



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (09/03/2012)



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### 15 Suspects in the case of NGOs to be called to the Cairo Criminal Court

**تكليف النيابة بضبط ١٥ متهما هاربا في قضية التمويل الأجنبي  
مجلس القضاء يبدأ تحقيقاته في البلاغات ضد عبد العزيز إبراهيم**

القاهرة - عماد القلي وسحر علي عياد وعمرو  
الغان: استأنفت محكمة جنابات القاهرة نظر قضية التمويل  
الأجنبي لمنظمات المجتمع المدني المصرية أمس بهيئة محكمة  
جديدة، في حين تتصاعد أزمة سفر الأجانب المتهمين في  
القضية في أوساط القضاء بالقاهرة والمحافظات. وشهدت  
قاعة المحكمة بالقاهرة الجديدة توترا ملحوظا في بدايتها  
نتيجة إصرار عدد كبير من الحاضرين على التقدم بطليبات إلى  
الاستئناف كرم عواد، رئيس المحكمة الجديد، مما دفعه إلى  
رفع الجلسة لمدة نصف ساعة.  
كان عدد كبير من الحاضرين قد طلبوا تغيير التهم الموجهة في  
قرار الإحالة إلى «التحارب» و«التهانة العظمى» و«سلب مؤلف»  
الحامون على أنفسهم وصف مضمين بالحق المدني و«مغالبة»  
بتعويض مبدئي قدره مائة ألف جنيه من المتهمين. وأمر  
رئيس المحكمة بإيداع أمريكي منهم في القضية بالقبض  
إلى جانب ١٤ مصرياً آخرين، وقال دفاع التهم الأمريكي:

إنه قرر المثل أمام المحكمة لثقت في نزاهة القضاء المصري.  
كما أمر الاستئناف كرم عواد النيابة بضبط وإحضار  
المتهمين المرشحين على قوائم الترتيب وعددهم ١٥ شخصا  
آخرين، وقررت المحكمة تأجيل القضية إلى العاشر من إبريل  
المقبل، وعدم التجدد بدور انعقاد لدرجة الفصل في القضية.  
والتزامن مع انعقاد الجلسة، بدأ مجلس القضاء الأعلى  
التحقيق في الشكاوى والبلاغات المقدمة من عدد كبير  
من القضاة إلى المجلس ضد المستشار عبد العزيز إبراهيم،  
رئيس محكمة استئناف القاهرة، لتدخله لدى رئيس المحكمة  
السابق في القضية لضمان رفع حظر السفر عن الأجانب  
المتهمين في قضية التمويل.  
وأكد المستشار محمد عبد سالم، الأمين العام للمجلس أنه  
سيتم الإعلان عن نتائج التحقيق، واتخاذ جميع الإجراءات  
القانونية اللازمة ضد من ثبت تورطه في التهاون بهذا استقلال  
القضاء. [مفاصليل أخرى ص ٣٩]

Cairo Criminal Court resumed the hearing sessions with a new jury. A great public uproar was caused by the lift of the ban on travel that was imposed on foreign suspects.

The court called 15 suspects to the next session was scheduled on April 10.

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



Pages: homepage, 4, 5  
Author: Many authors

## Presidential Nominations Start Tomorrow



The High Presidential Elections Commission announced March 10 the first day of nominations to presidential elections.

Head of the Advisory Council Mansour Hassan will run the elections. The Muslim Brotherhood denied what was reported about an alleged support of the group for Hassan.

A maximum sum of 10 million Egyptian Pounds was permitted for the electoral campaign of each candidate. Foreign funds were also banned.

A heated presidential race is expected with the raise of the number of candidates.

Similar news was reoirted in al-Masry al-Yom, p. 1



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Author: Hussein al-Zenati

### Asmaa Mahfouz Judged in Absentia



Political activist Masmaa Mahfouz was judged in absentia. Mahfouz faced charges of assault.

Asmaa came from Beirut on and left to.



## The Muslim Brotherhood Criticize the United States



The Muslim Brotherhood launched a barrage of criticism against the United States and McCain who had thanked the group for its role in lifting the ban on travel that was imposed on the foreign suspects in the NGOs case.

The Muslim Brotherhood accused SCAF of adopting Mubarak’s ruling strategies.

Similar news was reported in al-Yom al-Sabei, p. 1 .



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 Author: Fatimah Abu Shanab

## A Police Officer Proved Innocent



Cairo Criminal Court acquitted police officer Wael Majdi Muhamamd Irfan who was facing charges of killing demonstrators in al-Sharabiyah district.

The trial of 8 officers who face the same charges in al-Sharqiyah was postponed.



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Authors: Ahmed Ramadan, Moataz el-Hadidi, Khaled Moussa, Mohamed Imam, Mohamed Basyouni, Mostafa Qayed and Ahmed Tawfiq

### Presidential Marathon Starts



Just 48 hours before opening candidacy for the presidential elections, hopefuls are trying to persuade the people to elect them.

Mansour Hassan said he decided to run for president after many people asked him to do so.

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces had no idea about his intention to run in the presidential elections, he said.

Meanwhile, Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh, another hopeful, expounded on his electoral platform during a TV interview on Al-Mehwar satellite channel.



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Authors: Eman Abdel-Moneim and Mahmoud Badr

## MB Denies Supporting Mansour Hassan in Presidential Polls



The Muslim Brotherhood denied it supports the new presidential aspirant, Mansour Hassan, in the race.

The official declaration of Hassan's plans to run in the polls has put the MB in an unpleasant situation because it was the group who put forward his name as a presidential candidate.

Meanwhile, 12 members of the executive bureau of Al-Wafd Party, out of 60, welcomed the idea of supporting Hassan in the presidential elections.



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Authors: Rania Rabea

### Moussa Welcomes Mansour Hassan’s Presidential Candidacy



Presidential hopeful Amr Moussa welcomed Mansour Hassan in the presidential race and warned against the notion of a “consensus candidate.”

Each citizen has the right to run in the elections, Moussa said commenting on Hassan’s candidacy.

Turning to his own presidential campaign, Moussa said he has what it takes to become a president and to take Egypt to safety.







Pages: 6  
 Authors: Doaa Sami and Yasmin el-Tayar

## Women Stage March on International Day



Dozens of women and girls staged a mass rally on Thursday to celebrate the International Women’s Day and to call for fulfilling the demands of the revolution.

The march started from outside the Syndicate of Journalists toward the People’s Assembly.

They chanted for social justice and freedom and urged to be part of the Constituent Assembly that would draft the country’s new constitution.

International Women's Day (IWD), originally called International Working Women’s Day, is marked on March 8 every year. In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration for women's economic, political and social achievements.



## TV Coverage (08/03/2012)



**Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Lobna Assal**

Presidential Elections Commission: Drafting the constitution before conducting the elections doesn't invalidate the elections.

NGOs case delayed until April 10 and the court decides to arrest the suspects.

The case of killing the protestors was delayed to June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sharabeya Police Officer vindicated from the charge of killing protestors.

Public Prosecutor denies referring any civilians to military courts.



**Program: Montaha Al-Saraha**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat 2**  
**Host: Mostafa Bakry**

Advisory Council Head, Mansour Hassan joins the presidential race for president.

Joint Parliamentary Committee received 210 suggestions regarding the Constituent Assembly members.



**Program: 24 hours news**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**

Stock Market loses EGP 4bn due to Egyptians and foreigners sell-offs.

**News**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**

Presidential elections publicity banned until April 30th. 27:00:00

Presidential elections candidature door opened Saturday. 27:00:00

Presidential elections publicity will be held from April 30th until May 20. 27:00:00

Field Marshal Tantawi meets with Libyan Chief of Staff. Lieutenant General Samai Anan said they discussed the means of military cooperation between the two countries. 17:00:00



Constituent Assembly: Today is the deadline for submitting the suggestions regarding choosing the members of the Assembly. 17:00:00

Citizens set high expectations for the Parliament, and the Parliament is not fulfilling the citizens' demands. 17:00:00

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

According to Al-Ahram Newspaper: Mansour Hassan runs for presidency, and Omar Soliman and Al-Beshry decide not to join the presidential race. . MB search for a candidate with an Islamic ideology, and Salafis deny supporting Al-Gheriany.

According to Al-Akhbar Newspaper: MB said they will not form a coalition government. Fayza Abu Al-Nagga: SCAF is responsible appointing the government.

According Yoom 7: Revolution Youth call for organizing a million-man demonstration under the name of "Constituent Assembly"



**Program: Baladna Bel-Masry**  
**Channel: ON TV**  
**Host: Reem Maged**

Over the phone, Mamdouh Hamza: Those who will draft the new constitution must be constitution experts and have a political background.

Over the Phone, Essam Sheiha, Wafd Party High Board Member said Wafd's executive office supports presidential candidate Amr Moussa in the presidential race.



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## Radio Coverage 08/03/2012)



### **News**

#### **Channel: Radio**

El-Ganzouri's government will submit draft state budget for the years 2012/2013 in mid-April.

(18.00.00)

NGOs case adjourned until April 10 and court orders arrest for foreign suspects.

(18.00.00)

Sales of shares by Egyptians and foreigners lead to a stock market loss of EGP 4 billion.

(25.00.00)

The Presidential Elections Commission stipulates the conditions of the signatures of candidates' supporters. The commission also assigned a campaign period and banned campaigning outside this time framework.

Police officers accused of killing protesters in Al-Sharabiya district in Cairo were acquitted.

210 proposals presented to the parliament on the formation of the Constituent Assembly.

The Public Prosecutor denies referring any civilians for military prosecution.



### **News**

#### **Channel: al shark al awsat**

Presidential Elections Commission banned campaigning before the period set for campaigns begin on April 30.

(Al-Sharq Al-Awsat - News - 25.00.00)

Electoral campaigns for presidential candidates will be held from April 30 until May 20, 2012.



## Internet Coverage (09/03/2012)

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### We are all Khaled Saeed

???? <http://gate.ahram.org.eg/News/181665.aspx>

Today the father of the martyr Ahmed Bassyoni has passed away. God bless his soul.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2goNOxU0L7Q>

This is our first chance to elect a ruler who deserves to rule free people.  
<http://www.ahram.org.eg/Free-margins/News/135859.aspx>

After the acquittal rulings issued for police officers, who were accused of killing protesters, we need a memorial for the unknown murderer. [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/430204\\_362882227094981\\_104224996294040\\_857823\\_300138599\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/430204_362882227094981_104224996294040_857823_300138599_n.jpg)

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### Egyptian Cabinet

Interior Ministry: General security forces seize 18 stolen cars and 75 firearms and arrest 10 fugitive prisoners throughout the day.

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri tackles ways to offer job opportunities to the youth and support anti-cancer research through the Social Fund for Development.

Presidential Elections Commission: The commission will start tomorrow receiving presidential candidacy applications until April 6. The candidate should be:

Egyptian with Egyptian parents.

Does not, or any of his/her parents, carry another nationality.

Not married to a non-Egyptian and not to be younger than 40 years.

To be endorsed by at least 30 MPs.

To be endorsed by at least 30,000 eligible voters in at least 15 governorates.



**Wael Abbas:**

Commenting on what happened in Tahrir today: Those new kids are stupid and do not have a clue about what are they doing!!!

[http://m.youtube.com/#/watch?desktop\\_uri=/watch%3Fv%3DqmtuTWtXqMY%26feature%3Dg-all%26context%3DG2e4ca77FAAAAAAAAAABAA&feature=g-all&context=G2e4ca77FAAAAAAAAAABAA&v=qmtuTWtXqMY&gl=GB](http://m.youtube.com/#/watch?desktop_uri=/watch%3Fv%3DqmtuTWtXqMY%26feature%3Dg-all%26context%3DG2e4ca77FAAAAAAAAAABAA&feature=g-all&context=G2e4ca77FAAAAAAAAAABAA&v=qmtuTWtXqMY&gl=GB)

After the break: Omar Soliman.

Meanwhile in Gaza, a massacre is ongoing there.

**Gsquare86:**

#Tahrir has 2 stages set up , few crowds are here and traffic is flowing through the square.

Clashes by US embassy. <http://twitpic.com/8u0k7b>

Okasha was here by US embassy and clashes erupted b/w proSCAF and antiSCAF ppl, army trying to take control but they look frantic

Now clashes stopped, huge gap b/w pro and anti scaf ppl , ultras chanting against military rule. <http://twitpic.com/8u0o9e>

Army tanks have arrived by us embassy. <http://twitpic.com/8u0pjb>

Okasha (anti-revolution) people were protesting against US-intervention in Egyptian politics and revolutionaries r now chanting against scaf

There is a huge fuckin confusion, the pro scaf ppl were the ones protesting in front of us embassy and anti scaf ppl r protesting them

The ultras are chanting against SCAF and Okasha who is anit-revolution public figure in Egypt, he always accuse rev of being agent to west

okasha ppl now are in front of embassy and revolutionaries are by the Tahrir side separated by army. <http://twitpic.com/8u0tzi>

Clashes started again #USEmbassy #Egypt

Now the rock exchange fight is between army and tahrir people , okasha people are by embassy #a7a gidan



Fuckin shit begad okasha people started all this and now it is a clash between army and protesters in front of us embassy

It is raining rocks

The army were trying to hide Okasha and have him escape, so the fight of rocks started b/ army and protesters

The army has stopped and now protesters are still throwing rocks because the army protected Okasha and helped him escape

Army tanks pulled back after they helped Okasha escape...fuckin pigs  
<http://twitpic.com/8u121w>

Army ran after protesters , I think there will be many arrests for that rock throwing scene in front of us embassy

Okasha people together with army on the same side are now attacking revolutionaries from Tahrir , rocks and running after us

Shit army ran after us like hungry dogs throwing rocks, I am sure they will arrest many

I left the scene but I am close by..I think this is a trap and not our fight plus they will arrest ppl I am sure

I don't see any logical reason for the clash at us embassy, it is really not our fight :(

### **Iyad elbaghdadi:**

There are those who are scared, and then there are those who are so scared that they can't even admit that they're scared.

Domestic worker being assaulted in #Lebanon in broad daylight. I don't care what the story is, this should not happen.

The status of #Egypt's revolution is depressing. Once-cheery activists have become cynics.

I need some distance from this charged atmosphere. It's as if Satan visited and sucked all wisdom and compassion out of everyone's heart.

So much reckless meanness, audacious ill-will. Where do they even come up with it? What do the insides of their hearts look like?

I'm re-reading Al-Kawaki's "The Nature of Tyranny". A full hundred years after he wrote it.

It's a challenge to stay plugged into the news (and debates) while continuing to be a living, feeling, sensitive human being.



## ▪ 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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