



# News Coverage

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Authors: Ahram correspondents in Cairo, Berlin and London

### Anger in Egypt after Lifting Travel Ban on NGO Workers



Political forces were enraged after the travel ban on NGO workers was mysteriously lifted causing demands for an immediate explanation from the government to mount. Judges called for the formation of a judicial committee to find out what really happened.

Head of Cairo's Criminal Court, Zakaria Shalash, described what it as a scandal and a violation to Egyptian sovereignty. He said that any interference in judicial affairs is a major insult.

Shalash reported that recused judge Mahmoud Shokri enjoys an impeccable reputation. He added that allegations that Shokri's son has worked for one of the NGOs is totally baseless. The trial was already postponed when lawyers of the defendants, who were not present, submitted requests for lifting travel ban, which is illegal according to Criminal Law procedures.

Shalash assured that when Judge Mahmoud Shokri faced increasing pressure to approve those requests, which he referred them to Cairo's Appeals Court.

So far, the authority that issued the decision to lift the travel ban remains unclear.

Human rights group Amnesty International called on Egyptian authorities to "end their attacks on civil society."

"The Egyptian authorities must not use this heavily-publicized case to distract international attention from the situation faced by human rights organizations in Egypt,"



asserted Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, the Amnesty International Deputy Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

Freedom House welcomes the decision by Egyptian authorities to permit wrongfully charged foreign NGO workers to leave the country but remains very concerned about the fate of 14 Egyptians who remain in the country and continue to face spurious charges. They called for the criminal case against all defendants to be immediately dropped and for authorities to allow civil society organizations to resume their work without interference.

State Department Spokesperson Victoria Nuland stated that American NGOs paid the bail on US suspects to leave the country. The bail was \$300,000 for each person, denying any interference by the American administration.

She confirmed that U.S. government finances American NGOs, however the bail was paid by the organizations themselves.

Mahmoud Hussein El-Amin, Secretary General of the Muslim Brotherhood, vehemently denied any connection to the case. He added that dragging MB's name is only a defamation attempt.

A march was staged in Tahrir square yesterday denouncing SCAF's policy in handling the foreign funding case against NGOs. Protestors considered SCAF's actions similar to that of the previous regime, as it also does not respect public opinion.

Similar news was reported in Masry Youm pages 1, 6, 7, 8; Gomhoria pages 1, 10; Dostour page 3; Tahrir page 1, 2, 3; Shorouk pages 1, 3, 5, 6; Youm7 page 4; Akhbar pages 1, 15.



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Author: Ahmed El-Batreeq

## First Parliamentary Meeting on New Constitution



The Two houses of Egyptian parliament meet today to discuss the procedures of forming the Constituent Assembly, which would be responsible for drafting the constitution. The meeting is to be headed by PA Speaker, Mohamed Saad El-Katatni.

The Parliament, Shura Council and PA, will form a special committee to set the criteria for the formation of the Constituent Assembly. The committee will include MPs from the general committee, Parliamentary blocs representatives, in addition to five members from each house.

The committee plans to receive the different ideas and perspectives regarding the matter from syndicates and parties. Then the final suggestions of the committee are to be presented in another meeting of both houses.

A number of political forces expressed their concerns that FJP might unilaterally affect drafting the constitution. Thus, as Former Judges' Club Head, Judge Zakaria Abd El- Aziz suggested the Constituent Assembly should only include non-parliamentary members.

Moreover, there is a possibility of deeming parliamentary elections unconstitutional, which might affect the legitimacy of the constitution itself.

Similar news was reported in Masry Youm pages 1,4; Gomhoria page 3; Dostour page 1; Youm7 pages 1,5; Akhbar page 12



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Author: Essam Hesham

## Work Suspended in Azhar University over Strikes



Azhar University Council decided to suspend work in the University buildings for a week as a response to the strikes staged by graduated top students who occupied the offices of the dean, his deputies, and the Secretary General for over a month.

The council called on Interior Minister, Prime Minister, and SCAF to interfere and foil any attempts to hinder the workflow inside the university.



## Presidential Candidates Unanimously Condemn Travel Ban Lift on NGO Workers



Potential presidential candidates denounced the “mysterious” decision of lifting the travel ban on foreign suspects in the NGOs case. They considered it an infringement on judicial authorities.

Amr Moussa stated that the people have the right to know the circumstances surrounding the secession of the judge and the decision taken to lift travel ban.

Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael believes that this has taken place through a number of steps; first the US government announced that the crisis is about to be resolved, and the next day the suspects were released on bail.

Hamdeen El-Sabagy says that what happened raises many questions regarding the independence of the Egyptian judicial system.

Selim El-Awa demanded a clarification for the real reasons of releasing foreign suspects.



### Spain to Hand over Businessman Hussein Salem to Egypt



The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said Friday that a Spanish court has ruled to hand over convicted businessman Hussein Salem and his son Khaled to the Egyptian authorities.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Amr Rushdie said in a statement Friday that the Spanish prosecutor called Egypt's ambassador in Madrid earlier in the day to inform him that a Spanish court had ruled to extradite Salem and his son. Rushdie said that the court is still considering the situation of Salem's daughter, Magda.

The cases of extraditing Salem and his son were before the same judge, while Magda's extradition case was before another judge who is yet to issue his decision.

Salem is also on trial before Cairo Criminal Court, in the same trial as Mubarak. The court is scheduled to issue a verdict in that case on 2 June.

Similar news was reported in Ahram pages 1,5; Gomhoria page 3; Tahrirpage1; Shorouk page 1; Youm7 page1; Akhbar page 3



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Author: Hamdy Dabsh, Hany El-Wazeery, Ghada Mohamed El-Sherif, Mahmoud El-Sherif, Osama El-Mahdy

## Salafi Parties Refuse "Civilian State" in Drafting Constitution



Today both Parliamentary houses will hold a meeting to discuss the formation of a special committee responsible for selecting Constituent Assembly members. The special committee will include 30 members.

Six hours before the meeting, Al-Nour and Al-Asala Salafi parties demanded that the Constituent Assembly should include parliamentary members only.

Al-Nour party spokesperson said his party rejects using the word "civilian" in the constitution to describe the country, it prefers using "modern," adding that the provisions not only the principles of the Islamic Shari'a should be the major source of legislation.

### Court Workers Disagree Over Ending Strike



Prosecution and court workers disagreed over ending their strike after Judge Adel Abd El-Hamid, Justice Minister, issued a number of decisions following his meeting with a delegation from the independent syndicates.

Some workers suggested ending the strike saying that the minister is starting to respond to their demands. While others believe those decisions are only attempts to calm them down.

The Minister is yet to decide on their financial demands and separating the budget of court and prosecution workers from the High Judiciary Council.

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 3

## Port Said Security Chief Accused of More than Negligence



A judicial source assured that the investigation team in the case of Port Said riots is currently considering the legal situations of all 94 suspects in the case. Fifty-four suspects are still under detention, 32 were released, and 8 are security officials.

The source added that the charges against Port Said Security Chief, Essam Samak might exceed major negligence while performing his duty. He might be accused of complicity, the source added.



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Author: Hamdy Dabsh, Osama Mahdy, Hany El-Wazeery, Ghada Mohamed El-Sherif

### FJP to Bring down Ganzouri's Government



Freedom and Justice Party, the political arm of the Muslim Brotherhood, launched a fierce attack against Kamal El-Ganzouri's government holding it responsible for lifting the travel ban on foreign suspects in the case against illegal-operating NGOs in Egypt.

The party assured that it plans to parliamentary bring down Ganzouri's government within two weeks proposing a no-confidence vote against his government. It announced that it is ready to form a coalition government within three days, in cooperation with the rest of political forces.

They will submit interpellations against Prime Minister, Justice, Interior, Foreign, and International Cooperation Ministers.

Mahmoud Ghozlan, MB spokesperson, called the travel ban lift "a disaster," adding "during last year we fully trusted SCAF but we have learned a lot," he added.

Similar news was reported in Gomhoria page11; Dostour page 3; Youm7 page 3

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Author: Mohamed El-Snahoury, Saeed Nafei, Ragab Ramadan

### Judges Brew a Storm after Travel Ban Lift



Judges were angered after the travel ban was mysteriously lifted, allowing foreign NGO workers accused of operating in Egypt illegally to leave the country.

A number of judges announced presenting formal complaints to the Supreme Judicial Council. Judge Ahmed Mekki revealed that investigating with a judge is within the Justice Ministry's purview not the Supreme Judicial Council.

Yesterday, dozens of judges in Alexandria started collecting signatures on a memo that would be presented the Justice Minister to open an administrative investigation in the matter.

There are reports that Court of Appeal judges are planning an emergency meeting to withdraw the authorities of Judge Abd El-Moez Ibrahim, head of Cairo's Appeals Court, after he interfered with the work of Cairo's Criminal Court.

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 1; Tahrir page 2, 4;



### Tantawi Addresses Parliament



Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi is to address the parliament in its meeting today to select members of the Constituent Assembly according to article 60 of the constitutional declaration.

He is to reassure his commitment to the roadmap set by the ruling military council to hand over power to an elected authority by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He intends to stress the independence of the Assembly.

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces has issued a decree on February 26<sup>th</sup> calling all non-appointed MPs for a meeting to select the one hundred members of the Constituent Assembly.

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Author: Mohamed Fatallah

### Ganzouri Denies Responsibility



Prime minister Kamal El-Ganzouri refused to comment on the latest developments of the NGOs foreign funding case after the travel ban on foreign NGO workers was lifted.

He stressed that the government bears no responsibility in this matter; the case was in the hands of the judicial system and the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces.

Similar news was reported in Tahrir page 3



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Author: Abd El-Rahmanm Abu Ouf

### US-Egyptian Deal to Release NGO Workers



Dostour newspaper maintains that a deal was stricken between the Egyptian and the American authorities to release US suspects in the NGOs foreign funding case. The newspaper claims that the Muslim Brotherhood was part of the deal and that is why US State Secretary Spokesperson Victoria Nuland expressed her thanks to them in her speech.

The deal included the possibility of exchanging 50 Egyptian prisoners abroad including the spiritual leader of Al-Gama'a Al-Islamiyah, Omar Abd El-Rahman, who has been detained in America for the past 19 years.

It also compels the American side never to wave the aid card again, no matter how much the tension between both sides intensify.

Economic conditions were also part of the deal, the newspaper reported.

### Investigative Judges of NGO Case Drop Out



Judicial sources told Tahrir newspaper that the two investigative judges who were appointed by the Ministry of Justice in the case of NGOs foreign funding; Ashraf El-Ashmawy and Sameh Abu Zeid would present a letter to the Minister to recuse themselves. They say this is in solidarity with Judge Mahmoud Shokri who seceded earlier.

The judges took that decision in protest of the interference in Judge Shokri's work after he was asked to reconsider lifting travel ban.



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 Author: Iman Abd El-Moneim, Mahmoud Hossam

### Congress Thanks MB for “Constructive” Efforts



Four congress leaders thanked Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood for its “constructive role” in resolving the diplomatic crisis between both countries.

Senators John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Richard Blumenthal, and John Hoeven said in a statement they issued on Thursday that they have held meetings with PA Speaker, MPs, MB leaders, and SCAF members, which made them realize there are people working in good faith to reach a positive solution for the crisis.

Senator John McCain who has earlier met Khairat El-Shater, MB deputy supreme guide, stated that the Brotherhood played a big role in allowing those suspects to travel.

MB Spokesperson Mahmoud Ghozlan quickly denied those allegations saying that McCain’s statements are totally false.

Similar news was reported in Youm7 page 1; Akhbar page 3



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Authors: Emad El-Din Hussein, Mohamed Saad Abd El-Hafiz

### Transitional Period Roadmap



Shorouk newspaper reports the roadmap for the rest of the transitional period according to informed sources. The constitution would be drafted by the Constituent Assembly in June; it will be put to a referendum by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The new president is to take the constitutional oath before the Parliament after drafting the constitution.

Selecting Constituent Assembly members will take place during the presidential elections. The Assembly will finish its work and the constitution will be put to referendum before July. After announcing the referendum results, the president will assume powers, according to article 30 of the constitutional declaration.

A special committee will be formed today to collect suggestions over the formation of the Constituent Assembly from different parties and political forces. The committee will include People’s Assembly members and 10 Shura members.



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Author: Ahmed Abd El-Haleem

## Nour Party Discusses Constituent Assembly



Al-Nour Salafi Party's supreme commission entered a closed meeting yesterday to discuss the criteria of selecting Constituent Assembly members and name Nour members in charge of studying the programs of political candidates.

The presidential committee will include five members who will communicate with all candidates to select one that the party supports in the elections following the criteria set by the party.

Official party spokesperson, Yosri Hammad, stated that the party formed a legal committee to create a complete visualization of Egypt's draft constitution.



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Author: Mahmoud Saad El-Din, Mahmoud Abd El-Ghany

### Free Egyptians Party Parliamentary Head Resigns



Free Egyptians Party MP Mohamed Abu Hamed resigned from his party Thursday night in order to devote more time to an unidentified project that would “serve the nation,” he said.

Last week, Abu Hamed resigned from his post as head of the party’s parliamentary bloc and party deputy head.

Similar news was reported in Masry Youm page 3



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Author: Hend Adel, Amin Saleh, Mohamed Ismail, and Ramy Nour

## Presidential Candidates Reject Foreign Funding For Their Campaigns

### مرشحو الرئاسة يرفضون «التمويل الأجنبي» لحملاتهم الانتخابية

«موسى: أنصرف من أجنبي... حملة شفيق: لن تقبل تمويلًا إلا من المصريين... وخير الله: هناك مرشحو غارقون في التمولات الأجنبية»

القاهرة - هل يفرض على المرشحين للانتخابات الرئاسية المقبلة أن يصرحوا بقبولهم التمويل الأجنبي لحملاتهم الانتخابية؟ وهل يمكن أن يصرحوا بقبولهم التمويل الأجنبي لحملاتهم الانتخابية؟ وهل يمكن أن يصرحوا بقبولهم التمويل الأجنبي لحملاتهم الانتخابية؟

أكد مرشحو الرئاسة يرفضون «التمويل الأجنبي» لحملاتهم الانتخابية، مؤكدين أنهم سيقتصر على التمويل المحلي فقط. وقالوا إنهم سيقتصر على التمويل المحلي فقط، ولن يقبلوا أي تمويل أجنبي.

وقال المرشح أحمد شفيق: «لن تقبل تمويلًا إلا من المصريين... وخير الله: هناك مرشحو غارقون في التمولات الأجنبية».

وقال المرشح موسى: «أنصرف من أجنبي... حملة».

وقال المرشح خير الله: «هناك مرشحو غارقون في التمولات الأجنبية».

وقال المرشح هاني هافيز: «التمويل الأجنبي غير مقبول».

وقال المرشح هازم صلاح أبو إسماعيل: «التمويل الأجنبي غير مقبول».

A number of presidential candidates assured that they accept fundraising for their campaign as long as only Egyptians are involved in it, rejecting any form of foreign support. They assured that their supporters all over the country pay the costs of conferences and meeting.

Amr Moussa personally finances his campaign, but he plans to open a bank account for receiving donations, said his media spokesperson.

Ahmed Shafiq says he will start accepting donations after opening presidential candidature.

Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael Media Spokesperson, Hany Hafez said that the Presidential Elections Commission has not yet set any criteria for campaign funding.





## TV Coverage (02/03/2012)



**Channel: El-Hayah**

**Program: El-Hayah El-Youm**

**Host: Lobna Assal, Sherif Amer**

Spain agrees on the extradition of Hussein Salem and his son to Egypt

Suspects in the NGO foreign funding case left Cairo's airport and returned to their countries.

Justice Minister: Foreign funding crisis can only be resolved through the Supreme Judicial Council.

The Parliament is to withdraw confidence from Ganzouri's government days after his statement before the people's Assembly.

PA Speaker: The Parliament is to decide the fate of the Constituent Assembly tomorrow.



**Chanel: One (State TV)**

**Program: 24 Hour News**

Holding the first meeting of both parliamentary houses to discuss Constituent Assembly.

Spain agrees on the extradition of Hussein Salem and his son to Egypt

- Similar news was reported on TV, Program: Egypt in a Week



## Radio Coverage 02/03/2012)



**News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

**18.00.00**

Spain agrees to hand over fugitive businessman Hussein Salem to Egypt.

First joint meeting for the People's Assembly and the Shoura Council is held to discuss the formation of the Constituent Assembly. (22.00.00)

**Chanel: El-Barnameg El-A'am**

**Program: News**

Spanish judicial system decides to hand over Hussein Salem and his son to Egypt.  
23:00:00

Both houses of the Parliament meet tomorrow to decide on Constituent Assembly members. 17:00:00



## Internet Coverage (03/03/2012)

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### We are all Khaled Saeed

The real reason behind the NGO crisis is to make the people believe in conspiracies and doubt anyone who oppose the Military Council. It is either that Al-Ahram newspaper is lying or that there are spies inside Egypt planning to divide the country, monitoring churches and military sites and expending millions to this end. And after all of that, we leave them go back to their home. [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/419999\\_358802374169633\\_104224996294040\\_848890\\_1556364841\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/419999_358802374169633_104224996294040_848890_1556364841_n.jpg)

This is a scene from the movie “La Tarago’ Wla Estislam” (No go back). Al-Gomhoria newspaper on February 9, 2012. [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/426876\\_358809074168963\\_104224996294040\\_848893\\_590965998\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/426876_358809074168963_104224996294040_848893_590965998_n.jpg)

Please revise everything written on “We Are All Khaled Saeed” page before the revolution about the aim of the page: We dream of an Egypt that respects human rights; of an authority elected by the people; of an independent state that forces other countries to respect.

Member of the Advisory Council Essam el-Nezami tells Al-Mehwer TV: We are very proud because the American defendants are still being tried over the NGO case. They left the airport feeling “ashamed” and “humiliated”. Any comments?

Under these critical conditions, we have changed our profile picture.

What a historic moment when Ganzouri screamed his lungs out “Egypt will never kneel no matter how dire are its financial needs and no matter what the difficulties were.” Just less than 73 hours after this “We won’t kneel or bow” rhetoric, the judges in charge of the NGO foreign funding case resigned from the trial and all defendants were released. <http://www.almasryalyoum.com/node/689541>

Mahmoud Bakri: (An article written before the glorious 25 January revolution): This patriotic, adamant, determined Egyptian woman, Fayza Abul-Naga, has proved that she was better than one thousand men. This woman made it her responsibility to defend Egypt’s pride and sovereignty. She stood proudly against dubious organizations, their suspicious millions and corrupt media. She never bowed or gave in to their empty threats; she put the state’s interest above everything else. <http://www.elaosboa.com/artsys00/ArticleDetails.aspx?Aid=13895>

Investigative judge el-Ashmawi steps down from the NGO foreign funding case over violations of the judiciary’s independence. <http://gate.ahram.org.eg/News/179354.aspx>



## Egyptian Cabinet

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri met with the interior ministers and a number of top leaders of the ministry. Ganzouri said the police apparatus was one of the main pillars of the state and an active element in its development.

Egyptian embassy in Riyadh: The registration of voters will start on March 5 for the presidential elections on the website of the High Elections Commission. The registration will last until April 4.

The joint parliamentary session of the People's Assembly and Shura Council: A committee will be formed to receive suggestions by MPs and others on the criteria for electing members of the Constituent Assembly. The committee will start its tasks as of today and will continue to receive proposals until the end of the week. It will then prepare a memo to be distributed on MPs of both houses by mid next week. The MPs will hold their second joint meeting on March 17 to ratify the criteria and will be finally approved in a third meeting on March 24. The 100 members of the assembly will then be elected to write the constitution.



Twitter

### Wael Abbas:

The Wael Abbas Daily is out! <http://paper.li/waelabbas>

Even Ahmed Spider turns against the SCAF.  
<http://desmond.yfrog.com/Himg877/scaled.php?tn=0&server=877&filename=5d6bw.jpg&xsize=640&ysize=640>

"Egypt will not kneel" movie. <https://p.twimg.com/AnBbtraCAAeZtSK.jpg>

People's Assembly allots a modern car for Katatni worth EGP 1.2 million.  
<http://www.soutalmalien.com/products15.php?id=252>

Breaking news: Dubai police arrests Al-Ahly fans for raising anti-SCAF banners!!!  
[https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/425523\\_404481032900477\\_100000157520436\\_1877448\\_1834718366\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/425523_404481032900477_100000157520436_1877448_1834718366_n.jpg)

No comment, really!!! <https://p.twimg.com/AnDQNj5CQAEfc18.jpg>

Khaled Ali: We do not have poor resources but policies that create poorness. Al-Shorouk. <http://www.shorouknews.com/news/view.aspx?cdate=03032012&id=3c8f6997-f255-457d-8312-85f5c91874ed>



The new logo of the Freedom and Justice Party. [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/429079\\_10151372082425451\\_653830450\\_23526032\\_1527994081\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/429079_10151372082425451_653830450_23526032_1527994081_n.jpg)

**Gsquare86:**

Been really busy with my personal life but all my solidarity goes to #GUCstudents #GUCStrike #EgyStudents, stay strong as you are.

**Asmaa Mahfouz:**

We must organize a protest outside the Foreign Ministry or the Qatari embassy to call for releasing the arrested youths.

If anyone knows the phone number of any MPs, please notify them of the Ultras youths arrested in Qatar.

Any news about the Ultras youth arrested in Qatar????

**Monasosh:**

Bring on the wonder, bring on the song, I pushed you down deep in my soul for too long. #Monita <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YDF1Syml0Q&feature=youtu.be>

Congratulations to Al-Masry Al-Yom, El-Glad had left!

**Iyad elbaghdadi:**

A lesson from #BabaAmr is that even in the 21st century, tyrants can still massacre civilians with absolute impunity. #Syria #Homs

The other lesson from #BabaAmr, of course, is that in the 21st century, massacres can no longer be hidden from the world. #Syria

#Assad thinks he's beaten #Syria into submission through #BabaAmr. But what he's done is give the #FSA thousands of potential recruits.

#Syria: When you hear about #BabaAmr, do you feel scared or do you feel even more motivated? Choose carefully if you even deserve freedom.

Those decrying the militarization of #Syria 's revolution should either STFU or be at the front line of a peaceful march in #Homs.

The path to Damascus now is through the barrel of a gun. We didn't choose this path, but we must take it if we are to be free. #Syria



#Assad is taking #Syria through the barrel of a gun. Either he runs out of ammunition, or the people run out of blood to sacrifice.

If you're not willing to be run over, mowed down, shelled, or sniped yourself, then don't criticize #Syria 's revolution for picking up guns.

Those who say that the #FSA is formed mostly of "foreign terrorists", either produce concrete evidence or shut the f\$\$\$\$ing hell up. #Syria

In politics you take people as they are. You can't expect to elevate them spiritually or morally before having to deal with their issues.

**Arabist:**

Syrian witnesses raise alarm over executions: [http://www.ft.com/cms/s/ce50f1ae-6458-11e1-b30e-00144feabdc0,Authorised=false.html?\\_i\\_location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ft.com%2Fcms%2Fs%2F0%2Fce50f1ae-6458-11e1-b30e-00144feabdc0.html&\\_i\\_referer=http%3A%2F%2Ft.co%2FNObMArX5#axzz1o5xpc7Yy](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/ce50f1ae-6458-11e1-b30e-00144feabdc0,Authorised=false.html?_i_location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ft.com%2Fcms%2Fs%2F0%2Fce50f1ae-6458-11e1-b30e-00144feabdc0.html&_i_referer=http%3A%2F%2Ft.co%2FNObMArX5#axzz1o5xpc7Yy)

Israel Guards Against Terror From Laxly Patrolled Sinai - [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/03/world/middleeast/israel-guards-against-terror-from-laxly-patrolled-sinai.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/03/world/middleeast/israel-guards-against-terror-from-laxly-patrolled-sinai.html?_r=1)

1984 letter exposes ADL's Foxman as pro-apartheid one stater: <http://english.alkhbar.com/blogs/gadfly/1984-letter-exposes-adls-foxman-pro-apartheid-one-stater>

Have rather painful tendinitis in my right arm. No typing for a few days - good thing iPhone is ok!



## ▪ 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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