



# News Coverage

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Author: Amani Majid and Muhammad Hijab

### National Political Players Refuses Islamist Domination on the Constituent Assembly

**قوى وطنية ترفض استحواد الإسلاميين على «تأسيسية الدستور» وتهدد بالتصعيد**

القاهرة . أمانى ماجد ومحمد حجاب  
وهبة سعيد، أشق: سجال واسع بين القوى الوطنية المختلفة تشهده الساحة السياسية حول تشكيل الجمعية التأسيسية للدستور الجديد، بعد إعلان هذه القوى رفضها اتجاه البرلمان لتشكيل أعضاء الجمعية بنسبة ٥٠٪ من النواب، و٥٠٪ من خارج البرلمان، ففي الوقت الذي أكد فيه حزب «الحرية والعدالة» حرصه على تمثيل جميع فئات المجتمع في وضع الدستور، بمن فيهم الشباب والمرأة، ويمتنون عن الانبساط باعتبارهم شركاء أساسيين في الوطن، أعلنت

«اللجنة الشعبية للدستور» عن دعمها مبادرة التحرك على الساحة القضائية لوقف محاولات القوى الإسلامية للسيطرة على الجمعية التأسيسية بحجة الأغلبية البرلمانية. وقال محمود عبدالرحيم، للنسق العام للجنة: إن هناك تنسيقاً كاملاً في هذا الصدد بين عدد من الحركات السياسية، مؤكداً أن أولى نتائج هذا التنسيق تنظيم وقفة احتجاجية أمام المحكمة الدستورية العليا غداً بالتزامن مع طلب قوى المحكمة تستعجها وقفة دعم لدعوى إلغاء قرار البرلمان حول معايير تشكيل الجمعية يوم الثلاثاء.

المقبل أمام مجلس الدولة. في الوقت نفسه، شن نحو ٢٥ ائتلافاً هجومياً على قرار البرلمان، واتهموا تيار الإخوان المسلمين بالسعي إلى احتكار الجمعية التأسيسية، مهدين بالتصعيد ضد الإخوان والمجلس العسكري في حالة عدم العدول عن نسبة الـ ٥٠٪ المطروحة، وأكدوا أن الإصرار سيعيد اللوبيات إلى الشارع، على صعيد متصل، تقدم اتحاد كتاب مصر إلى مجلس الشعب بكتابة ترشيحاته لعضوية الجمعية التأسيسية. وأوضح محمد سلامي، رئيس اتحاد الكتاب، أن الاتحاد يرفض مشاركة أعضاء البرلمان في الجمعية التأسيسية، ويدعو إلى تشكيلها من منطى النقابات والاتحادات والتجمعات المهنية المختلفة، مشيراً إلى أن اتحاد الكتاب يضم نحو ثلاثة آلاف عضو يمثلون ضمير الأمة وعقلها المفكر، ولا يعقل عدم مشاركة هؤلاء في وضع الدستور بالنسبة التي تتفق ومكانتهم، من جانبها. أعلنت الجماعة الإسلامية ترشيحاتها للجمعية التأسيسية للدستور، في الوقت الذي رفض فيه عدد من الخبراء القانونيين، وممثلو المجتمع المدني والنشطاء الحقوقيين قرار مجلس الشعب بشأن «التأسيسية».

[المشهد السياسي ص ٧]

Considerable controversy is reported about the Constituent Assembly that will be assigned to draft the constitution. The different political players refuse the suggestion to have half of the assembly's members from the parliament and the other half from outside the parliament.

The rejection is resulted from the different political powers' fears of Islamist dominance on the assembly.

The Muslim Brotherhood's assertion on their alleged keenness on representing all the political and social trends in the assembly does not seem to have reassured the different political players.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk pp. 1, 5



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Author: Muhammad Anz and Hani Izzat

## Islamists Undecided on a Presidential Candidate



The Shura Council of the Muslim Brotherhood postponed a meeting that was scheduled today to decide on an Islamist presidential candidate to support in the presidential race to the coming Tuesday.

The delay was to give more time for though thinking and discussions.

Member of the Muslim Brotherhood Shura Council declared that the group might support one of its members or one of the other candidates.

In a related context, 300 of the Salafist leaders from the Salafist Call and al-Nour Party all over Egypt held a national meeting yesterday in Alexandria to discuss the presidential elections. Salafists declared that they would not announce the name of the candidate they would support in the presidential race.

Similar news was reported in al-Sharouk, pp. 1, 5

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Author: Nader Tamman and Uthman Shihata

### Al-Awwa against Acquitting Killers of Demonstrators



Potential Presidential Candidate called on the prosecution general to file a claim at the Court of cassation against the court rulings that had acquitted the killers of demonstrators.

He also denounced the double standards and called for just trials of the symbols of Mubarak's regime.



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Author: Muhamamd Jamal Abu Zaid and Amal Awad Allah

## Nubians with the Potential Presidential Candidates



A number of potential Presidential Candidates are to meet representatives of the Nubian organizations in Egypt to promote their electoral programs.

Munir Bachir, head of the Egyptian Nubian Association for lawyers declared that the Nubians would support a presidential candidate who serve their causes and provide clear plans for the future.

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Author: Saheh Lachine and Usamah Siddiq

## Abu al-Futuh against Rushing the Constitution



Potential Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh called for drafting the constitution after the election of the president to avoid rushing a defective constitution.

Abu al-Futouh's statements were in the course of an electoral conference he held in Upper Egyptian Assyout. Abu al-Futouh said the president could be elected according to the Constitutional declaration that was declared in March, 2011.

Abu al-Futouh also supports a mixed presidential system that adopts both the presidential and parliamentary systems.

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Author: Mustafa al-Mileji

## Justice from Islam and Love from Christianity



Potential Presidential Candidate Hamadain Sabbahi asserted that the role of the Armed forces was to protect Egypt. However, he called for bringing SCAF officials into account after the transgression committed in the post Jan 25, 2011 era.

Sabbahi visited al-Adl Party [Justice Party] headquarters. He said the revolution succeeded in beheading the regime, and that the goal of the coming era is to replace the head of the former regime with a president who belongs to the revolution.

“If we took justice from Islam and love from Christianity, we will be able to build a great renaissance in Egypt,” Sabbahi said.

## Copts Converge on Monastery of St Pishoy to Visit Shenouda's Shrine

**فتح باب الترشح لمنصب البابا بعد «الأربعين».. والمجمع المقدس ينتخب الأنبا باخوميوس «قائمقام»**

**طلبات بالزواج والشفاء من الأقباط للبابا شنودة.. وزائروه: «كان نفسنا نسلم عليه وهو حي»**

الثلاثاء المقبل لتحديد إجراءات انتخاب البطريرك الجديد وإعلان فتح باب الترشح.  
أما في وادي النطرون فقال العم عوض وهيب، مزارع من البحيرة كان نرسنا نسلم عليه.. بس معرفناش نوصله وهو حي.. هكذا كان حال الرجل مثل حال مئات الأقباط الذين تواجدوا لزيارة البابا شنودة بدير الأنبا بيشوي في وادي النطرون.  
والتف العشرات حول التابوت الموجود به البابا شنودة، بعضهم دفن رأسه بين يديه على التابوت، وآخرون وضعوا باقات ورد.  
والتقى الأنبا بيشوي، سكرتير المجمع المقدس، ٤ بيانات مساء أمس، وقال إنه سيبدأ قبول أوراق الترشح لمنصب البابا، بعد صلاة الأربعين لمدة ٢٠ يوما، من باب الاحترام والتقدير للبابا الراحل.

كتب - عماد خليل، والبحيرة - حمدي قاسم وياسر شemis؛ عقد المجمع المقدس للكنيسة القبطية الأرثوذكسية اجتماعا بالقرى البابوي والكاتدرائية المرشدية بالعباسية، صباح أمس الخميس، برئاسة الأنبا باخوميوس، مطران البحيرة ومرسى مطروح واله مبن الغربية بنمال أفريقيا، وبحضور ما يزيد على ١١٧ أسقفا وأعضاء المجلس الأعلى العام.  
وأرسل أعضاء المجمع اسم الأنبا «باخوميوس» للمجلس العسكري لاعتماده بعد اختياره بالإجماع من ١١٧ أسقفا كقائمقام، لإدارة المرحلة الانتقالية في الكنيسة والإشراف على انتخاب البطريرك الجديد.  
وقال مصدر كنسي: إن الأنبا باخوميوس اختار الأنبا برهم، أسقفا الفيوم سكرتيرا أول له، والإنبا موسى سكرتيرا عاما. وأكد المصدر أن هناك رفضا عاما لتعديل لائحة ٥٧ الخاصة بانتخاب البطريرك وانتظار تعديلها بعد اختيار البطريرك الجديد. وأشار المصدر إلى أن المجمع المقدس سيجتمع



الزوار لا ينتظرون عن ضريح البابا شنودة تصوير: ياسر شemis (طالع ص ٨)

For the third day in a row, scores of Copts continued to converge on the Monastery of Saint Pishoy in Wadi Natrun to visit the shrine of late Pope Shenouda III of Alexandria and Patriarch of Saint Mark Diocese, who died on Saturday.

The monastery opened its doors for citizens, Christians and Muslims, as well as government and security officials who wanted to extend condolences over the pope's death.

The day also saw the military police easing the security measures for the visitors.

## Omar Soliman Agrees to Run for President



Former vice-president and former intelligence chief Omar Suleiman will run in the presidential elections, sources said.

Soliman has made up his mind and decided to run in the presidential polls, the sources told Al-Masry Al-Yom newspaper.

Soliman has repeatedly rejected to run for presidency, but after continuous pressures from his supporters who submitted proxies in his support, he finally agreed to join the race, the sources said.



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Authors: Not mentioned

### Protests against Islamist Control over Constituent Assembly



The Popular Committee for the Constitution plans to stage a protest outside the Supreme Constitutional Court against Islamists' hegemony over the Constituent Assembly entrusted with drafting Egypt's new Constitution.

"The protest is part of our initiative to take moves on the judicial front to end Islamists' control over the Constituent Assembly in a way that does not secure its independence," Mahmoud Abdel Rehim, coordinator for the committee, said.

The committee in coordination with the other civil and democratic powers, including the National Assembly for Change and several MPs like Mohammed Abu Hamed are going to struggle for a Constitution that represents all segments of the Egyptian society and does not marginalize any side, he added.

Another protest will be staged outside the State Council to call for annulling the parliament's decision as regards the criteria for the Constituent Assembly formation, he added.

"We hope the Egyptian judiciary would hand down historic verdicts that would spare the country another sedition that is more serious than the one that took place in the referendum on constitutional amendments," he said.

The Popular Committee for the Constitution groups public figures, academics, independent MPs, activists and judicial counselors.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 1)

## More Candidates Get Presidential Application on Day 13



A total of 24 possible candidates have drawn their presidential applications on the 13th day of registration to join the race for Egypt's first-ever presidential vote after the January 25 Revolution, Hatem Bagato, Secretary General of Egypt's Higher Presidential Elections Committee (HPEC), said.

He said the number of those who showed intention to join the presidential race reached to 1,000 so far.

The process of getting and submitting the applications will run until April 8.

The elections are scheduled for May 23-24.

The requirements of joining the presidential race include gaining support of at least 30 MPs or gathering 30,000 proxy votes from citizens in 15 different governorates - at least 1,000 supporters from each governorate.

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 Author: Many authors

### Presidential Race



Gomhoriya referred to some extraordinary potential presidential candidates. One of them claims to be the awaited Guide mentioned in the holy texts, another one wants to nominate himself.

Advocates of Omar Suleiman, former head of the Intelligence Service declared Suleiman’s approval to nominate himself.

Mamdouh Qutb asserted that he would not let Mubarak’s regime free of account if he were elected president.

Dr. Mahmoud al-Sharif asserted that the constitution represents the nation’s welfare and not that of its majority.

Hammadain Sabbashi declared his will to establish the Jan 25 Republic.

On his part, potential presidential candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh exceeded the media of presenting Islamists as fearful. Abu al-Futouh exceeded the 30-supporter limit assigned to accept a presidential candidate.

Muhammad Salim al-Awwa promised to be keen on trying all the culprits who committed transgressions during the transitional period. In his program, Mansour Hassan concentrates of serving ordinary people’s interests.



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Author: Ahmed Hassan Amer

## Lawsuit Filed to Restitute Eilat through International Arbitration



A lawsuit was filed with the Administrative Court at the State Council to restitute Eilat town through international arbitration.

The lawsuit was lodged against Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri, Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr, People’s Assembly Speaker Saad el-Katatni and the Israeli ambassador in Cairo accusing them of intentional procrastination in referring the case to international arbitration.

The case was brought by Ahmed Ayoub, a lawyer and the general coordinator of the front defending Egyptian state institutions.

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Author: Mohamed Abdel-Maqsoud

## Egypt Court Orders Detention of 11 Syrian Activists



The Qasr El-Nile Court ordered remanding 11 Syrian activists in custody for 15 days pending investigations and arresting seven others.

The activists are facing charges of gathering, using violence, disrupting traffic and damaging public property, said their lawyer Abdel-Moneim Maqsoud.

They were protesting peacefully outside the Syrian embassy in Cairo against the massacres perpetrated by the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad when they were arrested, the lawyer said.

Similar news was reported in Al-Masry Yom (page 3)

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Author: Ahmed Hassan Amer

### Trade Minister Denies Rashid's Return to Cairo



Industry and Foreign Trade Minister confuted reports about extraditing former trade minister Rashid Mohamed Rashid and reconciling with him in return for paying back all his funds.

Reconciling with members of the former regime requires a political and popular will, the minister said, adding that the government is not considering such a move at all.

Similar news was reported in Al-Gomhoria (page 3)

## New Acting Pope Appointed



The Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church appointed Metropolitan Pachomius of Beheira, the eldest member of the hierarchy, as locum tenens of the patriarchal throne until a new pope is elected.

A message was sent to head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi on Thursday on the appointment.

According to Coptic Orthodox tradition, the pope is elected by a number of processes. Candidates, chosen among monks and archbishops, must be at least 40 years old and have been monks for at least 15 years.

Following an election, the names of the three candidates with the most votes are written on pieces of paper and placed in a box to be picked by a child - not more than nine years old - whose eyes are blindfolded.

The candidates are nominated through the Holy Synod (the highest authority in the church, comprising 120 archbishops), General Congregation Council members and dioceses.

Similar report was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 3) and Al-Gomhoria (page 3)



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Author: Mustafa Ead

## An Elderly Juge to Replace Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim



25 judges at Cairo Court of Appeal declared the execution of the general assembly's decision that approved Judge Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim's resignation as from his position as head of the Court of Appeal.

Judge Hussein Ibrahim took over as the eldest judge.

Ibrahim's resignation was upon news about his involvement in lifting the ban on travel that was imposed on the foreign suspects in the NGOs case.

The 25 judges filed a claim to the Attorney General yesterday accusing Muhamamd Marzouq, the secretary general of the Court of Appeal and administrative employees there of preventing Judge Hussein Abd al-Hamid from accessing the court.

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Author: Not mentioned

## Free Egyptians Warns of the Demonstration Law



In a communiqué issued yesterday, Free Egyptians part refused all attempts to limit Egyptians' right to the freedom of expression and peaceful demonstration.

The party expressed fears of the draft of demonstration law that was applied to be discussed at the People's Assembly, especially its article that punishes calls to demonstrations without an official authorization by a 6-month jail penalty and a fine of L.E 5000.

The party asserted the necessity to preserve Egyptians rights to self expression and peaceful demonstration.

## Mass Demonstrations against Islamists Dominance of the Constituent Assembly

# المليونيات تتحدى سيطرة الإخوان والسلفيين على الدستور

## عشرات الأحزاب والقوى المدنية تشارك في مسيرة قاعة المؤتمرات.. و25 ائتلافا ثوريا تعود إلى الشوارع والتحرير

حملة تحت شعار «أحس مستقبلك .. أحسن دستورك» لجمع توقعات المواطنين على توكيدات لرفع دعوى بعدم دستورية تشكيل البرلمان التأسيسية الدستوري، وأكدت أحزاب التجمع التقدمي الوحدوي، والتحالف الشعبي الاشتراكي، والوحيي والمصريين الأحرار، وتحالف كبار معمر مشاركتها في التظاهرة، فيما اتهم اتحاد شباب الثورة المجلس العسكري بأنه عاقل الثورة لتراكم انتهاكاتها، واستمر رئيس المنظمة المصرية لحقوق الإنسان حافظ أبو سعدة أن قرار المحكمة في الطعون المقدمة إليها ضد تشكيل «التأسيسية» من شأنه أن يضع المعيار البديل والصحيح لتشكيل الجمعية، أو يلزم البرلمان بأن يتم اختيار الأعضاء من خارج البرلمان، ويفضل إعلان كل القوى، أو أن تغلب المحكمة أن يضع البرلمان قانونا يعدهم فيه نسب أعضاء الجمعية.



حافظ أبو سعدة

يسرى حماد

أعلن المشرطون من الأحزاب والقوى والحركات السياسية مشاركتها في مسيرة قاعة المؤتمرات المقررة غدا السبت للتصويت على قاعة المؤتمرات بمدينة نصر، لإعلان رفض قرار البرلمان بشأن تشكيل الجمعية التأسيسية للدستور، بالتزامن مع الاجتماع المشترك بين المجلس، وهدد 25 ائتلافا ثوريا بعودة المليشيات إلى الشوارع وبيان التحرير، في وقت وصف فيه الدكتور يسرى حماد التعهد الرسمي لحزب التوير تحركات القوى المدنية بالمشوشة، عند المدة 60 من الإعلان الدستوري، والتي نعت على أن مجلس الشعب هو صاحب حق تشكيل الهيئة التأسيسية، فيما عدت حركة ثوار بلا حدود إلى تنظيم مظاهرات اليوم الجمعة، أمام دار القضاء العالي، وأعلن حسن عماد للوزراء البدائل الجماعية الإسلامية للمشاركة في مسيرات غد السبت لقاعة المؤتمرات، فيما أعلنت الجمعية الوطنية للتغيير عن إطلاق

Different political players in Egypt called for a mass demonstration on Saturday to protest the Islamist dominance on the Constituent Assembly. The Demonstration headed to the High Court of Law.

Demonstrations were also organized in Tahrir calling for releasing political detainees.

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Authors: Not mentioned

### Israel has not Yet Found New Location for Embassy in Cairo - Sources



Israel has not found yet a new location for its embassy in Cairo, diplomatic sources said, denying news of finding an alternative venue for the facility.

Regarding flying out furniture and other contents of its Cairo embassy, sources said that this was done after permission was granted from the Egyptian foreign ministry, added sources.

The contents of the Israeli embassy in Cairo are personal belongings of its diplomats and staff, sources said.

Yesterday planes arrived at Cairo Airport to carry to Israel the belongings of the embassy staffers, including desks, appliances, files, papers and personal things inside their offices or at their residences like furniture purchased at their own expenses.

The Israeli embassy was stormed in September by protesters infuriated by the killing of five Egyptian soldiers in an Israeli cross-border attack.

Similar news was reported in Al-Gomhoria (page 3)



## TV Coverage (22/03/2012)



**Program: Montaha Al-Saraha**

**Channel: Al-Hayat 2**

**Host: Mostafa Bakry**

Some sources said PM Kamal Al-Ganzory was not going to resign.



**News**

**Channel 1 "State TV"**

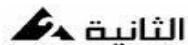
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**Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr**

**Channel 1 "State TV"**

According to Wafd Newspaper: the current Parliament has no powers. Parliament Deputy said the Constitutional Declaration and Former Speaker of the People's Assembly rules prevented us from taking serious decisions.

According to Al-Masry Al-Yom Newspaper: Constituent Assembly: 57 from the Assembly members are from Islamic parties and 25 will be from the ordinary citizens. Al-Nour and Freedom and Justice Party agreed on excluding Zueil, Al-Baz, Al-Baradei, and Al-Aswany.



**Program: Yesed Sabahak**

**Channel 2 "State TV"**

**Host: Ahmed Al-Sawy and Sara Al-Helaly**

Parliament Suggestions Committee approves a draft law subjecting the President of State to trial in case he violated the law.

Head of News Sector allocated half an hour free of charge on Nile News TV to presidential candidates.



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## Radio Coverage (22/03/2012)



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

**Time: 25:00:00**

A number of political powers announced the month of “Saving Egypt” starting from tomorrow to demand a constitutional legislation that condemns killers of demonstrators.

A number of judges of the Cairo Court of Appeal called for an urgent meeting on Tuesday to discuss delegating Judge Hussein Abdel-Hamid president of the court instead of Judge Abdel-Moez Ibrahim.

Citizen’s Assembly for the Constitution announced supporting the movement of the judges to suspend the Islamic party domination in the Constituent Assembly.

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## Internet Coverage (23/03/2012)



### We are all Khaled Saeed

Good life, freedom and social justice.

That is a point of view: [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/531344\\_371141699602367\\_104224996294040\\_876808\\_1923369761\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/531344_371141699602367_104224996294040_876808_1923369761_n.jpg)

### Egyptian Cabinet

Giza Governor: Natural gas reaches the houses of 86,000 families next month.

On the sidelines of a military funeral held for police officer Osama Kamel Moussa, who was killed by outlaws in Qalubiya governorate, the Interior Minister said: The police are growing stronger against criminals threatening the security of the people and the nation.



### Muslim Brotherhood:

### Freedom and Justice Party Supports Peaceful Demonstration Rights

The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) has denounced an attempt by certain Egyptian media outlets to tarnish the political image of the party's MP Sobhi Saleh, claiming that he proposed a draft law to restrict the freedom to demonstrate and require prior approval from the Interior Ministry for any protest activity.

In fact, the FJP stressed that reports in some Egyptian media about MP Sobhi Saleh (FJP), Deputy of the Legislative and Constitutional Affairs Committee of the People's Assembly, accusing him of submitting a bill to restrict the freedom to demonstrate, is totally false and completely unfounded.

Further, according to a statement by the FJP, the concerned Committee's last meeting discussed the draft laws submitted by independent MP Mohamed Alomda, the Committee's second Deputy; MP Ali Qatamish; General Adel Afifi; the National Council; and the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, which would restrict the right to demonstrate and stipulate obtaining prior authorization from the Ministry of the Interior for any demonstration activities. The FJP statement emphasized that MP Sobhi Saleh's role was limited to compilation of these draft laws in his parliamentary capacity as the Committee Deputy.

Moreover, the statement made clear that the FJP and MP Sobhi Saleh had nothing to do with these laws, confirming that the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee immediately rejected the aforementioned proposals made by above-named MPs. The party asserted that it fully supports the right of peaceful protest and demonstration, and rejects any attempts to block citizens' right of expression or the freedom to demonstrate in a peaceful manner.

The draft laws in question, which were presented at meeting of the Legislative and Constitutional Affairs Committee included restriction of the freedom to protest and demonstrate, and required activists to seek and obtain permission in advance from the Ministry of Interior, at the same time giving the Ministry the right to refuse permission to demonstrate, which led to the refusal of these draft laws.



## The Freedom and Justice Party Views on Current Events

As the Egyptian people patiently wait for stability, security, social development and economic progress, the current government fails to deliver. Meanwhile, Egyptian media spreads the news – in often contradictory reports – on the position of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) regarding likely candidates for the presidency. Further, the formation of the Constituent Assembly (CA), to be entrusted with drafting the Egyptian Constitution, reaches its final stages. Moreover, on the Arab and international levels, the brutal Syrian regime's bloody war machine continues to massacre the defenseless Syrian people before the eyes and ears of the world, as Gaza Strip suffer a major electricity and energy crisis which exacerbates the siege and strangulation of more than a million and a half million citizens. In this statement, the FJP details its views regarding these and other issues.

### **First, on the domestic level:**

The FJP denounces the continuation of the current government after its repeated and evident failure in the management of affairs of the country on all political, economic, social and security levels. Furthermore, the FJP stresses that this government has so far accomplished nothing to convince the Egyptian people and MPs in the People's Assembly and Shura Council that it should indeed remain in power, especially after failing to provide the public with gasoline and diesel supplies, in addition to its utter failure in solving the problem of Butane gas cylinders or that of persistently rising prices for all kinds of commodities and the requirements of living. Needless to say, the security situation is not any more encouraging. In fact, it has not seen any progress in restoring law and order or the elimination of lawlessness, not to mention the Port Said crisis, which illustrated the government's complete confusion, incompetence and ineptness. Even on the international level, the bungling and stumbling approach in the scandal of fleeing defendants – in the NGO foreign funding case – is evidence that the government has nothing to offer the Egyptian people but more trouble, crises and problems. The FJP, therefore, emphasizes the need for the majority represented in the People's Assembly and Shura Council to form a coalition government that assumes responsibility before Parliament, and which can do its part effectively, especially since there are many crises and obstacles that the current government is clearly intent on bequeathing to the next government.

The People's Assembly and Shura Council, on Saturday 24 March 2012, will select the 100 members of the Constituent Assembly to be tasked with drawing up the new Egyptian Constitution. The FJP asserts that its Parliamentary Commissions in the People's Assembly and Shura Council are determined for the Constituent Assembly to represent all intellectual and political persuasions, as well as all sectors and denominations of the Egyptian society, in writing the new Constitution, including youth and women, in addition to Copts, who are a key partner in this homeland.



The FJP reiterates that it has no reservation against dealing with the IMF or any other international institution where Egypt is a member. The FJP would certainly accept any help from these institutions in any way that would serve public interests, especially in implementing plans for developing Egyptian economy and achieving the hoped-for growth. This, however, does not mean that the party has made a final decision on the loan requested by the current government from the IMF, because the party does not have the necessary information about the real requirements of Egypt's general budget. The government has not made the essential effort to find alternatives, to foreign borrowing, that would not increase the burden of public debt and the cost of economic and social development. It has not explained how this loan will be used, or how it will be paid off. Hence, the FJP cannot reach a final decision that would fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the Egyptian people without overburdening them with social and economic costs.

#### **Second, on the regional and international level:**

The FJP calls on the Egyptian Foreign Ministry to speed up action in relevant international forums to take strict decisions against the brutal massacres committed by the Syrian regime's brutal security and military forces against the noble Syrian People, who face Assad's bloody war machine on its own, amid weak international response against this tyrannical repressive regime's war crimes. The FJP stresses that states rejecting actions intended to prevent such atrocities, such as Russia and China, and used their so-called veto in the Security Council, have to bear their historic responsibilities in the killing and torture of women and children and the elderly as well as hundreds of men who are murdered every day.

The FJP stresses that effective concrete steps must be taken at both popular and official levels to lift the siege imposed on Gaza Strip, especially with regard to diesel and other fuel crises, which increases the suffering of the people in Gaza. Furthermore, the FJP believes it is not right, under any circumstances, for the embargo to continue after the Egyptian Revolution that has a clear position against the corrupt former regime's stance with regard to the Gaza blockade.



Twitter

**Wael Abbas:**

What are the prices of donkeys??? I am seriously thinking about buying one to run my errands inside New Cairo's Fifth Settlement. I can ride it to City Center and Meeting Point. Do you think they will allow me in Qattamiya Heights?

Internet in Egypt: From opposition to political struggle.

<http://www.dw.de/dw/article/0,,15818362,00.html>

The Muslim Brotherhood is ruling our country to give our gasoline to their friends in Gaza.

I am at Paschadeli (Stockholm, Sweden)

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f6c4b05e4b0463c92909f7e?s=xM8iOdZShk2E8KS-XPG80iwsZgs&ref=tw>

SCAF is giving your natural gas to Israel and the MB is giving your gasoline to Gaza. We, the revolutionaries, are just a bunch of drunks, atheists and homosexuals!!!

**Asmaa Mahfouz:**

What saddens me the most is when political powers say that the revolutionary phase is over and that we moved to the political struggle one.

The revolutionary phase is not over yet.

As long as there is no transparency in the fact-finding reports on Port Said, thuggery will continue in Port Said.

**Monasosh:**

Come and join us. We gave banners calling for freedom for all detained civilians or military men. <http://yfrog.com/ki86yfcj>

Four tents were erected outside the High Court of Justice.

Such a great scene, when Ahmed Harara showed up, people started chanting "Raise your head up, Harara is an Egyptian.

The people want Ahmed Doma's freedom. #freeDoma <http://yfrog.com/h3mckbtj>  
Freedom. Freedom. #FreeAllDetainees #nomilitrials <http://yfrog.com/klvlbcgj>

Youths protest outside the Judges' Club, where their elections are being held.

<http://yfrog.com/h364ydwj>



### Iyad elbaghdadi:

Several Youtube vids have emerged of Assad using helicopter gunships in a town near the Turkish border. #Syria

Ten years ago, before the #ArabSpring and before social media, I could see those authority figures "training" their flock of sheep.

Back then, I could see how those pillars of authoritarianism - whoever they may be - training their "sheep" not to stray. #ArabSpring

Can the authoritarians "ride out" the social media revolution? They only know how to coerce, they don't have it in them to convince.

It seems to me now that all authoritarian ideologies are dying or doomed to die. Intellectual control is dead. Ideas cannot be jailed.

### Arabist:

In Amreeka. Watching Fox News scold Obama for giving \$1.5bn to "Egypt that is controlled by the terrorist group, the Muslim Brotherhood."

Note refs to flexibility, payment of obligations to us corps.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-03-23/egypt-military-aid-to-be-paid-by-u-s-for-strategic-goals.html>

On prospects for autonomy in Barqa #Libya

<http://carnegieendowment.org/sada/2012/03/21/is-autonomy-for-northeastern-libya-realistic/a431>

<http://m.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/22/nuclear-watchdog-iran-iaea?cat=world&type=article>

Worrying. [http://m.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/22/nuclear-watchdog-iran-](http://m.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/22/nuclear-watchdog-iran-iaea?cat=world&type=article)

[iaea?cat=world&type=article](http://m.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/22/nuclear-watchdog-iran-iaea?cat=world&type=article)

### Gsquare86:

I feel like Hazem Abu Ismail is watching you, his photos are everywhere.



## 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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