



# News Coverage

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## Shura Council Consults Supreme Constitutional Court



Shura Council Deputy, Dr. Tareq El-Sehry, communicated with the Supreme Constitutional Court to consult it about article 60 of the constitutional declaration.

This article states that all Parliamentary elected members should meet within 6 months of their election to select the 100 members of the Constituent Assembly.

The article has created a controversy earlier because it gives the two Councils to select Assembly members but does not tackle whether MPs should not participate in it or not.



Pages: 1  
 Author: Ibtesam Talab (and others)

### Notary Public Procedures



Yesterday citizens started to provide their approvals for the presidential candidates in Alexandria, Cairo, and Daqahleya.

In Cairo, a Notary Public employee told Al-Masry Al-Youm’s reporter, that he issued only eight approvals. In Alexandria, a Notary Public employee gave the reporter a number of approval papers to distribute on his relatives.

In Dakahleya, the publicity campaign of potential presidential candidate Abdel-Moneim Abu Al-Fotouh met with the newspaper’s reporter and tried to convince her to write an approval for Abu Al-Fotouh.



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## Parliament Examines Proposals for Constituent Assembly



Members of the two general committees of the People's Assembly and the Shoura Council held a meeting to discuss the technical and procedural aspects related to the 296 proposals submitted for the formation of the Constituent Assembly.

MP Hussein Ibrahim, majority leader in the parliament, confirmed that the joint parliamentary committee has received all proposals submitted and they will be taken into consideration.

The meeting was headed by Speaker of the People's Assembly Dr. Saad El-Katatni and Speaker of the Shoura Council Dr. Ahmed Fahmi.



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 Authors: Mahmoud Nafadi and Mohamed Tal'at.

### Ethics Committee Resumes El-Eleimy's Investigation Tomorrow



The Ethics Committee of the People’s Assembly decided to resume the investigation with MP Zeyad Al-Eleimy on the accusations directed against him by Members of the Parliament. Al-Eleimy is accused of insulting Head of the ruling Supreme Council of Armed Forces Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi.

Al-Eleimy told the Ethics Committee that this investigation is invalid because this is a case of slander and an investigation can only be opened if the plaintiff filed a complaint, and this was not the case. He expected that a decision will be taken to prevent him from attending a number of parliamentary sessions.

“I am facing charges over my political opinion because I said that SCAF is responsible for all the crimes committed,” Al-Eleimy stated.



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Author: Mohamed Faisal.

### Moussa: Attempt to Manipulate Support to Presidential Candidate Will Fail



Amr Moussa, potential presidential candidate, has warned against deals and plots orchestrated to undermine the achievements of the revolution. He called on Egyptians to protect their revolution and work together to achieve its demands and goals.

“We will never allow the manipulation that prevailed during the Mubarak regime to return again. These policies are outdated and will not appear again after the fall of the former regime. Egypt’s second republic will reach reform and will be established on social justice,” Moussa stated.

Moussa also mention, during an electoral conference in Ras Ghareb, that the revolution will not achieve its goals until the people can sense a real reform in the country. He expressed his confidence in the people’s commitment to the demands of the January 25 revolution.

He said his electoral program aims to deepen the democratic culture and introduce the system of elections to all the administrative and political positions in the state institutions.

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Authors: Eman Abd Al-Moneim, Yara Helmi (and others).

## 158 Presidential Candidates Filed their Nomination Papers



The Presidential Elections Commission received yesterday a crowd of citizens, including public figures and average people, who filed their candidacy applications. The number of candidates who applied reached 150 by noon. The only two public figures among those who applied yesterday were Ahmed Shafik, former air force commander, and Engineer Yehia Abd Al-Hadi.

Presidential hopefuls expressed their discontent with the decision of the Presidential Elections Commission which limited the campaign period to 20 days. They confirmed that they will resume their campaigns because the decisions of the commission are illogical and arbitrary.

Head of the Presidential Elections Commission Senior Judge Farouk Soltan said they have received a large number of complaints from different governorates reporting delays of receiving forms of supporting presidential candidates. He explained that the delay was due to the long distance between Cairo and these governorates.

Farouk stressed that a decision was taken to halt electoral campaigns until April 29 and any candidate who violates this rule will be legally pursued.



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 Author: Suzanne Abd Al-Ghani.

### 13 Organizations Sue Ministers of Justice and International Cooperation



In the first collective reaction for Egyptian human rights defenders, the Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary, headed by Nasser Amin, filed a complaint with the Public Prosecutor against Adel Abd Al-Hamid, Minister of Justice, Fayza Aboul Naga, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, and Mohamed Abd Al-Aziz, former minister of justice. They accused them of interfering with the course of justice in the NGOs case.

The complaint stated that Abd Al-Aziz admitted that he directly interfered in the trial by appointing the investigative judge, thus violating Article 65 of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

Nasser Amin said the complaint was supported by documents which prove the interference of the defendants in the work of the judicial authority and misleading the public opinion.

13 organizations demanded putting an end to the case of foreign funds, describing it as a political cover for the security crackdown on human rights organizations.



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## MB Considers Not Supporting Any Presidential Candidates



The Muslim Brotherhood has not yet reached a decision regarding the presidential candidate they plan on supporting in the coming elections. FJP sources stated that they might not support any candidates to avoid creating disagreements between its members.

Opinion polls conducted among FJP members revealed that they lean towards supporting Abd El-Moneim Aboul-Fotouh.

Another source reported that top MB officials sense that they dismissed Aboul-Fotouh too early, after knowing that he enjoys high popularity among its basis.



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 Author: Mohamed Basal

## 207 Potential Presidential Candidates



Yesterday was the first day in submitting applications of the potential presidential candidates at the headquarters of the Supreme Presidential Elections Commission.

On the first day 207 potential candidates withdrew application papers. All of them did not have the required approvals. The potential candidates did not include any known names except Former Prime Minister, Ahmed Shafiq, Hussein Abdel-Hadi, coordinator of the "No to selling Egypt" movement.

Head of the Presidential Elections Commission Judge Farouk Sultan reported that he sent letters to the Shura Council Speaker and the Public Prosecutor to remove all kinds of publicity until the campaigns start.



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Author: Nour Ali, Mohamed El-Galy

## Parliamentary Regulations Save Ganzouri's Government



Parliamentary affairs experts stressed that the procedures of withdrawing confidence from El-Ganzouri's government has not been completed yet.

The PA regulations state that the investigations against the government should end then a request signed by at least ten MPs should be submitted to the Speaker, after that the Speaker can put the no-confidence decision for vote and discussions.



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Author: Ahmed Abd El-Hamid, Ahmed Dawoud

### PA to Reject Ganzouri's Statement



Hussein Ibrahim, head of the majority inside the People's Assembly assured that there is a trend inside the Council to reject the statement of Kamal El-Ganzouri's government.

He said that the heads of the specialized committees and representatives of parliamentary blocs described the statement as "weak and feeble."



## TV Coverage (10/03/2012)



**Program: Hona Al-Asema**  
**Channel: CBC**  
**Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy**

Over the phone, Mansour Hassan, potential presidential candidate said:

Major General Sameh Seif Al-Yazal resigned from my electoral campaign and I accepted his resignation.

I didn't seek this position and I decided to run for president following citizens' requests.

Dr. Mostafa Kamel, political science professor said a lot of presidential candidates are after fame.

MP Waheed Abdel-Mageed said the MB qualifications of the upcoming president apply on Mansour Hassan.

**Program: Momken**  
**Channel: CBC**  
**Host: Khairy Ramadan**

14 human rights organizations demand closing investigations in the NGOs case.

Ahmed Shafik is the first potential candidate to withdraw the application.



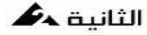
**Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**

According to Al-Shorouk Newspaper: The majority decides not to withdraw the confidence from PM Kamal Al-Ganzory government.

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

People's Assembly discusses today the decision of lifting the travel ban on foreign suspects in the NGOs case. 3:00 AM

207 presidential candidates withdrew candidacy applications. 3:00 AM – 5:00 PM .



**News**  
**Channel 2"State TV"**

Presidential elections door opened from today until Aril 8<sup>th</sup>.  
The Notary Public resumes receiving citizens' approvals for presidential candidates. 26:00:00

Presidential Elections Commissions Head: No one till now submitted his candidacy papers. 26:00:00

Al-Katatny reviews all suggestions submitted regarding Constituent Assembly members. 26:00:00

Ethics Committee continues investigations with MP Ziad Al-Elimy. 26:00:00

**Program: Yeseed Sabahak**  
**Channel 2"State TV"**  
**Host: Hany Tawfik and Dina Hegazy**

Al-Saeed Kamel, Democratic Front Party Head said the upcoming president will not have any powers, and MB is not seeking the presidency chair.



**Al-Jazeera (8-3-2012)**

**Guests:**

( Dr. Hassan Nafaa, political science professor, and MP Waheed Abdel-Mageed)

Mansour Hassan decides to run for president.

Hamden Sabahy, Former Karama Party Head, is one of the presidential candidates.

Egyptians are preparing for the presidential elections that will be held on May 23rd and 24th.

MB will not nominate any candidates for the presidential elections. Former MB Abdel-Moniem Abu Al-Fotouh is joining the presidential race.

The presidential elections race will start officially on March 10th.



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## Radio Coverage (10/03/2012)



**News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

**Time: 18:00:00**

Disparity in the numbers of citizens who showed up to write approvals for presidential candidates.

Head of the Presidential Elections Commissions: 158 presidential candidates withdrew presidential applications. 24:00:00



**News**

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

PA General Committee reviews the arrangements of tomorrow's session, in which they will discuss the NGOs case. Some MPs demand to withdraw confidence from PM Kamal Al-Ganzory and his government. 23:00:00

Head of the Presidential Elections Commissions: No presidential candidates submitted their papers so far.. 17:00:00

Some presidential candidates said they will form a coalition which includes two committees; one commercial and one legal. 14:00:00



**News**

**Channel: State Radio**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

The door for presidential candidature opens today until April. 8th.



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## Internet Coverage (11/03/2012)



### Egyptian cabinet

An image of the power of attorney form citizens to presidential candidates

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@AsmaaMahfouz

Enough talking about accepting the reality and playing politics to go with the flow. This is called surrender. We must be determined to overthrow their military rule.

I will be heading today to C28 to support Samira Ibrahim in her "virginity tests" case against the military

@AalamWassef

"Cld you help promote this platform I founded, advocating#openscience?  
:) <http://youtu.be/8omwsw8ibzw>"

"Scholarship in the Age of the Internetatron"<http://youtu.be/8omwsw8ibzw> (the voice you'll hear might sound familiar)."

@Iyad\_ElBaghdadi

"Hell is paved with good intentions. Stupidity is the real danger; malice is easy to spot."

"#Iran's regime is probably the strongest argument against theocracy. Did it manage to elevate the moral fiber of the people, since 1979?"

"Chatter" now about Russia joining the Arab League initiative, asking#Assad to step down. Max I could find is "not taking sides". #Syria"

"Russia now saying it's "not taking sides" on #Syria (via Lavrov). Getting it from pro-Assad to neutral is in itself an achievement."

We should distinguish between a "poor country" and a "rich but stolen country."



### **@Monasosh**

Samira said it repeatedly: "Military justice will never restore my violated rights, my rights will only be restored by the people themselves." There is no real independent judicial system in Egypt. If this was the case, Douma and George, political activists, would have been free by now!

Ever since Rasha Azab's testimony was given, two things became very clear; first, that judges knew very well there were virginity checks conducted on female protesters detained, and second, that judges will acquit the doctors accused. The military justice is a farce!

George, Sambo and Douma, Why is the regime scared from them?  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDYnEubCiQA&feature=youtu.be> #FreeDoma #FreeAll

### **@Arabist**

"Meet your presidential candidate: Selim al-Awa, the opportunist | Egypt Independent: <http://bit.ly/Az2BA3> Vile man."

"New on Arabist: The Economist on Netanyahu <http://bit.ly/zlUrZl>"

"Long rumored establishment candidate RT @HaniShukrallah: Wafd backs Mansour Hassan <http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/36271/Egypt/Politics-/Wafd-party-backs-presidential-candidate-Mansour-Ha.aspx>"



## ▪ 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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