحالفة مع «العسكري» زكى: لو شككوا الحكومة ستكون «فرجة» لشعب مصر والجماعة ترد: الدستور يعترف بمشروعيتها منذ ١٩٢٨.. والكلام «غيره وعجز»

The Muslim Brotherhood's proposal to form the new government ignited a controversy among their political opponents, who believe that the organization is still banned according to the law, and that no judicial decision was issued to grant them a legal status.

Spokesman for Al-Tagamu' Party, Nabil Zaki, said the Muslim Brotherhood has always rejected proposals to form a national coalition government and “we do not know the reason behind changing their position and declaring their willingness to form a new government.”

Zaki stressed that the Egyptian people do not need a coalition government but they need to support the current national rescue government because it contains many experts who can restore security and economic stability in the country.

Dr. Ahmed Abu Baraka, legal adviser of the FJP, said that those who claim that the Muslim Brotherhood is an illegal organization are unable to compete against the huge success the Freedom and Justice Party achieved in parliamentary elections. He said the MB gained their legal status according to the 1923 Constitution that provided the right to peaceful assembly and association. He also referred to the adherence of the MB to the provisions of law and to the aspirations of the Egyptian people.



Page: 3.

Author: Farouk Abd Al-Aziz and Mohamed Ta'lab.

EU Supports Egypt's Nuclear Program



The European Union expressed its willingness to support the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in Egypt. The EU said they will give support to the infrastructure of peaceful nuclear power plants and help train new cadres.

According to a report prepared by President of the Center on Nuclear Safety Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim, the agreement of the second stage of the project to support the safety of Egypt's peaceful nuclear energy was signed in Paris and it includes LE12 million in grants.

Dr. Ibrahim said the Egyptian delegation received confirmations from the Europeans that they will provide Egypt with all the support necessary to ensure the safety of Egypt's nuclear power.



Page: 10.
 Authors: Sayed Gad and Mahmoud Hafez.

Schools Call Parents to Prevent Protests



Order returned to schools in Cairo and the percentage of students attending their classes increased on the second day of the term. This confirms that calls for strike and civil disobedience failed to spread in schools.

Giza schools will be delayed for two days because of the Shoura Council elections.

Minister of Education Dr. Gamal Al-Arabi confirmed that the educational process was stable as the percentage of attendance reached 90% and none of the schools in other governments witnessed any marches or protests by students.



Page: 1

Author: Ahmed Hassan Amer and Hatem el-Balk

Sinai Chieftains Meet PM



Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri met with Sinai chieftains to tackle the development of Sinai as part of the national security.

A special body will be established to take up the development of Sinai, Ganzouri said.

Meanwhile, North Sinai chieftain Aref Abu-Akr warned the Israelis, especially their intelligence chief, of even thinking about coming back to Sinai.

Sinai will always remain a safe city, Abu-Akr said during a press conference held following a meeting with Ganzouri.

The explosions against gas pipelines in Sinai are a political plot and have nothing to do with the Sinai residents, the chieftains said.

Similar news was reported in Al-Masry Al-Yom (page 3), Al-Yom7 (pages 1 and 7), Al-Ahram (pages 1 and 14) and Al-Shorouk (page 1)

Moussa Rejects Expulsion of Christian Families from Alexandria



Presidential candidate Amr Moussa expressed his resentment over the expulsion of a number of Christian families from Alexandria.

On his Twitter account, Moussa said expelling Christian families from their homes in Al-Ameriya district, Alexandria, is unacceptable by all means.

He called on concerned bodies to take measures necessary to prevent the reoccurrence of such incidents in the future.

Similar news was reported in Al-Ahram (page 6)

Abul-Naga Rejects Calls to Boycott US Aid



Planning and International Cooperation Minister Fayza Abul-Naga rejected calls to boycott the US aid to Egypt.

Egypt has development partners and cannot just replace or boycott the aid the US offers to the country, Abul-Naga said.

Although Japan is another development partner, it cannot substitute the role of the US, she said on the sidelines of the signing of memos with Japan on offering \$6.4 million grants.

Islamic Group Excludes Moussa, Shafiq from Presidential Candidates Meeting



The Islamic Group has sent out invitations to all presidential candidates to hold meetings at the HQ of the group's Construction and Development Party.

A number of candidates were excluded from the meeting for their connection with the former regime, such as Amr Moussa, a former foreign minister, and Ahmed Shafiq, a former prime minister, said member of the group's consultative council Aboud el-Zomor.

The country has suffered enough on the hands of the former regime, Zomor said, calling for applying the political isolation law on the remnants of the regime.

The meeting will take up the electoral platform of each candidate, he said.

Presidential hopeful Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh was among the first candidates who welcomed the idea, he added.



Page: 3.
 Authors: Rahma Diao and Hala Eid.

Is the Muslim Brotherhood Government an Alternative to Presidential Elections?



In a statement issued by the Freedom and Justice Party, the Muslim Brotherhood proposed forming a new government to replace El-Ganzouri's. Some considered this to be a new test for the FJP to provide an alternative for El-Ganzouri's government which is facing now public outrage and widespread protests.

Dr. Hassan Nafa'a, political science professor, confirmed that political forces should welcome the FJP proposal and cooperate with them to form the new government and gain SCAF's approval. "Legally speaking, the Head of the Supreme Council of Armed Forces assigns the government because we are still a presidential regime, not parliamentary," explained Nafa'a.

Yosri Al-Ezbawi, political analyst, suggested that the Muslim Brotherhood want to control all elected institutions in the country; including the People's Assembly, the Shoura Council, and local councils. He confirmed that they will have a presidential candidate in the near future, and by this they will contradict their previous statements.

Ibrahim El-Houdaiby, political science researcher, said this proposal should not be considered an alternative to holding presidential elections or delaying them. El-Houdaiby said SCAF's agreement to the proposed government is irrelevant because reality confirms that those who were elected by the people have more legitimacy than SCAF itself.

Page: 3.

Authors: Yousef Shaaban, Suzanne Abd Al-Ghani (and others).

Parliamentary Committee in Al-Ameriya to Resolve Crisis of Copts



A committee concerned with defending the rights of Christian Copts in Al-Sharbat village in Al-Ameriya district held a meeting on Sunday with some of the Members of Parliament. The meeting resulted in forming a parliamentary committee to resolve the current crisis.

The meeting was organized by MP Dr. Mostafa El-Naggar and was held at the office of the Deputy Speaker of the People's Assembly Abd Al-Alim Dawoud. They all agreed on the importance of enforcing the law and condemned forced displacement of Copts. During the meeting, Al-Ameriya Member of Parliament explained that the displacement of Copts came to prevent bloodshed as police forces were completely absent from the village. According to him, the crisis began when one of the sons of Absekhron Khalil Soliman fired his gun in the air, which drove some Muslims to shoot against other Muslims, who were at odds with Soliman, the thing that resulted in a severe injury for one of them. The situation escalated into a call for revenge from Soliman and his sons.

Director of the Arab Penal Reform Organization Mohamed Zarei' explained that customary meetings are usually held in rural or nomadic areas that witness complete absence of state's authority. Thus, he said, tribes are strong in such areas and they depend on customs more than the law. He described what happened in Alexandria as an act of "thuggery" amid fears of excluding state's authority.

Similar news was mentioned in: Al-Ahram: Page 4; Youm 7: Page 1.



Page: 6.

Authors: Hoda Abu Bakr and Al-Walid Ismail.

Defense: El-Sha’er Was in Tahrir Square on January 25



“Ismail El-Sha’er, Cairo’s former head of security, was present in Tahrir Square on January 25 and during the days of the revolution,” said El-Sha’er’s Attorney Anis Al-Menawi. He confirmed that El-Sha’er was seen in Tahrir Square and he was carrying no weapons. He said there wasn’t any violence on January 25 until the first CSF soldier was killed after midnight.

In his argument before the court, Al-Menawi stressed that General Ismail El-Sha’er had seen more than 230 protests and sit-ins and he always followed the strategy of self-restraint. During the time he was on duty, there were no reports of cases of killing protesters. Al-Menawi explained that despite orders that require police officers and CSF soldiers to be armed, El-Sha’er gave orders on January 25 that all security forces in Tahrir Square should not carry any weapons.

Al-Menawi said there were foreign infiltrators in the protests who committed violent acts, which consequently led to injuring peaceful protesters and police forces. He denied that snipers were used to kill protesters in Tahrir Square. “What did the president, former minister of interior and his security officials do to be tried now? Al-Menawi asked, confirming that if the president had any intention to kill protesters, he would have used helicopters to shoot them in Tahrir Square.

Similar news was mentioned in: Al-Akhbar: Page 5; Al-Dostour: 3; Al-Masry Al-Youm: 8; Al-Ahram: 6; Youm 7: 5; Al-Gomhoreya: 14.



Pages: 1&4

Authors: Mohamed Abu Zeid- Mohamed Khayal- Mohamed Salem

PA Discusses Port Said Massacre



The main topic during yesterday’s PA session was Port Said massacre and victims. The Budget and Planning Committee proposed a draft law to increase the compensation of victim families to EGP100, 000.

The Human Rights Committee recommended considering all those who fell during Maspero, Port Said, Mohamed Mahmoud and Ministerial Cabinet Street clashes, revolution martyrs and victims.

In addition, the report prepared by the Parliamentary fact-finding committee on Port Said riots came under fierce attack during the session. Parliamentary majority leader, Hussein Ibrahim called, for summoning a number of General Intelligence and National Security officials. He also asked for the list of visits to ex-regime Tora inmates before the massacre.

A number of members noticed that the report mentioned the army or its dereliction in securing the game

MP, Mamdouh Ismail, raised a point that the report was devoid of any video documentation or witness testimonies and was entirely built on the statements of El-Ahli Club Ultras fans. The report did not publish the exact death toll amongst rumors that it has reached 139, he added.

Similar news was reported in Tahrir page 4; Ahram pages 4,5



Pages: 1&4

Authors: Ahmed Abd El-Halim, Ahmed Ewais

FJP: Ready to Assume Responsibility



Freedom and Justice Party, MB’s political wing, renewed its call for the formation of a coalition government that includes all political forces from inside and outside the Parliament.

Ahmed Khalil, spokesperson of Al-Nour Party Parliamentary bloc, said that his party supports FJP’s initiative to form a coalition government. He stressed that SCAF handing over power is only a matter of time.

Meanwhile, Al-Gama’a Al-Islamiyah rejected the call for “the formation of a new government before the end of the transitional period. This comes as part of Al-Gama’a’s policy to support political, security and economic stability at this phase.” Al-Gama’a considers that the right measure is to withdraw confidence from any minister who proves to be negligent.

Amending Article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration



Ahmed Shams El-Din Khafagy, member of the Presidential Elections Commission and deputy head of the State Council Court, said that Article 28 of the constitutional declaration grants immunity to Commission-issued decisions; they cannot be contested before a court of law.

He clarified that the Commission is of administrative nature and does not take sides. Its responsibility is confined to running the election process.

However, State Council Deputy, Judge Mohamed Foad Gad, said that the People's Assembly must suggest amending this article because it gives the Commission unprecedented absolute authorities. The Military Council is no longer responsible for amending or legislating laws after the election of the Parliament.



Page: 4

Author: Mohamed Salem, Mohamed Khayal

PA's Health Committee to Visit Tora Prison



The People's Assembly Health committee decided to send a delegation to Tora's hospital to determine how ready it is to receive ousted president, Hosni Mubarak. The visit will be conducted on Wednesday to assess the latest preparations for receiving Mubarak.

MP, Hassan El-Brince, the committee's head, requested to conduct an inspection visit to evaluate the hospital and the conditions of inmates in Tora Mazraa prisons, and present a report on the matter to the parliament.



Page: 4

Author: Ismail Refaat

The Muslim Brotherhood's Funds



MP Sanaa al-Sasid of al-Tajammu Party aroused considerable controversy at the People's Assembly when she officially asked the government to uncover the funding sources of the Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing, the Freedom and Justice Party.

In a TV show on CBC, al-Said criticized the showy performance of the people's Assembly and compared it to previous assemblies before the revolution.

She also said she was marginalized during the sessions and that she asked to speak and her demands were always met by deaf ears.

Page: 8-9

Author: Rami Nawwar and Mahmoud Othman (editing)

Ahmad Shafiq in a Forum



Potential Presidential Candidate Ahmad Shafiq, who was also Prime Minister during the Jan 25 Revolution last year participated in a forum that was covered by al-Yom al-Sabei.

The headlines of the forum were as follows:

Shafiq claimed that he could rebuild Egypt in one year.

Shafiq spoke in favor of SCAF, stating that the Armed Forces could have aborted the revolution had they had any greediness to power. Shafiq asserted that's no sate on earth would permit any intervention in the army's .

Page: 12-13
Author: Many authors

The Martyrs' Partners on Valentine's Day



A number of al-Yom al-Sabe'i's authors wrote touching articles about the fiancées and partners of a number of the Martyrs who died over the past year in clashes with the police and the troops.

The authors interviewed six of the martyrs' wives, fiancées and girl friends who spoke about their beloveds and the beautiful days and memories and the last statements they had shared before violence deprived them from each other.



Page: 6

Author: Khaled El-Meery

Second Phase of the Shura Elections



Head of the HEC, Abd El-Moez Ibrahim announced that the second phase of the Shura elections starts today in 14 governorates. 536 candidates compete in multi-member constituencies for 60 seats and 891 candidates compete in single-member constituencies for 30 seats.

The elections are supervised by 11230 judges and members of the judicial commission. The voting process will start at 8 am and lasts until 7 pm today and tomorrow.



TV Coverage (13/02/2012)



Program: Hona Al-Asema

Channel: CBC

Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy

Mohamed Nour, Al-Nour Party Spokesman, said we haven't received any official decree from Freedom and Justice Party to form a national coalition government.

Al-Gamaa' Al-Islameya said there is no need to change the incumbent government until the end of the transitional period.

News

Channel 1 "State TV"

Shura elections' second phase starts today in 14 governorates. 27:00:00 – 17:00:00

Today, the Advisory Council discusses the illegal funding of NGOs. 27:00:00

Presidential Elections draft law is referred to the Legislative Committee. 27:00:00

Investigations showed that US deducted part of the economic aid to Egypt and transfers it to NGOs. 17:00:00



Program: Yeseed Sabahak

Channel 2 "State TV"

Host: Karim Awadalla and Dina Farouk

The parliament held security forces, Egyptian Football Association, and media channels responsible for Port Said riots.

MB finished selecting their names they are nominating to join the coalition government, and Al-Gamaa' Al-Islameya demands that Interior and Education Ministers are Gama'a members.



Radio Coverage (13/02/2012)



News All Day

Channel: Radio Masr

The Parliament resumes discussions about the regarding fact-finding committee's report about Port Said incidents. 3:00 PM.



News

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

The second phase of elections to the Shura Council starts today in 14 governorates.
23:00:00

Speaker of the People's Assembly Saad al-Katatny decided to end the discussion in Port Said incidents and demanded the fact-finding committee to submit its report as soon as possible. 25:00:00



Internet Coverage (14/02/2012)

facebook

_Facebook

We are all khaled saeed

A year ago on 13-2-2011, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces issued message number (5), in which it asserted its commitment to handing over power within 6 months. Now a year has gone by and we are required to wait 4 and half more months of political and economic instability to elect a civilian authority.

An Image of Ahram Front page from the same day: "SCAF promises to hand over power within 6 months"

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s320x320/420085_347058065344064_104224996294040_826429_1131342590_n.jpg

Egyptian Cabinet

The Parliament decides to refer the amendments on the Presidential Elections Law to the Legislative and Constitutional Affairs Committee.



Arabawy

VIDEO - AUC Strike Talk

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxwL7hLfZeA&feature=player_embedded

My talk to the local and foreign students and faculty, at the American University in Cairo, 12 February 2012.



The Muslim Brotherhood:

Egyptian Shura Council Elections Phase II, Positive Turnout to Complete Democratic Transformation



February 14 (and February 15) witnessed the second round of the Egyptian Shura Council elections in 15 constituencies in 14 governorates, namely: Giza, Suez, Port Said, Ismailia, Sohag, Minya, Beni Suef, Sharqiya, Qaliubiya, Marsa Matrouh, Kafr El-Sheikh, Beheira, Aswan and Luxor.

The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) has 87 candidates engaged in this election, of whom 60 are vying for the party-based lists, while 27 candidates are racing for 'individual' seats.

The party said, in a statement Monday, the Shura Council is of such constitutional importance that is in no way less than the People's Assembly, especially as its deputies will participate with elected members of parliament in the selection of the Constituent Assembly members to write the new Constitution.

The FJP called on the Egyptian People, who struck an outstanding example of positive participation during the People's Assembly elections and the first stage of the Shura Council elections, to continue this positive turnout in the second stage in order to complete the march of democratic transformation.

Egypt: Muslim Brotherhood Calls for Expulsion of Syria's Ambassador

As the terrorist regime of Bashar Al-Assad destroys buildings and houses on its inhabitants without differentiating between men, women and children, the world sadly remains silent witnessing these atrocities against mankind. Adding salt to the wound is the support of some nations in the region for Al-Assad's crimes along with Russian and China's decision to veto UN resolution condemning the violent crackdown in Syria and proposing sanctions against it.

The Muslim Brotherhood (MB) calls on the Egyptian government to expel the Syrian ambassador in Cairo and to withdraw Egypt's ambassador in Damascus, and provide humanitarian support to the Syrians refugees who have fled to neighboring countries, which is the least Egypt can do.

Furthermore, we urge the Syrian forces to defy orders from leaders to attack citizens. We also call on the Muslim Scholars Union to hold a conference to discuss and support the Syrians financially and morally until victory is achieved.



@Monasosh

We struggle in the streets without getting enough sleeping!

A reminder: On June 13, I was in a delegation representing “No to Military Trial” group and we met SCAF General Al-Reweiny and other generals. This is what I published about our meeting: http://ma3t.blogspot.com/2011/06/blog-post_14.html

During our meeting with Al-Reweiny, he confirmed that “virginity checks” were conducted on female protesters arrested and that it is a routine in military prisons. I swear he told us that!

One of my friends was just telling me that we need to see each other in places other than Tahrir Square, morgues or hospitals..

@Arabist

“New on Arabist: Links 7-13 February 2012 <http://arb.st/z5fSe8>”

“New on Arabist: Yemen: Can AQAP mount an insurgency?<http://bit.ly/z4iMC4>”

“New on Arabist: A Responsibility to Define “Protect” in Libya<http://arb.st/x6Dmfx>”

“Blasphemy may extend to Twitter friends - <http://UPI.com>:<http://bit.ly/xoAOvq> Bloody Saudis.”

“Dear Israel Lobby, We Give Up -- Please Give Us an Acceptable Way of Insulting You | | AlterNet: <http://bit.ly/yu2s5a> Is that asking too ...”

“New on Arabist: Syrian regime fakes supportive Roy interview<http://bit.ly/zywgdM>”

“New on Arabist: Love under Apartheid <http://arb.st/xZNKNf>”

@Gsquare86

“Mohamed Mahmoud #Graffiti <http://flic.kr/p/brG4zg>”

“Fill one of these <https://creator.zoho.com/rseweb/join-us#> and read this <http://www.e-socialists.net/node/6795>”

“#FreeAlyia who is being detained despite order of release and who was already falsely detained for 2 days in #Mahalla ..she is still in!”



@AalamWassef

"Oh surprise!!! search this document to find out WHO is the chairman of the "Arab Industrialization Organization" <http://bit.ly/y4mGaD#egypt>"

"SHARE How #Scaf & intl' corporations stand in the way of #Egypt's human & economic development & struggle for democracy<http://bit.ly/y4mGaD>"

"MEDIA Exclusive Resources, Links & Contacts to investigate Egypt's 'Military Inc': <http://bit.ly/y4mGaD>"

@iyad_elbaghdadi

"We won't back down even if he kills us all, we won't back down until Bashar, his brother & his family are out." <http://bit.ly/z3VH2o> #Syria"

"It's not yet 8 AM in #Homs, and already #BabaAmr is being shelled.#Syria"

"Wondering who else will get in on the super-terrific-global-universal conspiracy on Assad... #Syria"

"Conspiracy against #Syria revealed! <http://bit.ly/m5QiTL> (relink)"



▪ 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**



Table of Content:

Newspapers
<u>Al Ahram Newspaper</u>	
The Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies is not Involved in the NGOs Case.....	3
Obama Suggests Military Aids to Egypt.....	4
Port Said Massacre; a Plot against Egyptians and their Revolution.....	5
Women in Polling Stations.....	6
The Second Phase of Elections to the Shura Council Starts Today.....	7
Investigations into NGOs Activities.....	8
Students’ Strike Goes On.....	9
Behind the Curtains of NGOs.....	10
<u>Al Masry Al Yawm Newspaper</u>	
Parliament to Approve Legislation on Ending Military Trials.....	11
Al-Nour Party Threatens to Quit Parliament over Army Budget Supervision.....	12
Islamist Parties Divided on Presidential Candidate.....	13
EOHR Warns of Rising Lawsuits over Contempt of Religion.....	14
<u>Al Gomhouria Newspaper</u>	
Al-Tagamu’ Attacks the Muslim Brotherhood’s Proposed Government.....	15
EU Supports Egypt’s Nuclear Program	16
Schools Call Parents to Prevent Protests	17
<u>Al Dostour Newspaper</u>	
Sinai Chieftains Meet PM18	
Moussa Rejects Expulsion of Christian Families from Alexandria.....	19
Abul-Naga Rejects Calls to Boycott US Aid.....	20
Islamic Group Excludes Moussa, Shafiq from Presidential Candidates Meeting.....	21
<u>Al Tahrir Newspaper</u>	
Is the Muslim Brotherhood Government an Alternative to Presidential Elections?	22
Parliamentary Committee in Al-Ameriya to Resolve Crisis of Copts	23
Defense: El-Sha’er Was in Tahrir Square on January 25.....	24
<u>Al Sherouk Newspaper</u>	
PA Discusses Port Said Massacre	25
FJP: Ready to Assume Responsibility.....	26
Amending Article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration.....	27
PA’s Health Committee to Visit Tora Prison.....	28
<u>Al youm al saba Newspaper</u>	
The Muslim Brotherhood’s Funds.....	29
Ahmad Shafiq in a Forum.....	30
The Martyrs’ Partners on Valentine’s Day.....	31
<u>Al Akhbar Newspaper</u>	
Second Phase of the Shura Elections	32
<u>TV Coverage.....</u>
cbc.....	33
Channel 1.....	33
Channel 2.....	33
<u>Radio Coverage.....</u>
Radio Misr.....	34
Al shark al awsat.....	34
<u>Internet coverage.....</u>
Face book.....	35
Arabawy.....	35
Muslim brotherhood.....	35-36
Twitter.....	36-38

