



News Coverage

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▪ Thematic Headlines

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Newspapers (18/2/2012)



Pages: 1, 5.

Authors: Mamdouh Shaaban, Emad Al-Fiqi (and others).

US Paid LE1.2 Billion in Funds for 68 Organizations in Egypt



In the case of civil society organizations receiving foreign funds, evidence revealed that the United States paid LE1.2 billion in funds for 68 organizations in Egypt. Evidence also revealed that 31 out of 68 organizations are working without a valid license and they received LE511 million in funds last year; among them are the US Republican and Democratic Institutes, Freedom House and the International Center for Journalists.

The case of US civil society organizations in Egypt received attention among top officials in the US as the Chief of Staff warned Congressmen from the consequences of disrupting the relations with the Egyptian army.

Further evidence proves that the US and Germany have increased their funds to civil society organizations during recent months by 80%. Each trainer received LE13.000 each month, as investigations revealed.

A report for General Intelligence focused on the foreign funds received by Egyptian non-governmental organizations and mentioned that the final goal of such funds is to affect the political process in the country and support certain political forces.

US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey told Congress that cutting off military aid to Egypt would be a mistake. "Cutting off aid and therefore cutting ourselves off from them means that the next generation won't have that benefit, and I don't know where that takes us, to tell you the truth," he said.



An official source told Al-Ahram newspaper that these statements are not true and that there has been no contact between young army officers and US officials. According to the source, these statements aim at creating a conflict within the Armed Forces in order to disintegrate the entire state. This is a response to the decision of the ruling Armed Forces to investigate into the work of such organizations and refrain from interfering in the course of justice, source said.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Tahrir: Page 1; Al-Dostour: Page 1.



Disagreement over Backing Al-Arabi for Presidency



Arab League Secretary General Dr. Nabil Al-Arabi's decision to run for presidency has raised controversy among Islamists and other political forces. News spread over the past few days of secret meetings held between the Muslim Brotherhood, SCAF and liberal parties to reach an agreement on Al-Arabi as their preferred presidential candidate.

"I welcome Al-Arabi's bid for presidency if the Muslim Brotherhood supported him. He is a reasonable man and his character could gain the consensus of many political forces," said FJP/MP Nasser Othman.

In contrast, the Muslim Brotherhood's young members expressed their discontent with Al-Arabi and held him responsible for the bloodshed in Syria, referring to his inability to put an end to the violence practiced by Al-Assad's forces.

Dr. Mohamed Habib, one of the founders of Al-Nahda Party, called on the MB to reconsider their decision to support a certain presidential candidate. He said he will personally support Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh for presidency because he considers him the best among other candidates.

Young revolutionaries saw the idea of a "consensual president" as a confiscation of people's right to freedom.

Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei, former chief of the IAEA, totally refused holding presidential elections before drafting the constitution. "The constitution must first define the regime



type. Holding presidential elections before drafting the constitution is nothing but a political futility," said El-Baradei.



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Authors: Haitham El-Sharqawi, Walid Magdi (and others).

Islamists Protest in front of Syrian Embassy to Demand Expulsion of Ambassador



A number of Islamist groups organized a huge march and a protest in front of the Syrian embassy in Cairo to demand the expulsion of Syrian Ambassador to Cairo Yousef Al-Ahmad and sever ties with Bashar Al-Assad's regime. Protesters denounced the position taken by SCAF and El-Ganzouri's government towards the Syrian revolution. A march coming from Al-Azhar Al-Sharief mosque failed to reach the Syrian embassy.

Protesters carried signs denouncing the killing of women and children by Assad's troops. They also held banners saying: "The people want to expel the ambassador" and "the Egyptian people support the Syrian revolution."

Syrians living in Cairo had held a sit-in in front of the Arab League building in Tahrir Square. They made an exhibition with pictures showing the crimes committed by Assad and the heavy arms used against civilians, particularly in Homs and Hama.

A number of protesters told Al-Masry Al-Youm that SCAF and the government should respond to the demands of millions of Egyptians who refuse the violence and killing that is happening in Syria by a brutal dictator clinging to power. They demanded supporting the Syrian revolution with all necessary means and called on the government to cooperate with Turkey and Saudi Arabia to exercise more pressure on Assad's regime.

Also, tens of the members of the Salafi Front and some of the Syrian nationals in Egypt gathered near Al-Qa'ed Ibrahim mosque in Alexandria to demand expelling the Syrian ambassador and denounce the Egyptian government's take on the Syrian revolution.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Ahram: Page 4; Al-Shorouk: Pages 1, 8; Al-Dostour: Page 1.



Thousands Join Protests in Port Said



Port Said has witnessed many marches by people who came from different governorates around the country to denounce the massacre that took place in the Port Said Stadium and demand an immediate trial for those who killed Al-Ahly's football fans.

Protesters confirmed that the people of Port Said are innocent and what happened was a dirty conspiracy against them.

Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh, potential presidential candidate, joined the protests in Port Said. He confirmed that the people of Port Said are not murderers and that everyone should marginalize the calls to boycott the city and instead they should stand in solidarity with its people. He also said that the real perpetrators of this crime are the former regime figures who are conspiring against the revolution even behind bars.

Also, a number of actors, political activists and media officials joined the protests to express their solidarity with the city of Port Said. Some of them confirmed that hostility against the city will eventually lead to the fragmentation of the Egyptian state and will thus make it easier for external powers to control the country.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Tahrir: Page 7; Al-Akhbar: Pages 6, 7; Youm 7: Page 1, 5; Al-Shorouk: Page 3; Al-Dostour: Page 3.

Revolutionaries Launch Initiative to Form Command Council



A number of revolutionary forces and movements declared, during a conference organized by revolutionary youth, political activists and human rights groups, that they will launch an initiative to form a "Revolutionary Command Council."

The council will be composed of all revolutionary movements and groups. It aims at defending the revolution, asserting its goals and achieving its demands. Participants said the council will undertake the task of coordinating the efforts of revolutionary forces with that of the parliament in order to avoid any contradiction between revolutionary legitimacy and parliamentary legitimacy. Thus, the council includes three Members of Parliament.

Participants called on all political and revolutionary forces to join the council to avoid fragmentation and to contribute to drafting the new constitution, holding revolutionary trials for those who killed protesters and restoring Egypt's stolen funds.

Similar news was reported in: Youm 7: Page 7.



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Author: Eman Abd Al-Moneim.

The Muslim Brotherhood Initially Agree to Back Al-Arabi for Presidency



Informed sources told Al-Tahrir newspaper that the Muslim Brotherhood has initially agreed to back Arab League Secretary General Nabil Al-Arabi for presidency. The MB requested from some of the public figures to arrange a set of meetings between MB leaders, Freedom and Justice Party leaders and Al-Arabi to get to know his views on the coming phase.

Sources confirmed that the delay in declaring MB's support to Al-Arabi is due to some disagreements between MB members over the preferred presidential candidate. Guidance office and FJP leaders agree to back Al-Arabi for presidency, while middle-rank MB leaders would like to support Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh. MB young members have gained more autonomy since the beginning of the revolution and are now convinced that there is a contradiction between the Islamic principles on which they were raised and the positions of their leaders.

Despite of the fact that Al-Arabi did not yet announce his bid for presidency, discussions arose on the possibility of supporting him in presidential elections.

Al-Nour Salafi Party said Al-Arabi was the presidential candidate preferred by liberal movements, and thus the party will study supporting an Islamist candidate to run against him. They said they will hold meetings and deliberations to choose their preferred presidential candidate next week.



Pages: 1, 7.

Author: Mohamed Khayyal.

Ezz to the EU: My Rights are violated



In an attempt to internationalize his case, Ahmed Ezz, business tycoon and secretary of organizational affairs of the dissolved NDP, has submitted a complaint to the EU that claims he is being subjected to "severe violations of his rights, unlawful imprisonment and unjust revolutionary trial."

Ezz claims that his trial was a result of the success of his steel business and his prominent position during the Mubarak era.

Ezz claims in the memo that the rulings issued against him were "political, rushed, reckless and defective" and intended to satisfy the revolutionary fervor.

The complaint was prepared by a prominent American law office and is titled "The collapse of the rule of law and the imposition of revolutionary justice." He confirmed that none of the revolutionaries can establish any relation between him and the violence used against them before Mubarak's overthrow.

In his complaint, Ezz relied on a statement made by Senior Judge Ahmed Al-Zend in which the latter said that "judges have issued many rulings, which can be considered as a violation of the law, because they feared for their lives."

Prosecutor Hatem Azzam commented on Ezz's complaint by saying it contains arguments that undermine Egypt's judicial authority. Azzam said that Ezz is trying to place himself in the position of "a victim of unjust revolutionary trials," which is not the case in reality.

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Author: Mohamed Fouad.

Sex Scandal Leads to Sectarian Strife in Al-Ameriya



Investigating the truth of what happened in the village of Al-Ameriya in Alexandria was not an easy mission as rumors spread and contradictory statements are given by its residents. Yet stories confirm that the crisis began when a young Christian man, Mourad Girgis, had an affair with a Muslim woman and took a video of their intimate relationship using his mobile phone. The crisis escalated until customary meetings were held and the decision was taken to deport some of the Coptic families from the village, amid growing anger and riots in the village.

Ramadan Ibrahim, local farmer, said the village is quite distant from any manifestations of the rule of law. He said they did not have a police station and each family has a weapon to protect themselves with. Ibrahim also said that nearly 20% of the residents of the village are Coptic Christians and Muslims were living in complete harmony with them until this incident took place.

According to a report for the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, as soon as the news of the affair spread around the village, tens of Muslims gathered in front of the house of Girgis and demanded that he leave the village. A day after, the numbers of people increased to become thousands and some of them held sticks, rocks and Molotov Cocktails. They attacked Girgis' house and set fire to other houses and shops of Copts.

Christian residents confirmed that they tried to reach security officials, from the army or the police, to interfere before the situation escalates; however, all their attempts failed and security forces only interfered after many houses were already set on fire.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Ahram: Page 3; Youm 7: Page 1, 7; Al-Masry Al-Youm: Pages 1, 6.



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Author: Ibrahim Qassem.

Four Candidates Won Shoura Council Elections, Runoffs Will be Held in Remaining Constituencies



Senior Judge Abd Al-Moez Ibrahim, head of the High Elections Commission, declared that the voter turnout during the second phase of the Shoura Council elections reached 12.2% for single-member constituencies and 12.4% for party lists.

He pointed out that only four candidates won seats in single-member constituencies, while runoffs will take place in the 13 governorates which did not have conclusive results.

According to Ibrahim, the Freedom and Justice Party came first in the Shoura Council elections with 1,288,586 votes gained. Results of other parties are as follows: Al-Nour Salafi Party gained 814,707 votes, Al-Wafd 225,231 votes, the Egyptian Bloc 109,012 votes, and the Freedom Party 30,251 votes.

Ibrahim said the total number of eligible voters in single-member constituencies is 25.012 million; only 3.60 million of them voted in the Shoura Council elections. The total number of eligible voters for party-lists seats is 24,346 million; only 2.956 million of them casted their votes.

Observers said the low voter turnout in the Shoura Council elections was due to the fact that many Egyptians consider it to be less significant than the People's Assembly.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Akhbar: Page 9; Al-Shorouk: Page 4.



Pages: 3, 19.

Author: Not mentioned.

Escalation of Vicious Campaign against Egypt



US Republican Senator John McCain will visit Cairo on Sunday. McCain heads a delegation that will meet the head of Egypt's Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF), Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, his deputy, Lieutenant General Sami Anan, and other officials.

McCain had issued a joint statement, along with a number of US senators, indicating the possibility of cutting off US aids to Egypt. However, he stated that US-Egyptian relations are essential and that the safety of American citizens is even more essential.

McCain's visit to Cairo does not aim to create more tension but it is a diplomatic attempt to reach an understanding on the issue of foreign funds received by civil society organizations.

Republican and Democratic senators warned that the campaign made by Egyptian authorities against civil society organizations will lead them to re-consider US military aid given to Egypt, \$1.3 billion, if the issue was not resolved.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Ahram: Page 1; Al-Gomhoreya: Page 3; Al-Masry Al-Youm: Pages 1, 7.



TV Coverage (17/02/2012)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yom (Talk Show)

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Lubna Assal

The percentage of voters' turnout in the second phase of elections to the Shura Council is 12.2 %.

25 million and 12 thousand voters voted in the second phase of elections to the Shura Council.

The final results of the elections to the Shura Council show the Freedom and Justice party, al-Nour party and al-Wafd Party leading.



Channel: CH 1

Program: News headlines

Time: 27:00:00

The High Judicial Elections Commission declares the results of the second phase of elections to the Shura Council.

Freedom and Justice Party and al-Nour Party lead in the second phase elections to the Shura Council.

US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is against cutting off the US AID to Egypt.

US Congress deputies assert the importance of the American-Egyptian strategic partnership.



Channel: CH2

Program: News

Time: 26:00:00

Demonstrations in Port Said Call for punishing the killers and declaring the governor innocent.



Program: Yeseid Sabahak

Broadcaster: Sara al-Hilali and Ahmad al-Sawi

PM Ganzouri reiterated the government's support for the initiative of the "Egyptian AID" launched by the civil society to dispense with the foreign aids.



Links:

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http://admin.home.ipsos2012.operaunite.com/file_sharing/content/CH1-20120216-120015-120839.rar

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Radio Coverage (17/02/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

The High Judicial Elections Commission declares the results of the second phase of elections to the Shura Council. The percentage of voters' turnout was

12.2 %. (03:00 a.m.)

The Freedom and Justice Party, al-Nour Party and al-Wafd party lead according to the final results of the elections to the Shura Council. (3:00 a.m.)



News

Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat

Demonstrations in Port Said call for punishing the killers and declaring the governor innocent.(23:00)

The Egypt Judge Club is to form a delegation to discuss the legitimacy of the judicial authority draft law with the High Council of Justice. (16:00)



News All Day

Channel: Al-Bernameg Al-Am

The Freedom and Justice Party and al-Nour Party lead in the second phase elections to the Shura Council. (19:00:00)



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Internet Coverage (18/02/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Ibrahim el-Hadibi writes in Al-Shorouk: When the constitutional amendments committee proposed giving the parliament six months to choose members of the constituent assembly, who will have in turn another six months to draft a constitution, it was not just wasting time. After completing the parliamentary and presidential elections, the society should be focused on the constitution alone. The constitution not only should be reached by consensus, but should also represent the aspirations of Egyptians and serve as a path to reconstruct the nation. Discussions on the constitution could not just be replaced with partisan dialogue conducted in closed rooms. The two routes of closed rooms and societal dialogue should complete each other. The people and their MPs should not tolerate attempts to circumvent their democratic will and “cook” the constitution.

The German president resigned after he was proved to have abused his power in profiteering. What possibly did this big criminal do to be forced to resign? He took a loan from a bank with an interest rate lower than the authorized figure. He also agreed to allow one of his supporters to pay all his expenses during a stay in a luxurious hotel. Oh My God, these Germans do not want stability in their country!

When we told the German president story to some Egyptian officials and how his people forced him to resign, this was their reaction:

I never knew before that a president can resign!

Why would a president ask for a bank loan? What are commissions and wages for?

So what! Why is it a problem? What is the big deal about a president staying in a luxurious hotel for free?

Consider him as your father!

Germany is not Egypt. Not everything that comes from the West is sweet. Enough already!

No to trying the president. What are we going to tell our neighboring countries when they rub it in our faces?

Late Lieutenant General Saadeddin el-Shazli with his daughter, Shahdan, the first ever Arab woman to make a parachute jump.

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s720x720/408075_301848626535727_227529703967620_759956_1669353835_n.jpg

Thanks to the people of Japan. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/417018_300570770004546_133218376739787_833785_1574811065_n.jpg



Egyptian Cabinet:

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri reviews with the transport minister preparations for the inauguration of the first phase of the metro line III. The line will start from Downtown's Attaba district to Abbassiya.

Interior Minister: Security bodies launched a wide-scale campaign to arrest thugs and outlaws in Aswan.



Arabawy:

Mohamed Mahmoud St. residents, shops owners bring down army wall: On 17 February 2012, the local residents and shop owners in Mohamed Mahmoud Street hired a crane on their private expense, to remove the wall erected by the Egyptian army to block protesters during the November 2011 uprising.

The shop owners were not comfortable getting filmed and they asked me to stop filming, which I did. They spoke of "their interests and livelihood destroyed because of the wall." Their unease with the filming clearly demonstrates this act was done without permission from the army necessarily.

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

VIDEO - Interview with @austingmackell: Released Australian journalist Austin G Mackell speaks about his ordeal with the Egyptian police and military, while reporting on the labor movement in Mahalla.

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

VIDEO - Interview with @aliyaalwi: Interview with translator Aliya Alwi, following her release from police custody pending investigations into bogus charges, fabricated by the authorities, accusing her together with an Australian journalist and a US student of distributing money to street children agitating the latter to throw rocks at the police!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=wmml0XZkvbE

Film - The Arab Awakening - Tweets from Tahrir - Part 1:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_X6l-HATy1E&feature=player_embedded



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

It is said that SCAF buys its weapons from the Americans and that is why it needs the aid. They can just buy their weapons from Upper Egypt. The arms are much cheaper there!!!

When did Abul-Fotouh became a liberal? He is an independent Muslim Brotherhood member you stupid fools.

There is nothing called a conservative liberal. It is called a rightist affiliated with the Tea Party.

I am not a liberal or a socialist. I am a person who the people tried to brainwash but went they found he was a hopeless case they started cursing him. I am Wael Abbas and that is it.

Gsquare86:

Pro-military propaganda billboards on 6 of October Bridge showing a soldier carrying a baby titled "people and army one hand". It is sickening.

Ain Sokhna Port workers continue strike. #Egyworkers #Sokhna
<http://www.alwafd.org/%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D9%88%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B1/10-%D9%85%D8%AD%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A9/164213-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A5%D8%B6%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A8-%D8%B9%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%84-%D9%85%D9%8A%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D8%B9%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D8%AE%D9%86%D8%A9>

Turbulence paralyzes German and Spanish aviation movement. #Strike
<http://www.alaan.cc/pagedetails.asp?nid=98498&cid=46>

700 workers in Avico oils in Suez go on strike calling for better pay. #Egyworkers #suez
<http://www3.youm7.com/News.asp?NewsID=605029&SecID=296&IssueID=0>

Portugal's trade unions call for general strike on March 22. #Portugal #Strike #Workers
<http://www.forexpros.ae/news/%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1/%D9%83%D8%A8%D8%B1%D9%89-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%86%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%D8%B1%D8%AA%D8%BA%D8%A7%D9%84-%D8%AA%D8%AF%D8%B9%D9%88->



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Sinai Bedouins block road leading to Nuweiba after security apparatus eluded their demands for releasing their detained relatives. #Sinai

<http://tahrirnews.com/%D8%A3%D8%AD%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%AB-%D9%88%D9%88%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%A6%D8%B9/%D8%A8%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%B3%D9%8A%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D9%8A%D9%82%D8%B7%D8%B9%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B7%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%82-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%A4%D8%AF%D9%8A-%D9%84%D9%86%D9%88%D9%8A%D8%A8%D8%B9/>

A glimpse of fashion week 2012. #Photography #Fashion
http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2012/02/a_glimpse_of_fashion_week_2012.html

US pressing Egypt on NGO workers. #Egypt <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-17078098>

Saudi Arabia has a candidate in Egypt. <http://angryarab.blogspot.com/2012/02/saudi-arabia-has-candidate-in-egypt.html?spref=tw>

International road in central Sinai closed over demands for releasing some prisoners.
<http://www.almasryalyoum.com/node/665066>

Asmaa Mahfouz:

Al-Fagr newspaper is lying as usual and claims that Port Said residents have beaten us up, which is completely untrue. On the contrary, they welcomed us with flowers. The people there are fed up with SCAF.

Al-Fagr newspaper removed the story. It should have posted a correction.

Finally I arrived in the courageous city of Ain Shams.

Monasosh:

I could not understand the transformation in my personality. I used to be the girl who closes her eyes in most of the bloody scenes in Brave Heart and now the morgue and death are part of my daily routine.

Iyad elbaghdadi:

Demonstration in Sukkari neighborhood, southern #Aleppo, today:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0Y-A87efKM&feature=youtu.be&a "Liberty forever, despite you Assad!" #Syria](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0Y-A87efKM&feature=youtu.be&a%20Liberty%20forever,%20despite%20you%20Assad!%20#Syria)



Sukkari neighborhood, southern #Aleppo – security opens fire on demonstrators earlier today: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMKMFPhfGN0&feature=youtu.be> #Syria
“Shoot, or they shoot you” – a defector from #Assad’s army talks of the horrible choices he had to live with:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/9087350/Dispatch-Fouad-a-former-member-of-Bashar-al-Assads-military-tells-of-horrific-choices-that-forced-his-defection-to-the-rebels.html> #Syria

Remember this pro-revolution rally in #Benghazi, a week into the revolution?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgP0Gro52c8> #Libya

Dear followers, I need your help. Can you put in a good word for me? <http://www.el-baghdadi.com/home/bio/38-home/111-can-you-put-in-a-good-word.html>

Aalam Wassef:

What is resisting Egypt’s struggle for Freedom, rights, human and economic development? SCAF only? Hell no.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZUV7EZUaxo&feature=youtu.be>

Wael Ghonim:

A historic issue of Al-Ahram: An issue expounding on “Why yes to Mubarak” from front to back page on October 2, 1993.

<http://digital.ahram.org.eg/youmy/EventBrowes2.aspx?add=42793>



▪ 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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