



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (18/03/2012)



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Author: Ahmed el-Batriq, Khaled Abul-Ezz and Enjy el-Batriq

### Parliament to Mull Extension of Presidential Publicity Period



The proposals and complaints committee at the People's Assembly, lower house of parliament, will tackle the amendment of several provisions of the presidential elections law to extend the period of presidential electioneering on Sunday.

The move aims to ensure a fair competition among contenders.

MP Mostafa el-Bekri has submitted the proposal.



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www.almasryalyom.com

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Author: not mentioned

### Notary Public Forges Approvals



Public Prosecution accused Notary Public employees of forging approvals for potential presidential candidates Ahmed Shafik and Amr Moussa.

Public Prosecution called the Presidential Elections Commission to submit the register of that day, which allegedly included rigged endorsements, to open an investigation.

Pages: 3  
Author: Karima Hassan

### Government Honors Revolution Martyrs Mothers



The government held a ceremony yesterday, on the occasion of Mother’s Day, to honor the revolution victims’ mothers.

Despite the ceremony, the mothers did not give up their demands of punishing those responsible for killing the protestors.

Pages: 3  
Author: Ashraf Fekry and others

### World Bank Visits Egypt



A delegation from the World Bank arrives to Egypt today in order to negotiate the terms and conditions of its loan to Egypt.

Minister of International Cooperation, Fayza Abu Al-Nagga said a date for signing the loan agreements have not been decided yet.





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Author: Abd El-Raziq Tawfeeq

### SCAF: Three Days Mourning



Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, Mohamed Hussein Tantawi announced three days of mourning in the country.

Copts are to be given three days off to attend the funeral that will last for three days.



Pages: 1, 4

Author: Ibrahim Zeitoun, Mahmoud El-Hossary, Israa Hamed

## Candidates Exchange Accusations



The fight over endorsements between presidential candidates intensified in the Notary Public offices all over the country. Potential candidates exchanged bribery accusations, after reports that endorsements can be bought for 100-150EGP.

In Alexandria, flyers talking about the “sins” of other candidates were passed around.

Buses for transporting citizens to register for certain candidates appeared in various governorates.

### Two vice Presidency Offers to Ayman Nour



Ayman Nour, leader of New Ghad party and former potential candidate, received to official offers from Abd El-Moneim Aboul Fotouh and Mansour Hassan to become their vice president in case either of them won the elections.

Nour was excluded from the presidential race for spending time in prison. He is now waiting for a military pardon, which will decide whether he will rejoin the race or not.

Manour Hassan's offer stated that if he won he would issue an immediate pardon for Nour appointing him as VP.



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Author: Ahmed Ghonim

### El-Baradei Endorsements despite Withdrawing From Race



Support groups from former IAEA Director, Mohamed El-Baradei continue to collect endorsements for the withdrawn presidential candidate, as a reponse to the defamation campaigns directed at him after his withdrawal.

So far 45,000 endorsements have been collected for El-Baradei



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Author: Bassam Abo Bakr.

## Ultras Agree to El-Ganzouri's Decisions



Despite of the fact that none of them attended the meeting with Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri, Ultras Ahlawy leaders said they agree with the decisions taken by the government and they will not interfere in the course of justice as they respect the judicial authority.

Karim Adel, Ultras Ahlawy Capo, said that they hold demonstrations only to express their solidarity with the families of the martyrs and ensure them that justice will be served.

Adel demanded TV channels and newspapers to stop attributing charges to the Ultras groups.

Pages: 1, 7.

Author: Mohamed Abd Al-Gelil, Yosri Mohamed (and others).

### Is Suez Pursuing Retribution?



A murder took place in Suez last week and escalated the situation there as a lower-rank policeman was killed by one of the thugs.

Prosecution decided to place four people in jail pending investigation. Colleagues of the murdered policeman were enraged and demanded a quick trial for the murderer and held signs demanding an end to the insults directed at the police.

Many residents of Suez still feel the pain resulting from the loss of their sons during the January 25 clashes with the police. Policemen accused of killing protesters at the beginning of the revolution were acquitted from murder charges.

## MB Respond to Crisis of Aboul Fotouh: Members Will Be Dismissed



“Take back your decision or be dismissed,” was the slogan adopted by the Muslim Brotherhood in response to the action taken by some young members to give their endorsement to potential presidential candidate Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh.

The Muslim Brotherhood has repeatedly confirmed that it will not support any of the current Islamist candidates for presidency.

“Young members of the MB should trust the decisions of the organization,” said Dr. Mohamed Hassan, MB leader in Bani Suef, confirming that the members who submitted their endorsement to Aboul Fotouh will be referred to an internal investigation. He said if they insisted on supporting him, they will be dismissed from the MB.

Page: 6.  
Author: Mahmoud Sha'ban Bayoumi.

### Committee of 100 Determine Criteria for Consensus President



Former MB leader Dr. Kamal El-Helbawi, member of the Committee of 100, said that they have reached an agreement on the criteria of choosing a consensus presidential candidate to avoid the fragmentation of votes.

Al-Helbawi said that the most important criterion is that the presidential candidate fully adopts the demands of the revolution.

“Negotiations are underway with presidential candidates,” said Al-Helbawi, explaining that the committee is convincing some candidates run in elections together as president and vice and it will announce the results as soon as negotiations are successful.



Pages: 1, 3, 6, 7

Authors:

## Egypt Mourns Coptic Pope Shenouda III



Coptic Pope Shenouda III, the spiritual leader of Egypt's Coptic Christian community for nearly four decades, died yesterday.

Streams of grieving Egyptian Copts have started to descend on country's main cathedral in Cairo to start 3-day period of bidding beloved Shenouda III farewell.

Hundreds kept pouring towards the church hoping to be in the proximity of the body of Pope Shenouda III who had been pronounced dead at 5 PM earlier in the afternoon.

Shenouda will be buried Tuesday at Emba Bishoy monastery in Wadi Natroun, northwest of Egypt's capital.

Similar news was reported in Dostour page 1; Gomhoria 3, 6, 7, 8; Youm7 page 1, Ahram page 1.



Pages: 1, 5

Authors: Mohamed Abu Zeid, Mohamed Khayal, and Doha El-Gendy

### Constituent Assembly to Include 50 MPs



During a joint meeting between the upper and lower parliamentary houses, PA Speaker Saad El-Katatni announces that 50% of the constituent assembly member will be selected from within parliament.

Saturday's poll saw 472 votes for the 50/50 option, in which 50 members of the 100-member constituent assembly will be chosen from Parliament and 50 from outside. This suggestion was submitted by majority leader, Hussein Ibrahim.

Ibrahim said that voters elected their MPs to draft the constitution, thus they should be included in the Constituent Assembly.

El-Katatni opened the candidature door for joining the assembly, which will be charged with drafting Egypt's new post-Mubarak constitution. The PA Speaker set six criteria for joining the assembly.

Similar news was reported in Masry Youm pages 1, 4; Dostour pages 1, 5; Gomhoria 1, 4.

### Elections Commission Chief on Article 28: Unchallengeable



The Head of the Supreme Presidential Elections Commission, Judge Farouk Sultan, also head of the Supreme Constitutional court told Shorouk reporters that article 28 of the constitutional declaration cannot be contested before the State Council or the Supreme Constitutional Court.

He added that the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces only is entitled to amend the constitutional declaration.

Any demands to cancel the electoral silence that should last until April 30 should be presented to the legislative committee inside the PA to consider, he stated.

Similar news was reported in Masry Youm pages 1, 4.



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Author: Ahmed Hassan

## Government Refuses to Pardon Mubarak Figures in Tora Prison



The government rejected to pardon former regime officials, who are held in Tora Prison, said Local Development Minister Mohamed Attiya.

The move comes as a number of the acolytes of former president Hosni Mubarak have made an offer to the government to drop charges against them in return of giving up their wealth.

## 14 Bearded Police Officers Sue Interior Ministry



Fourteen bearded police officers will sue the Interior Ministry for suspending them from work for growing their beards.

A police officer, Yaser Gomaa, said he was suspended from work although the investigation with him over the “beard” was not over yet.

He said growing a beard was a personal decision and does not affect his performance at work.



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Authors: Mohamed Al-Fiqi, Ahmed Abd Al-Hamid.

## Salafis and MBs Coordinate Efforts to Choose Preferred Presidential Candidate



Al-Akhbar knew from informed sources in the parliament that negotiations are underway between leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood, and its affiliated Freedom and Justice Party, and Al-Nour Salafi Party to determine the presidential candidate who is most likely to receive their support.

Sources confirmed that Salafis and MBs reached a preliminary agreement to unite their efforts to support a single presidential candidate to ensure his win. They agreed that the presidential candidate they will give their support to will not be Hazem Salah Abo Ismail or Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh.

Sources explained that Abo Ismail enjoys the support of many young Salafis; however, he is rejected by many political forces and groups. Meanwhile, Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh was dismissed from the Muslim Brotherhood because he did not adhere to their decision to refrain from running for presidency.

Negotiations resulted in agreeing on supporting a single presidential candidate who will be expected to appoint two vice presidents; one of them from the Muslim Brotherhood and the other is Salafi.



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Authors: Ahmed Al-Tahawi, Mohamed Rabie (and others).

## Strikes Continue in 5 Governorates



Strikes continue to spread in various governorates around the country including; Alexandria, Sohag, Assiut, Al-Gharbia, and Al-Menia.

In Cairo, workers of the Public Transport Authority continued their strike for the fifth day in a row demanding benefits and increasing their end of service rewards. They also demanded improving their working conditions and security provided for them.

In Alexandria, drivers and citizens using tramway network had a strike to protest the increase of the tram's fare.

In Sohag, more than 50 teachers protested in front of the Ministry of Education's building to demand transferring them to schools near their living areas. In Minya, teachers also protested against the delay in the payment of their incentives.



## TV Coverage (17/03/2012)



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

PM Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri will announce within 10 days the sanctions imposed on Al-Masry Football Club as a result of the Port Said clashes. He added that the decision to resume the football activities is the responsibility of the security authorities.

Presidential Elections Commission resumes providing the candidates with the applications. The number of citizens who withdrew their applications reached 672 so far.



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

Presidential Candidate Selim Al-Awa said:

No individual or institution should be above the law.

My program introduces a moderate perception of Islam.

Most of the endorsements I received are from Copts that I don't know and most of them are from Upper Egypt.



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

Death of Egyptian Coptic Christian Pope Shenouda III, the patriarch of most of Egypt's estimated 12 million Christians. 3:00 AM

Joint Parliament Committee decided that Constituent Assembly will consist of 50% MPs and 50% from public figures and entities. 3:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Similar news was reported in Program "Momken" on CBC Channel



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

MP Al-Badry Farghaly said:

We must build the country's institutions and we must choose a president as soon as possible.



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

People's Assembly Speaker Dr. Saad Al-Katatni announces the criteria for choosing Constituent Assembly members.

**Program: Yes'ed Sabahak  
Channel 2"State TV"  
Host: Hany Tawfik and Dina Hegazy**

PM Kamal El-Ganzouri said women must be represented in the Constituent Assembly.  
655 citizens withdrew the applications for presidential nominations until now.



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## Radio Coverage (17/03/2012)



**News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

**Time: 20:00:00**

Egypt's Coptic Pope Shenouda III, the leader of the Middle East's largest Christian minority, has died at the age of 89 due to health problems.

The second session for the Joint Parliamentary Committee was held in order to agree on the criteria of choosing the members of the Constituent Assembly.

A World Bank delegation will visit Egypt tomorrow to discuss a possible EGP4.7 billion loan.



**News**

**Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat**

**Time: 19:00:00**

Joint Parliamentary Committee decided that the Constituent Assembly will consist of 50% MPs and 50% from public figures and entities.



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## Internet Coverage (18/03/2012)



### We are all khaled saed

Our condolences go to our Coptic brothers and sisters for the death of Egypt's Pope, Shenouda III, after a lengthy battle with illness.

"We will not let a single child sleep on the street, starve to death, or miss school. Egypt will become a major power, street children must receive their rights, they must have birth certificates and learn at schools," said by one street child, commenting on overlooking street children in the programs of presidential candidates.

### Egyptian cabinet

PM Kamal Al-Ganzory extends his condolences to all Egyptian Copts inside or outside the country Egypt over the death of Pope Shenoda III.



### **Twitter** **@AsmaaMahfouz**

Many people are violating my personal life and claiming that they have the right to do so because I am a political activist!

### **@Ghonim**

Our sincere condolences to our Christian brothers and sisters for the death of Pope Shenouda III after a long struggle with disease.

### **@Arabist**

"New on Arabist: Sharks weren't the only predators the Qadhafis took a shine to <http://arb.st/zNC6ny>"

"New on Arabist: Pope Shenouda III, patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, dies <http://arb.st/FPIJ54>"

"New on Arabist: Swift boat to Bahrain <http://arb.st/wwINDO>"

"New on Arabist: Will the US approve aid to Egypt? <http://bit.ly/wYnBhh>"



**@Iyad\_ElBaghdadi**

"Torture (sorry, "establishing discipline") in a Russian prison - these are Assad's mentors (painful to watch) <http://bit.ly/FP9cNc>"

"Do you ever really change people's minds? It appears to me that those who agree with you are those who anyway agree with you."

"Rule: Jihadis do not believe in nationalism. No Alqaeda worthy of its name will fly a nationalistic flag, including that of free #Syria."

"Rule: When Alqaeda blows shit up, they do it with pride. They don't blow shit up and then keep quiet about it. #Syria"

"Side effect of the #socialmedia revolution: Intellectual control is dead."

"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"



## ▪ 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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