



# News Coverage

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Author: Muhmmad Abd al-Khaliq

### The Azhar Refuses the Parliament Interference

#### مجلس الشعب غير مخول بالتدخل في شئوننا

كتب - محمد عبد الخالق:

وخرسات قوية طوال القرن الماضي...  
التي جعلت من المؤسسة القديمة في الدين  
الجزيرة أو المسيحية والمسيحية حتى  
على نفسه إذ انصرف عن منجزة الأصيل  
مؤكداً لفته في أنه من المستحيل أن  
يرتفع أحد على الأزهر من غير أهله  
وربما على عهد الخديويين، لأن الشيخ السيد  
مستكر ليس اللجنة الدينية بمجلس الشعب، إن  
الجلس له حق التشريع والرؤية على السلطة  
التفصيلية بكل مؤسساتها، وبالتالي يجوز له  
القترح القوانين التي تصحح الأوضاع في  
مؤسسات الدولة  
وأيضا يحكر استغرابه من هذه التشريعات،  
مشيرا في أنه إذا سمعت فإن شيخ الأزهر قد  
قامت على عهد حقائق تتعلق بالسلطات الدولة  
للشعب، وأكد أن مجلس الشعب ليس من  
قانون يُحل الصير بالأزهر، وأنه لا يوجد ما  
يلزم المجلس برفض مشروع القانون الذي يعده  
على منجزة الأزهر

به الأزهر، وأهل الأزهر وإن القائلين عليه  
أمرى بالمشورة  
والشعاب أنه ليس من السلطة  
المستأجرة لغيره، بل من سلطة  
التي تشارك في سلطة عامة كثيرة من  
الشعب، من قدر التيارات السياسية  
على الأزهر، الأمر الذي يؤدي إلى  
تسييسه، وإذا تم ذلك فهو الأضرار  
الأخيرة في مجلس الأزهر والشعاب  
عليه حرم لأنه لم يتكلم، هذه الحالة  
كثير حمة، أساسية كمنهج من الأية  
باعتبارها إلا لا يتكلم على أساس علمية  
لا شأن لها بالسياسة، فمجلسه وعظمي  
رصدت حجرت له مكانة في التاريخ على  
سبي تكلم من الف عام  
وأوضح أن الأمر ليس قانونيون  
أن يكون الأساس الأول في إصلاح الأزهر  
والقائلين عليه مثال من استقلال هذه  
الهيئة وحيثما في مجلس الأمة  
بمجلس على أن الأزهر قد تعرضت لمن

في بواخر أزمة بين البرلمان والأزهر  
بمجلس القانون القديم، السياسي يتطور  
الأزهر، أكد الدكتور محمد مهنا مستشار  
شيخ الأزهر أن مجلس الشعب له الحق  
في مناقشة ومراجعة التعديلات المقترحة  
على القانون القديم، غير أن ذلك لا يخلو  
في حق التشريع في الأزهر أو الدولة  
على الشريعة الإسلامية، والمستقل في  
أحكامه، مشيرا إلى أنه من أهم  
وتكمن النظام الديمقراطي مبدأ الفصل  
بين السلطات التي يشكل على محور  
رئيسي هو التعاون والمشاركة في ذات  
الوقت، ومن استخدام التي التمثيل في  
الاحتياطات  
وقال في بيان أصدره أمس، إن  
مجلس الشعب، وإن كان من جهة من  
القوانين، إلا أن أعداد القانون من شأن  
الجهة التنفيذية المنوط بها إدارة تشريعية،  
ولا يجوز له أن يتدخل في إدارة التشريع  
العلمية أو التنفيذية أو غيرها مما يتخلف

The author reports on signs of tension between the Azhar and the People's Assembly. Dr. Muhmmad Mhnna, advisor of the Azhar Grand Imam said the People's Assembly had the right to discuss and review the suggested amendments on the new suggested Azhar law concerning the Azhar. However, the People's Assembly does not have the right to interfere in the Azhar's affairs and its authorities. Mhanna asserted that separating between the different authorities was one of the main pillars of democracy.

Mhanna referred to the logical people's fear of the political groups getting hold of the Azhar.

On the other hand, Sheik Sayyid Askar, head of the Religion Committee at the People's Assembly said the People's Assembly had the right to draw up legislation and observe the executive authorities; hence, in his opinion, the assembly has the right to suggest the laws that correct the functions of the governmental conditions.



Pages: 3.  
 Author: Khalid al-Mataani

### The Controversial Bird of Officers



Reflecting on the increasing controversy created about the controversial legitimacy of police and army officers growing birds, the Mufti of Egypt issued a fatwa considering the issue “controversial” in Islam. No Islamic rules or verdicts make the bird obligatory for Muslim men.

The fatwa called on all officers to respect the laws of the governmental organizations as far as they do not contradict the principles of Islam.

Dar al-Ifta criticized wasting time and efforts in discussing such topic when people should exploit the time and effort to build and develop the country.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk, p. 1; al-Masry al-Yom, p. 3



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Author: Not mentioned

## Ramzi did not Give Orders to Kill Demonstrators

### رمزى ينفى صدور أمر منه بقتل المتظاهرين

أكد أحمد رمزى مساعد وزير الداخلية الأسبق أنه لم يصدر أى قرار بقتل المتظاهرين، حيث تحدث في بداية الأمر عن عدد قوات الأمن المركزي والقرارات المنظمة والسلاح المستخدم لهذه القوات، وأن عدد قوات الأمن المركزي على مستوى الجمهورية ١٢٠ ألف مجند موزعين على ١٢ إدارة عامة كل إدارة عامة بها عدد من القوات ووزير الأمن المركزي هو دور معاون للمديرية وشرح بأن صفى التشكيل هو ٤٨ ألف مجند وهذه القوات تخرج من قوة الأمن المركزي، حيث أن ثلث القوة تكون في الإجازات والباقي لخدمة ٢٨ محافظة، وفي أثناء الأحداث كانت هذه القوات منتشرة بـ ٢٢ محافظة.

Ahmad Ramzi, former assistant minister of interior in Egypt said he did not give orders to kill demonstrators.

120 thousand police officers spread in 12 general directorates in Egypt



### AMNESTY against Egyptian Security Violence



International AMNESTY accused the Egyptian Security Forces of adopting the same “tactics” and “brutal” ways of Mubarak’s regime in suppressing demonstrations and assaulting demonstrators.

AMNESTY called the People’s Assembly for a soon implementation of the reforms in the Ministry of Interior and the way of dealing with demonstration to guarantee people’s right to peaceful demonstrations.

More than 16 people were killed between the second and sixth of February in because of the brutal ways of suppressing protests.



Pages: 3  
 Author: Munir Adib

## Al-Jamaah al-Islamiya Counts their Victims at the State Security



Alaa Abu al-Nasr, general secretary of the of al-Jamaah al-Islamiya’s al-Bina was al-Tanmiyah Party [Construction and Development] uncovered the group’s intention to litigate the officers responsible for torturing members of the group over the past 30 years. Al-Jamaah al-Islamiyah will file a claim against the Ministry of Interior and the officers who were responsible for torturing its members over the past 30 years.

Al-Jamaah al-Islamiya is now counting the “crimes” that have been committed against its members. Those alleged crimes indicated destructing houses, poisoning the animals and burning farms.



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Author: Not mentioned

## The Advisory Council Urges Soon Constituent Commission



Secretary General of the Advisory Council Usamah Burhan calls on SCAF to found the constituent commission of the constitution as soon as possible.

Burhan also calls to represent all the political and social players in Egypt in the constituent commission.

Al-Nour Part also called for representing all the political players in the commission.

Dr. Muhammad Mursi, head of the Freedom and Justice party said the Parliament was to discuss forming the commission of 40 MPs, 30 members from outside the Parliament, and chosen by the Parliament and thirty others chosen by the bodies, groups and parties they belong to.



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Author: Hiba al-Qudsi and Basant Zain al-Din

### Washington Loses in Politics



The US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton said she was holding intensive talks with Egyptian officials regarding the NGOs case that indicates the trial of 19 American suspects involved in illegal activities through NGOs.

Washington has moderated its strong-worded messages to Cairo amidst, admitting the importance of the relationship between the two countries.

Clinton refused to comment on the Egyptian press releases about the issue, stressing that Washington's decisions depend on official documents.

Meanwhile, Victoria Nuland, spokesman of the American Secretary of State referred to the intensive talks held between Egyptian and American officials about the matter.

Mark Doing referred to the clever stance of SCAF when it considered the issue a mere judicial matter rather than political.

The United States that tackled the issue as a political matter was as such embarrassed; for it had always stressed on the necessity to respect the independence of the judiciary.



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Author: Many authors

### Shura Runoffs with no Voters



Al-Masry al-Yom reported on an extremely low turnout in the runoff round of the second phase of elections to the Shura Council. Some polling stations were empty.

However, Islamists continue to commit violations of campaigning in front of the polling stations and pulling voters.

Similar news was mentioned in al-Gomhouriya, p. 6



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Author: Ibtisam Taalab and Alaa Sarhan

### The Parliament Threatened

**خبراء سياسيون ودستوريون: البرلمان مهدد بـ«الحل»**

كتبه: **عبدالمعطي عبدالمعطي**

قال سياسيون واستاذة في القانون الدستوري إن قرار المحكمة الإدارية العليا بإحالة بعض مواد قانون مجلس الشعب الذي يتيح للأحزاب الترشح على الصعيد الفردي يمثل الاستئثار إلى المحكمة الدستورية العليا للحكم في منتهى دستوريةا بعد استمرار الحالة التخطيط التي تعانيها مصر خلال المرحلة الانتقالية، معبرين أنه سيوجب البدء في ماؤق.

قال المستشار بهاء الدين أبووشة العامي نائب رئيس حزب الوفد إن الدعوى التي تطلبها المحكمة العليا إما أن يكون الحكم فيها برفض الطلب، وفي هذه الحالة يكون المجلس الحالي ذا شرعية دستورية لكن الأزمة في قول المعلن أن ذلك يحفظ المجلس شرعيته أو على الأقل

مساعد القزويني وهو نفس مساعد ربه مجلس شعب عام 1990 ليصبح المجلس قائدا القوانين والقرارات التي سينتخبها المجلس على حكم الإدارية العليا أن يتم إلغاؤها وتكون أولها.

وأضاف أبووشة أن لجنة وضع الدستور ستجتمع في 4 مارس المقبل وفي هذه الحالة سيكون وضع الدستور متأزما وحتى لا تعطل القضية مسيرة الديمقراطية، فمن الأفضل أن تصدر المحكمة العليا حكما في 4 مارس المقبل.

فيما قال عبدالمعطي شكر القباوي بحزب التحالف الشعبي إن قرار الإحالة للدستورية العليا يزيد المرحلة الانتقالية تعقيدا لأنه من الممكن إحلال المجلس كاملا أو على الأقل الانتقالات القزوينية وهو أمر خطير على لجنة

إعداد الدستور لأنه إن تم تسليح الجناح التشريعي وفقا لحكم المحكمة العليا باتت القضية وهي التمييز بين الأفراد وحرمان الناخبين من الترشح.

وأضاف شكر: «الأفضل للخروج من أزمة وضع الدستور أنه يصحح إعلان نتيجة مجلس الشعب ويضع الجلسان وتنتج لجنة إعداد الدستور لأن حل المجلس أو إبطال قوانينه لا يفسد القوانين التي سبقتها».

وخلال حوار جديريال، استشهد القزويني على المحكمة الدستورية العليا بقرارها بتعليق الدعوى القضائية التي تقدمها المحكمة العليا مستطردا إلى أن على الإعلان الدستوري من عدمه وهو ما سيحدد إمكانية حل المجلس أم لا».

A number of politicians and constitutional experts considered the Supreme Constitutional Court's decision to refer a number of the articles of people's Assembly law concerning single-member constituencies candidates to be another indication of the Egyptian confusion in the period that followed the Jan 25 Revolution.

The confirmation of the violations will make the people's Assembly illegal and consequently it will lead to dissolving it.

According to the People's Assembly law, the independent candidates for individual seats should not be members of any party. However, about a third of the parliament seats were won by independent candidates who belong to political parties that were already in the race to the Parliament.



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Author: Hamdi Dabsh and others

## Al-Nour Calls for Fair Representation in the Constituent Commission



The Parliamentary Body of Salafist al-Nour Party called for a fair representation of all political and social players in the constituent commission that is to draft the constitution.

President of al-Nour party Imad Abd al-Ghafour called for representing Copts, Egyptian expatriates, Nubians and other national players in the commission.

Meanwhile, Sheik Yasser Burhami, vice president of the Salafi Call warned of any compromises about the second article of the constitution, stressing that the Islamic Law [Sharia] should be the reference of all legislations, giving Copts the right to consider their legislations in personal status affairs. However, he stresses the importance to enforce the principles of Islamic Shariaah in all mutual affairs.



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**Author: Jumaah Hamad Allah**

### **Egypt's Foreign Ministry Rejects a UN Offer**

The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign affairs rejected a UN offer to help Egypt drafting the constitution.

Minister Amr Rushdi, spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated that the constitution was a purely internal Egyptian affair, rejecting any foreign interference.



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Author: Safwat Omran

### MB Supreme Guide: No Deal between Us and SCAF



The Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, Mohamed Badi, stated that the Brotherhood is trying to create a status of consensus over a limited number of presidential candidates. He rejected the accusation that they stoke a deal with the Military Leaders, saying disagreement can take place between all political factions.

He rejects military trials for civilians asserting that any civilian has the right to be tried before an ordinary judge.

He added that MB does not interfere with the resolutions of Freedom and Justice Party.



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Author: Safwat Omran

### Disagreement over Constituent Assembly inside PA



The latest hours witnessed a disagreement between political parties inside the Parliament over the criteria for establishing the Constituent Assembly, especially between Wafd and FJP.

There are suggestions that the Assembly includes 40% from inside the Parliament and 60% from outside.



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 Author: Several authors

### Elections Updates



Preliminary results of the vote count in the Shura elections showed landslide victory to Freedom and Justice Party.

Al-Nour Party came second after FJP followed by the Egyptian Bloc and Wafd.

Heated competition took place between Al-Nour and FJP in Giza governorate.

Judges arrived late amidst a low voters' turnout in Behera governorate, same happened in Sharkiya governorate.

Low voters' turnout in Shura reruns due to clashes between families and Propane tanks crisis.



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Author: Samar Nabih.

## Advisory: SCAF Sent Constituent Assembly Proposals to Parliament



Dr. Mansour Al-Hassan, head of the Advisory Council, confirmed that the Supreme Council of Armed Forces sent their proposals regarding the formation of the Constituent Assembly to the parliament. The People's Assembly is the legislative authority that has the power to issue a final decision on the Constituent Assembly's formation.

Hassan told Al-Dostour newspaper that the Advisory Council fulfilled its role regarding the Constituent Assembly and drafting the constitution by presenting its proposals to SCAF.

When asked about joining the presidential elections race, Hassan said that he is still considering the decision to run for presidency and he plans to announce his final decision two days before opening the door for registering presidential candidates.



Pages: 1, 5.

Authors: Samir Radwan and Nada Hamdi.

### Speculations of Death Sentence for Al-Adli and Ahmed Ramzy



Some sources provided speculations on the decision that will be issued by the court examining the trial of former president Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, his two sons Alaa and Gamal, his minister of interior Habib Al-Adli, and senior security officials. They expected that the court will issue a death sentence for Habib Al-Adli and Ahmed Ramzi, in addition to deterring sentences to all those accused of killing protesters.

Civil rights lawyers and defendants' lawyers exchanged insults after one of the civil rights lawyers accused a Kuwaiti lawyer, who was defending Mubarak, of interfering in the country's affairs.

As soon as the defendants entered the court, one of the lawyers representing the families of the revolution's victims said, "The blood of martyrs covers your hands.. Why did you kill our children?"

Farid Al-Deib, Mubarak's lawyer, requested from Judge Ahmed Refaat, who is presiding over the ousted president's trial, not to transfer Mubarak from the International Medical Center to Torah Prison Hospital. He said the report presented by the Public Prosecution, according to which Mubarak should be transferred to the prison's hospital, is rejected in form and substance. He said that Mubarak was placed in the International Medical Hospital according to the court's decision and no one is allowed to question the court's decisions. "We refuse any interference by the legislative authority in the course of trial," Al-Deib added.

Prosecutor Mostafa Khater said what Al-Deib mentioned is considered "a blatant interference in the work of the prosecution." He said the prosecution's recommendation to transfer Mubarak to the Tora Prison Hospital was based on the decision of the health committee of the People's Assembly.

Al-Adli requested to speak before the court. He spoke about the security conditions before the January 25 revolution. He said he protected the country from serious threats of



terrorists and militant Islamists. He also confirmed that the Ministry of Interior had many achievements during his time; particularly the prevailing sense of security provided for citizens. An external plan was designed to disrupt Egypt's stability and security and this conspiracy was carried out during the first days of the revolution, Al-Adli added. "We confirm that the protesters were peaceful, however, some criminal elements infiltrated these protests" said Al-Adli, confirming that policemen never fired at protesters.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Sherouk: Pages 1, 9, 10; Al-Gomhoria: Page 2; Youm 7: Pages 1, 4.



Page: 4.  
Author: Ahmed Amer.

## Supreme Administrative Court Issues Decision of the Invalidity of Single-Member Constituencies



The Supreme Administrative Court, headed by Senior Judge Magdi Al-Agati, issued its verdict to refer a number of the articles of the parliamentary elections law to the Supreme Constitutional Court to determine their constitutionality.

The court said in its decision that they reviewed some of the articles on parliamentary elections and reached the conclusion that articles, which provide the rules for the single-member voting system, contradict principles of equality of opportunity. Thus, these articles gave political parties an advantage in parliamentary elections compared to independent candidates. Accordingly, the court decided the invalidity of two-thirds of the parliament, and referred its decision to the Supreme Constitutional Court.



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Author: Eman Abdel-Moneim

## MB Offers Beshri Presidential Candidacy

**الإخوان يعرضون الرئاسة على البشري**

ككتبت: إيمان صيد المنعم  
يوم الأحد الطويل سيكون حاسماً في تحديد مستقبل حكومة رئيس الوزراء الدكتور كمال الجنزوري. المحدث أن يأتي بيان الحكومة أمام المجلس التشريعي، بينما بدأت قوى الأقلية هي المجلس التشريعي تشكيل حكومة الائتلاف. قبل أن يعود رئيس المجلس الدكتور سعد الكتاتني، المرشح يتولى إن بيان الحكومة أمام مجلس الشعب سيحدد بناء الحكومة من بعده، أما على الخط الرئاسة، فقد أكدت مصادر مطلقة رفض المستشار طارق البشري مطالب الإخوان بترشيح له بالترشح لمنصب الرئيس، لتستمر رحمة البيت وتشكيات.

بينما يتذهب الجنزوري يوم الأحد إلى مجلس الشعب فنياً ويترقب من نشاطه سير ام مسار منه وتداول الأثر الفيلاد السياسي التي هي الأخرى سعاديوحات ومنها بحري طبعاً هي أرفقة البرلمان، الذي سيطر عليه حزبه العربية والعدالة. مكتب الكتاتني على حساب الخاضع على بوشهر، أن جيران الحكومة أمام المجلس الأوسع الشايف، الذي سيقبله الدكتور كمال الجنزوري، هو الذي سيحدد بناء الحكومة من بعده، بينما أثر حزب الأقلية

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The Muslim Brotherhood has been contacting counselor Tareq el-Beshri to convince him to run in the presidential elections, well-placed sources inside the group said.

Beshri, however, turned down the offer and expressed full rejection of the idea.

Beshri was the chairman of the committee that introduced constitutional amendments that were put up for a referendum in March 2011.





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Author: Mohamed Salem, Shorouk correspondents

## Shura Election Results



The HEC stated that the results of the Shura elections will be announced next Saturday.

The Shura Council will be held with the elected members only until the election of a new president; one third of its members are appointed and selecting the remaining third is not within SCAF's purview.

The Islamic current represented by FJP and Nour Salafi Party won the majority of seats. FJP won 54 seats in the first phase and 29 seats in the second phase; 60%.

El-Nour Salafi Party won 39 seats; 20 in the first phase and 19 in the second phase. Wafd Party won 16 seats, the Egyptian Social Democratic Party won 7 seats and the independents won 3 seats.



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Author: Mohamed Khayal

### FJP Plans on Supporting El-Awa as President



Sources inside FJP, the political arm of the Muslim Brotherhood, said that Selim El-Awa is most likely to get the party's support in the presidential elections. El-Awa possesses all the characteristics the Brotherhood had set for the coming president, in addition to having a reasonable political experience and outside relations, added the sources.

Mohamed Badei, the Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood said his Party will not support a particular Islamic candidate; however he must be of an Islamic background. He stated that his party has not discussed the presidential elections yet.

The Brotherhood is facing a problem after a large sector of its youth is angered by its decision not to support Abd El-Moneim Abul-Fotouh as president.



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Author: Ahmed Abd El-Halim

### El-Awa Vows to Release Amr Abd El-Rahman



Potential presidential candidate, Dr. Mohamed Selim El-Awa vowed to do his utmost and that use all available resources to release Amr Abd El-Rahman, the spiritual leader of El-Gama'a El-Islamiyah who has been detained in America since 1993.

Construction and Development Party, the political wing of El-Gama'a El-Islamiyah, received the presidential candidate as part of its process to listen to all presidential candidates to decide on whom to support.

## Court Rejects April 6 Political Activist's Appeal



Cairo's Criminal Court, headed by Senior Judge Mohamed Al-Shorbaji, rejected the appeal filed by Ahmed Douma, political activist from the April 6 movement, on the prosecution's decision to put him in prison for 30 days pending investigations.

Sayed Fathi, Douma's lawyer, said there are no legal reasons to put the defendant in prison on remand, demanding his immediate release.

Tens of political activists and members of the April 6 movement attended the trial session and after the court was adjourned they chanted "Freedom for Every Political Prisoner" and "Down Down with Military Rule."



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Author: Mohamed Hendawi

## Egypt Tells UN: We Don't Need Help in Writing Constitution



The United Nations has offered to help Egypt to write a new constitution but the country replied to the offer with “Thanks, but no thanks.”

Egypt has a constitution that was written half a century ago, meaning that it has a great expertise in this field, Foreign Ministry spokesman Amr Roshdi said.

Similar news was reported in Al-Masry Al-Yom (page 7)



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Author: Not mentioned

## **US Intelligence Chief Arrives in Cairo**

US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper arrived in Cairo on Wednesday leading a delegation on a several days' visit.

The delegation is expected to meet a number of Egyptian officials for talks on the latest developments in the Arab world.

Clapper arrived aboard a military flight from Tripoli, Libya.

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Author: Not mentioned

### 5 Beard-Growing Officers Suspended from Work



Four police officers and a non-commissioned officer were suspended from work and referred to investigation for growing their beards in violation of the Interior Ministry's roles.

Two of them work in Sharqiya governorate, one in the prisons' departments and the fourth in the general administration for police communications. The non-commissioned officer works in the general administration for tourism police.

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Author: Dina Darwish

## ECFA: Suspended NGOs Work against Egypt's Sovereignty



Foreign NGOs, which have been suspended inside Egypt pending investigations, used to work without licenses and against the sovereignty and laws of Egypt, said the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA).

As many as 1,005 foreign NGOs operate in Egypt, including 33 unlicensed American organizations, the ECFA said.

Those American NGOs were not working in social and charity activities, but in the political field, the ECFA added.



## TV Coverage (22/02/2012)



**Program: Al-Hayat Al-An**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Maha Bahnasy**

Public prosecutor informs the court that Tora Prison Hospital is ready for Mubarak.  
Cabinet approves naming the third line of the subway "Revolution Line".

Runoffs of the second phase of the Shura elections started among low voter turnout.

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

People's Assembly office will decide the measures taken against MP Ziad Al-Elimy's on Sunday.



**News**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**  
**Time: 3:00 AM**

Pronouncing the verdict in Mubarak's trial will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Vote count ended in Shura Council runoffs.

**Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**

According to Al-Gomhoreya newspaper: In a statement to the People's Assembly, SCAF said the Ziyad Al-Alimy issue is driving a wedge between SCAF and the people.  
According to Al-Akhbar newspaper: Student marches demand the punishment of those responsible for killing the protestors.

According to Al-Ahram newspaper: NGOs case triggered conflicts between the government and the civil society.



**News**  
**Channel 2"State TV"**  
**Time: 26:00:00**

The runoffs of the Shura elections ended.

**Program: Yeseed Sabahak**  
**Channel 2"State TV"**  
**Host: Hend Rashad and Yasser Abdel-Hakim**

Preacher Mohamed Hassan accepts MP Ziyad Al-Elimy's apology.  
SCAF informs People's Assembly it will not sue MP Ziyad Al-Elimy.

People's Assembly Legislative Committee approves amending the Presidential Elections Law in order to conduct the vote count in substations in the presence of parties' representatives.



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## Radio Coverage (22/02/2012)



**News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

**7:00 PM**

Ballot boxes closed in the second phase of the Shura elections.

Cairo Criminal Court is to pronounce the verdict against Mubarak and the other officials tried

Shura elections second phase reruns started with a low voter turnout. 18:00:00

Freedom and Justice Party rejects the idea of a consensus president. 23:00:00

Vote count in the second phase of the Shura elections started amidst a low turnout.  
23:00:00



**News**

**Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat**

**Time: 23:00:00**

Shura elections second phase reruns ended.



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## Internet Coverage (23/02/2012)

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### We are all khaled saeed

The fires of the revolution cannot be extinguished, it does not wait. Revolution must be continued.

Judge El-Khodeiry, Head of the PA's Legislative Committee and famous constitutional expert, said in an interview yesterday that the Parliament is to introduce a number of very important amendments to the presidential elections law within days, which should be referred to the constitutional court for revision.

Only 18 days left before opening presidential candidature and we still do not know when the elections will be held.

News: Judge Ahmed Refaat set June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the verdict in the trial against Mubarak, El-Adly and his aides.

Dr. Moataz Abd El-Fattah: Selecting a president is linked to what he plans on presenting to us and not what is said about him.

### Egyptian cabinet

Prime Minister Kamal Al-Ganzouri will deliver the government's policy statement at the People's Assembly's next Sunday to explain the government's plan.



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### **FILM - Revolution through Arab Eyes - The Factory**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=uo1Fytmjlmw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=uo1Fytmjlmw)



Muslim brotherhood

### **Freedom and Justice Party Renews Call for National Consensus Government; Rejects Borrowing Policy, Women's Council**

The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) said that Egypt is still suffering from escalating economic and security crises that confirm the failure of the current government's approach in dealing with them. This increases the suffering of the Egyptian people, one whole year after the January 25 Revolution, with no significant improvement in their quality of living. Instead, they



have experienced a steep and steady growth in prices that requires a real and serious review of government performance.

In its 'Views & Reviews' wide-ranging statement on Monday, the FJP underscored the need for a new, coalition government of national consensus that reflects the choices of the Egyptian people expressed in the last parliamentary elections - a government that will comply and harmonize with the people's desire for reform and change.

The FJP stressed that to allow the current government to continue without regard to its badly deteriorating performance will complicate matters further, and indicates that there is a desire that has become clear to export more crises to any future.

As for foreign borrowing, the FJP affirmed its respect and appreciation for all international institutions, but reiterated its rejection of the government's insistence on borrowing from the World Bank.

Further, the FJP asserted that The party sees that searching for pain killers to treat economic problems raises many questions, especially since Egypt has many financial resources that can be relied upon before resorting to external borrowing, be it from the World Bank or any other source, so as not to overload Egypt's future generations with burdens in which they had no hand in incurring.

The FJP's statement also criticized the government's failure to cleanse the Ministry of Interior of the former interior minister Habib El-Adli's chums and followers, and to purge the dissolved state security apparatus.

Moreover, the FJP demanded full opportunity be given for many noble and honest leadership figures - within the Ministry of the Interior - who are genuinely committed to restoring the security and stability of Egypt, and to reforming the security apparatus effectively.

On the recent restructuring of the National Council for Women (NCW), the FJP rejected the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF)'s decision and its determination to ignore the popular rejection of a new NCW persisting in the same endeavors, in the same way the old NCW did under the reign of the corrupt former regime, which tried to demolish the family and family life from the moment of its inception.

In conclusion, the FJP warned against attempts by the NCW to involve Egypt in any decisions or treaties through its participation in the meetings of the Women's Committee of the United Nations, which may lead to more tension and strife in the Egyptian street, due to dubious policies on the basis of which this Council was founded.



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"Mideast money pours into London property: <http://on.ft.com/wjsYKz>"

"New on Arabist: Links 20-21 February 2012 <http://arb.st/xKwanj>"

**@AalamWassef**

"Now that's extremely open minded. <http://yfrog.com/h6t9uwyj>"

**@Asmaa Mahfouz**

There will be a peaceful stand for Ultras Ahlawy tomorrow at 3:00PM in Cairo University to demand retribution and justice for the football fans killed in the Port Said massacre.

If presidential elections were held according to the rules of the military junta, then SCAF members will ensure a "safe exit" from power.

**@Iyad\_ElBaghdadi**

"Intellectually color blind" - those who can only see black & white, instead of a spectrum of options, opinions, and positions."

"#Syria tweeps - how far is Rifai neighborhood from #BabaAmr?"

"Often a tyranny doesn't teeter for a while and then falls; it looks absolutely fine and then just snaps."

"Activists are reporting being gassed in #BabaAmr. Not clear if it's tear gas or something more sinister. Fearing the worst. #Syria #Homs"

"Wondering how many will die before we see #Syria #Assad-free. Depressing thought."

"#Aleppo's youth raise the independence flag & destroy Hafez al-#Assad's statue in their university: [bit.ly/xrxd2u](http://bit.ly/xrxd2u) #Syria"



## ▪ 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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