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Newspapers (17/03/2012)



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Authors: Ahmed Al-Batrieq, Amani Maged (and others).

Parliament Determines Criteria for Selecting Members of the Constituent Assembly

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The joint session of the People’s Assembly and the Shoura Council, lower and upper houses of Egypt’s parliament, will determine today the criteria for selecting the members of the Constituent Assembly.

Speaker of the People’s Assembly Dr. Saad Al-Katatni will preside over the joint session. Members of the Parliament are expected to reach a final decision on the criteria taking into consideration the proposals put forward by the technical committee. The technical committee had prepared a detailed report which included 353 proposals made by MPs, political parties, civil society organizations and individuals. These proposals will be presented to the MPs in today’s session and their votes will determine the rules of the Constituent Assembly’s formation.

The majority of proposals called on the institutions or organizations that would like to be represented in the Constituent Assembly to present lists of their members to the joint committee of the two houses of parliament. Some of the proposals also demanded the representation of judicial institutions, universities, syndicates, civil society organizations, religious institutions, and workers and farmers associations in the Constituent Assembly.

The parliament will hold another joint session on March 23 to choose the members of the Constituent Assembly from among those who will apply for nomination.

Head of the Freedom and Justice Party Dr. Essam El-Erian said that his party is determined to pursue a representation for the Members of Parliament in the Constituent Assembly and that negotiations will be made to set the percentage of MPs in the assembly.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Gomhoreya: Page 3.



Pages: 1, 4, 5.

Author: Khaled Aboul Ezz, Soad Tantawi (and others).

Islamist Movements Form Committees to Determine Preferred Presidential Candidate



The Presidential Elections Commission, headed by Senior Judge Farouk Soltan, held a meeting yesterday with the committee responsible for updating the information of voters at the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of State for Administrative Development to update voter lists and delete old data.

The commission ordered printing one million forms of endorsement for citizens who will give their signatures to support potential presidential candidates to ensure their availability in the notary public offices.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that tens of thousands of endorsement forms were sent to the Egyptian embassies and consulates around the world.



Families of Revolution's Martyrs Protest to Demand Retribution



Tens of members of the families of the revolution's martyrs and injured victims organized a protest in front of Al-Aq'ed Ibrahim Mosque in Alexandria to demand retribution for the blood of their sons.

They chanted slogans against the ruling Supreme Council of Armed Forces and El-Ganzouri's government. They also criticized the parliament saying that it failed to achieve the goals of the revolution and did not bring those who killed the martyrs to justice.

Samira Mahmoud, a mother of one of the revolution's martyrs, expressed her rage over the decision to acquit police officers accused of killing protesters. "Criminals have gained their freedom and are living a luxurious life while families of the martyrs are suffering the loss of their children," Mahmoud said.



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Author: Safwat Omran.

MB to Determine Preferred Presidential Candidate



The Muslim Brotherhood's Shoura council held a meeting yesterday with prominent leaders of the organization and the Freedom and Justice Party.

They decided to postpone announcing their decision regarding the presidential candidate who will receive their support. FJP Head Dr. Mohamed Al-Morsi said that determining the preferred presidential candidate will be done within the next few days.

Large disagreements arose between the MB members on this issue as young members expressed their support to Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh while prominent leaders adhered to their former decision not to support any Islamist candidate.

Meanwhile, Al-Wafd Party also did not reach a resolution on their preferred presidential candidate. There are suggestions by some of the party's members to either leave the decision to each member or to support Amr Moussa or Mansour Hassan for presidency.



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Author: Ahmed Ghoneim.

El-Baradei: Reconciliation with Former Regime Figures is Against the Revolution



Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei, former chief of the IAEA, criticized the idea of “a reconciliation” with figures of the former regime by dropping financial corruption charges against them if they agreed to restore the money stolen to the state’s budget.

El-Baradei wrote on his Twitter account that reconciliation with figures of the former regime in the financial corruption charges is an attempt to quell the revolution.

He also mentioned that giving vast powers to the Military Justice is a characteristic of authoritarian regimes. He demanded an explanation for the parliament’s position from the current laws that threatens values of freedom and justice.



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Authors: Awad Selim.

Salafi Leader: We Have Agreed with MB to Reject Civil State



Dr. Mohamed Abd Al-Maqsoud, prominent Salafi leader, said he agreed with Head of the Freedom and Justice Party Dr. Mohamed Morsi to abolish the concept of “civil state.” He said this agreement was reached during their meeting with Dr. Essam Sharaf, former prime minister, Dr. Ali Al-Selmi, former deputy prime minister, and General Mansour El-Essawi, former minister of interior.

Morsi suggested writing in the constitution the term “civilized state” or “modern state,” as Al-Azhar’s document recommended earlier.

Abd Al-Maqsoud stressed that 70% of the Constituent Assembly must be from the Members of the Parliament because they are the legitimate representatives of the people.

“We will refuse any constitution that encompasses articles against the Islamic shari’a and we will bring down such a constitution through mobilizing the public to vote against it in the proposed referendum,” said Abd Al-Maqsoud, confirming that the implementation of Islamic shari’a is an obligation and that the rules of shari’a should replace positivist laws.



Pages: 1, 5.

Authors: Mohsen Ashry, Ehab Aboul Ma'ati (and others).

Angry Protests in Port Said



Hundreds of Port Said residents gathered in a large protest that went across the city to demand bringing to justice the real criminals responsible for the football match massacre instead of arresting a group of football fans.

Hundreds of members of the families of detainees protested in front of the State Security Camp in Port Said to reject the court's decision to transfer their sons outside the city to be tried.

A judicial source said that a decision will be issued within the coming few days to refer three members of Ultras Ahlawy, a group of hardcore football fans, to trial and "the prosecution will determine the charges against them."

Similar news was reported in: Al-Akhbar: Page 1; Youm 7: Page 1.



Pages: 1, 5.
 Author: Mahmoud Hussein.

Committee of 100 to Stand against Deal between SCAF and MB



A number of politicians and political activists held a conference to discuss measures that should be taken to hinder the deal that SCAF held with the Muslim Brotherhood by supporting a “consensus presidential candidate.”

Participants formed a committee comprising 100 members who issued a statement calling on revolutionary and national forces to establish a “presidential team to lead the presidential institution.”

Dr. Ammar Ali Hassan, one of the participants, told Youm 7 newspaper that the idea rests on creating a revolutionary presidential council to confront the possible deal made between SCAF and other political forces. The project aims at preventing figures of the former regime from returning to power through presidential elections.

On the other hand, hundreds of supporters of Omar Suleiman, former chief of General Intelligence, gathered to collect signatures to demand him to run for presidency.



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Authors: Mohamed Said and Ahmed Mamdouh.

El-Ganzouri Presents His Resignation, Tantawi Rejects



Cautious calm prevailed in the parliament after a heavy round of criticism took place between the parliament and the government last week.

In closed meetings, the majority party negotiated with other political forces to reach an agreement on withdrawing confidence from El-Ganzouri's government. The scenario they designed aims at rejecting the Prime Minister's statement, scheduled next month, holding two hearings by the beginning of May over the Port Said massacre and the financial corruption of the government, and finally withdrawing confidence from the government by a two-thirds vote.

Sources mentioned that this was due to the fact that El-Ganzouri's government failed to reach any real achievements in the country.

Parliamentary sources mentioned that Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri presented his resignation to Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, head of the ruling SCAF; however the latter rejected his resignation and insisted that the government will continue until the end of the presidential elections.



TV Coverage (16/03/2012)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-Youm
Channel: Al-Hayat
Host: Lubna Assal

The Attorney General refers 75 suspects in Port Said incidents to the Criminal Court. Nine of the suspects are police officers and three are al-Masry team officials.

The General Prosecution accuses the suspects in Port Said incidents of murder.

The High Presidential Elections Commission receives 625 of the potential presidential candidates.



Channel: CH 1
Program: News in 24 hours

Head of SCAF discusses the democratic change in Egypt with a US Congress delegation.

In a meeting with the US Congress delegation, Speaker of the People's Assembly rejected threats and the US's double standards.

The Stock market gains 3-4 billion Egyptian Pounds

Channel: CH 1
Program: News headlines

The High Presidential Elections Commission receives 465 potential presidential candidates.



Channel: CH 2
Program: Egypt News

Egypt's strength and stability are important for the region, the world and the United State of America, said the leader of the Congress Democrats.

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CH 1:

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CH 2 :

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EL HAYAH TV :

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Radio Coverage (16/03/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

The Attorney General refers 75 suspects in the Port Said incidents to the Criminal Court. Nine of the suspects are police officers and three of al-Masry team officials.

The stock market gains 3.4 billion Egyptian Pounds. (18:00)



News All Day

Channel: Al-Barnameg Al-Am

The NGOs case will not affect the relations with Egypt, said the leader of the democrats at the US Congress.

Head of SCAF discusses the democratic change in Egypt with a Congress delegation.

The People's Ass

In a meeting with the Congress delegation, Speaker of the People's Assembly rejected threats and Washington's double standards. (23:00:00)



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Internet Coverage (17/03/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Alexandria in 1920. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/430004_316465095074237_163269513727130_797116_96501428_n.jpg

We offer our condolences to Egypt's Copts over the death of Pope Shenouda III after a long struggle with illness.

Egyptian Cabinet

People's Assembly Speaker Saad el-Katatni and Shura Council Speaker Ahmed Fahmi chaired a joint meeting to set up the criteria for choosing members of the constitution-drafting body.

With the majority of votes, the Constituent Assembly will be made up equally of members from inside and outside parliament.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHp2CBPwfVY&feature=youtu.be>

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri: I mourn Pope Shenouda III of Alexandria and Patriarch of Saint Mark Diocese and offer my deep condolences to Copts.

SCAF Message #7:

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) and Armed Forces officers offer their deep condolences to the Egyptian people and Copts over the death of Pope Shenouda III of Alexandria and Patriarch of Saint Mark Diocese.



Muslim Brotherhood:

Muslim Brotherhood Offer Condolences to Egypt's Copts over Death of Pope Shenouda III

Mohamed Badie, Chairman of the Muslim Brotherhood, conveyed sincere sympathy and condolences to Egypt's Coptic Christians, saying: "May God help our Christian brothers overcome this painful tragedy and bring a successor who can faithfully serve and benefit the whole country and keep promoting a sense of unity between all citizens".

Earlier, Badie, together with a high-level delegation from the Muslim Brotherhood, had recently visited Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of Saint Mark, who had been fighting cancer for a long while.

Chairman of the Muslim Brotherhood's Consolation Statement on the Death of Pope Shenouda III

On my behalf and on behalf of the Muslim Brotherhood, we extend our most sincere and heartfelt condolences and sympathy to our brothers in the homeland and humanity, the Copts of Egypt, each and every one of them, in this especially difficult time, on the loss of His Beatitude Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of Saint Mark. I pray that God help our brothers overcome this painful ordeal, and bring a successor who can faithfully serve and benefit the whole country and keep promoting a sense of unity between all citizens.

I pray God to give you comfort, strength, and peace.

Mohamed Badie, Chairman of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Freedom and Justice Party Mourns Pope Shenouda III

The Freedom and Justice Party offers its deepest condolences to the Egyptian people and our Christian brothers on the death of Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of Saint Mark Episcopate, after a long journey of selfless giving, glorious national history and significant contributions in various fields and on various levels, domestic and international.

Mohamed Morsi, Freedom and Justice Party Chairman



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

I am at the Wael Abbas Plaza (New Cairo, Cairo)

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f64ce7de4b06cb9fb92cb1b?s=wfKYWCN8jRM3ooOFY2eNFgLRgvo&ref=tw>

Shenouda has died!

Who will the Saint Mark Diocese bring? Someone from the army or the Freedom and Justice Party?!

He pretended to be courageous during the Sadat era and worked as an informant under military rule.

Gsquare86:

I am sorry but it was a matter of time #PopeShenouda #Egypt #RIP

I am sorry but there is more important news than the death of one man @EgyStrikes @RevSocMe #CairoUni #Egystudents

Asmaa Mahfouz:

My deep condolences to Egypt's Copts.

Monasosh:

Today, Saturday, a conference at the Bar Association at 6 to launch a campaign in support of the revolution's detainees.

Today, Saturday, at 12 a press conference will be held at the Syndicate of Journalists in solidarity with the struggle of the students of the German University in Cairo. #GUC

I am against the death sentence!

I signed on a draft law to protect women from domestic violence in Egypt. Sign and share.

<https://alnadeem.org/ar/node/409>

Iyad elbaghdadi:

When events move furiously in a certain direction, I see historical certainty in their sail. But there are others who only see conspiracy.



What is it with tyrant's wives and expensive shoes? #Syria

Breaking: Pope #Shenouda III of Alexandria, religious leader of most of #Egypt's Christians, has died.

Pope #Shenouda's death had been reported several times before, but it seems this time it's confirmed. #Egypt

Another symbol of a past age passes. #Shenouda #Egypt

Much of #Egypt's Christian community looked upon Pope #Shenouda as a leader and an elder.

Pope #Shenouda III was 88 years old. He was born in a very different #Egypt and a very different world.

Not sure what mechanism will be used to select the next Pope, or who the potential candidates are. #Shenouda #Egypt

Condolences to #Egypt's Christians, but I won't call it a loss. I'll call it the passing of an era and into a new age. #Shenouda

There are many legitimate criticisms of the late Pope #Shenouda III. Let's forget all about them today and just console our friends. #Egypt

Arabist:

A bunch of cretins are accusing @nirrosen of ludicrous things based on him emailing his bio to Syrian govt ppl. #fail

New on Arabist: Pope Shenouda III, patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, dies

<http://www.arabist.net/blog/2012/3/17/pope-shenouda-iii-patriarch-of-the-coptic-orthodox-church-di.html>



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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