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Author: Ali Sham and Abdel-Gawad Tawfiq

SCAF: We Are Not Struggling with Any Political Power

صفحة «المسكري»: لسنا في صراع سياسي مع أي تيار

كتب: علي شام وعبد الجواد توفيق:

أكدت صفحة المجلس الأعلى للقوات المسلحة على الفيس بوك التزام المجلس العسكري الكامل بخريطة الطريق ونزاهة وشفافية القرارات خلال ما تبقى الفترة الانتقالية وحتى تسليم السلطة في ٣٠ يونيو المقبل. وأشار إلى أن المجلس لم ينحاز إلى أي فصيل في الصراع السياسي في مصر ولم تكن هناك صفقات مع أي من كان لأنها ضد مبادئ وأخلاق وقيم

القوات المسلحة المصرية مهما حاول البعض الإيحاء بهذا أو محاولة تفسير المواقف عليه فما حدث من نتائج سياسية على الأرض خلال الفترة السابقة هو جهود فصيل وتقصير من الآخر ولم يكن هناك إلا حكم الشعب، وشدد الأمن على أن معركة الدستور محسومة تماماً وسبقاً لصالح الشعب المصري بجميع طوائفه ولن يكون هناك دستور خاص للفصيل بعينه لأن هذا الفصيل

يدرك أن مصداقيته وقوته على الأرض يستمدان من صفته والتزامه وأصنافه ولجميع التيارات والأحزاب والقوى السياسية أن مصر هي للمصريين جميعاً منذ آلاف السنين ولم ولن يتم تخصيصها لأحد حياتها لله سبحانه وتعالى باليمن والأمان وحكمة وعقل أبناء شعبها كما أهداها ويمتد نشأتها جيشها القوى الذي يحافظ عليها وعلى تراثها من أجدانها أو من ابنائها إذا لم الأمر.

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) said it did not and will not take sides with any power in the current political struggle in Egypt.

Reports have been piling up about some sort of struggle between SCAF, in its capacity as the political ruler of the country, and the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) group, the admin of SCAF's Facebook page wrote in a message posted on the social networking website Thursday.

The MB is supposed to be a religious group, while the Freedom and Justice Party its political wing, the admin wrote.

"We are wondering whether the group has an armed wing after many internet pages were created, calling for armed Jihad against SCAF, while clearly stating their affiliation with the MB and the Islamist trend," he added.

In order for this message not be understood as an attack on the MB or any religious group, SCAF reiterates its full commitment to the road map to hand over power to a civilian authority by June 30, 2012.

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



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Author: Muhammad Anz

Al-Nour Party Refuses the Withdrawal of Confidence from the Government

النور يجدد رفضه سحب الثقة من الحكومة

كتب . محمد عنز

جدد حزب النور رفضه سحب الثقة من حكومة الدكتور الجنزوري بالرغم من اعتراضه الشديد عليها نظرا لحاجة البلاد للاستقرار في الوقت الحالي خاصة أن البلاد مقبلة على انتخابات الرئاسة وكتابة الدستور. وطالب يسرى حماد المتحدث الرسمي باسم حزب النور الدكتور كمال الجنزوري بالعمل بيدا بيد مع الأحزاب ذات الشعبية في الشارع المصري والمهتمة في البرلمان لإيجاد حلول سريعة للمشكلات العالقة والقضايا ذات الأولوية ومحاربة الفساد الإداري التي تعوق جميع المؤسسات الحكومية. وطالب حماد رئيس الحكومة بعدم التسرع في صرف مليارات الجنيهات في مشاريع طويلة المدى وترك هذه الأمور للحكومة المقبلة خاصة أن هذه الحكومة حكومة تسيير أعمال تنتهي مديتها بانتخابات الرئاسة أو وضع الدستور أيهما أقرب.

Salafist al-Nour Party refused withdrawing the confidence from Kamal al-Ganzouri's government. Al-Nour Party's rejection was under the pretext of preserving stability as a compelling need in Egypt at the moment, especially before the presidential elections.

Al-Nour Party called for cooperation between the Parliament and all the political parties in Egypt to resolve the problems.



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Author: Not mentioned

Abu Baraka's Attempt to Resolve the Crisis

أبو بركة يكشف خطة للخروج من أزمة «التأسيسية»

كشف الدكتور أحمد أبو بركة .
القيادة بالحريّة والعدالة . عن خطة
الحزب من ثلاث نقاط للخروج من أزمة
اللجنة التأسيسية .
وقال ان الخطة تتضمن إجراء
مشاورات مع الأحزاب السياسية
ومنحها حق اختيار ممثليها داخل
اللجنة مع إمكانية الاستعانة بالعناصر
الاحتياطية كبديل للمنسحبين . وأضاف
أن الانسحابات التي تمت من اللجنة لا
قيمة قانونية لها ، لأنها لم تقدم لرئيس
اللجنة واصفا «الانسحابات» بأنها
إعلامية . وأشار إلى أن اللجنة المشكلة
حاليا تتولى فقط صياغة الدستور تمهيدا
لقبوله أو رفضه من الشعب في استفتاء
عام .

Dr. Ahmad Abu Baraka, a leader in the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party uncovered a three-step plan to resolve the Constituent Assembly crisis.

He said the plan indicated talks with the political parties to appoint representatives in the constituency and provide back-up lists to replace the withdrawing members.

Abu Baraka played down the withdrawals, considering them illegal. He stated that the assembly was only to draft the constitution that will be finally approved through a public referendum.



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Author: Ashraf Sadiq

The Coptic Orthodox Community Council Calls for the Reformation of the Constituent Assembly



The Coptic Orthodox Community Council called for reforming the Constituent Assembly to achieve a fair representation for the different sectors of the Egyptian society.

In a communiqué issued on Thursday, the Community Council described the representation in the current assembly to be “shocking” and does not represent the cultural structure of Egypt that is based on pluralism and variety within the nation.

The communiqué also hoped that the new constitution will grant equality of all Egyptians regardless of their ethnic, gender or religious belongings.

Meanwhile a number of Coptic organizations rejected in a press conference the current assembly.

Nagib Jibrail , head of the Egyptian Union for Human Rights Organization that hosted the conference accused the current assembly of trivializing the different sectors of the Egyptian society.



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 Author: Amani Majid

FJP Determined on Overthrowing the Ganzouri Government



The Parliamentary body of the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party launched a barrage of criticism against Ganzouri government and promised to overthrow it within two weeks if the government did not resign.

The Parliamentary Body of the FJP criticized the Ganzouri government's declaration and announced all the Parliamentary committees' rejection to the government communiqué to the Parliament.



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Author: Hiba Said and Hazim Abu Doumah

The Revolution Union Denies Calls for Mass Demonstrations

«اتحاد الثورة» ينفي الدعوة لمليونية اليوم

كتب - هبة سعيد وحازم ابودومة:

نفي اتحاد شباب الثورة دعوته لمليونية اليوم مشيراً إلى ما تردد عن هذه الدعوة استهدف استمراجه القوى الثورية للدخول طرفاً في المواجهة الدائرة بين الإخوان والمجلس العسكري. وأكد الاتحاد ضرورة اتحاد الصفب مشيراً إلى أن جميع فعاليات شهر اتفاق مصر التي بدأ السبت الماضي كانت بالتنسيق بين القوى السياسية الثورية وإشارة تامر القاضي المتحدث باسم اتحاد شباب الثورة إلى أن الاتحاد بدأ بسلسلة من الاجتماعات مع القوى السياسية المؤثرة المعنية بالازمة ومنهم من انسحب من اللجنة التأسيسية في محاولة لثورة الحزب. الموقف قبل انفجار الخروج من سراغ العسكري والإخوان بعد تحشُر صفوفاتهم المتتالية قبل أن يطال الانفجار الجميع دون استثناء. وإن الاتحاد سيقوم بالإعلان عن هذه القوى السياسية ونتائج المباحثات معها في وقت قريب حفاظاً على السرية ومحاولة انتعاج المباحثات وأنها أحد أسباب تأجيل المليونية وإن من أهم الأسباب لتأجيلها أيضاً إعلان جماعة الإخوان عن نيتها النزول إلى الميدان الجمعة المقبلة وحرص الاتحاد على عدم التصادم في الميدان مع أي قوى سياسية أو الدخول طرفاً في الصراع بين المجلس العسكري والإخوان انتظاراً للحكم الذي سيصدر من مجلس الدولة بشأن إعلان تشكيل اللجنة التأسيسية الشهر المقبل.

The Youth Revolution Alliance denied news about its alleged calls for a mass demonstration on Friday. The alliance announced that the rumors in this response were meant to drag the revolutionary players to take part in the confrontation between SCAF and the Muslim Brotherhood.

The alliance also announced that all the activities that was announced during the “Save Egypt Month’ that’s started last Saturday was in collaboration with all the revolutionary political players in an attempt to achieve unity and discard conflicts and division.



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Author: Jamal Abu al-Dahab

Al-Wafd Calls for Respecting the Public Will

«الوفد» يطالب باحترام إرادة الشعب

كتب - جمال أبو الدهب:

دعا حزب الوفد كل القوى الوطنية والسياسية المشاركة في التحالف الديمقراطي من أجل مصره والتي ترغب في الانضمام إليه للتوافق حول المعايير الموضوعية لاختيار أعضاء الجمعية التأسيسية وإعلان هذه المعايير بما لا يقبل التيسر، وإعلان آلية تنفيذها. وطالب الوفد جميع القوى في بيان له - بالالتزام أمام مواطني هذا البلد بالدولة المدنية الديمقراطية الحديثة والتي كانت أحد المبادئ التي قوتها وثقة «التحالف الديمقراطي من أجل مصر» والتي وقع عليها الكثير من الأحزاب الممثلة بالبرلمان ومنها أحزاب الأغلبية في المجلسين من ناحية أخرى أسس محمد حريش عضو الهيئة العليا لحزب الوفد ومحمد صلاح الشيبخ نائب رئيس لجنة الجيزة صيغة سعد والشحاش الوفدية - على سعيد متصل أكد محمد رفعت - أمين الإعلام بحزب الخضر المصري ونقشه للمعايير التي تم على أساسها اختيار لجنة المائة المنوط بها إعداد الدستور، ودعا الحزب جميع القوى السياسية التي شاركت من قبل في التوقيع على وثيقة التحالف الديمقراطي للأجتماع في أقرب موعد لدراسة الأمر والتواصل سعا في إطار التحالف مع كافة القوى السياسية المستقلة على وجه الخصوص والتمسك في الاعتبار تمثيل كل فئات المجتمع ترحبا لتخصصاتهم وليس نجا ثقة الأغلبية الحالية لمجلسي الشعب والشورى والتي وضعت معايير غلبت عليها المصالح والأهواء لتيارات معينة.

Al-Wafd Party called all national players to take part in the Democratic Alliance for Egypt to achieve consensus about objective standards to choose the members of the Constituent Assembly that will be assigned to draft the constitution.

Al-Wafd Party called on all the political powers to be committed to the democratic change in Egypt that had been adopted in the Democratic Alliance for Egypt's Document.

Similar news was reported in al-Akhbar, p. 6



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Author: Khaled Abul-Ezz, Suad Tantawi and Sameh Lashen

Abul-Fotouh Files Presidential Candidacy Papers



Presidential hopeful Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh officially submitted his candidacy papers to the Higher Presidential Election Commission (HPEC) on Thursday.

Abul-Fotouh headed today for the commission's HQ, where he was welcomed by his supporters.

The Egyptian aspirant said he amassed proxy votes of more than 40,000 persons from all governorates.

Egypt's next president will be a servant to all Egyptians and a civil servant to the Egyptian people, he said.

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



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Author: Mohamed Hegab and Aber el-Morsi

Ayman Nour Runs for Presidency



Leader of Ghad El-Thawra Party Ayman Nour announced that he would officially submit his presidential candidacy papers to the Higher Presidential Elections Commission (HPEC) on Friday.

At a press conference on Thursday, Nour said his party decided that he will run for president following a decision issued Wednesday by head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi to restore Nour's political rights.

Nour spent four years in jail after being convicted in an electoral fraud, following his campaign in the 2005 presidential elections.

In 2011, he contested the conviction, arguing that he had been wrongly convicted, but was not successful.

Egyptian law bans candidates with a criminal record from running for presidency.

Similar news was reported in Al-Dostour (page 3).



Abu al-Futouh with the Protesting ALTRAS



Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh visited the ALTRAS (hardcore fans of the Ahly team) who staging a sit-in in front of the people’s Assembly headquarters. The sit-in calls for punishing the killers of the ALTRAS in Port Said.

Abu al-Futouh called on the protesters to preserve the peacefulness of their protests and not to permit anybody to interfere and create troubles.

He also headed the prayers with the protesters.

Pages: 1
 Author: Hani al-Waziri

A Dangerous Turn between SCAF and the Muslim Brotherhood



The author referred to a “dangerous” turn in the relationships between SCAF and the Muslim Brotherhood. The Admin of SCAF’s webpage accused the Muslim Brotherhood of backing a number of websites that call for armed “jihad” against SCAF.

The admin of SCAF’s page reiterated SCAF’s commitment to transparency and authenticity in leading the translational period and asserted that people’s will would rule in drafting the constitution.

Conversely, Abd al-Munim Abd al-Maqsoud, the Muslim Brotherhood’s lawyer said SCAF’s page admin was deterioration to the pre-revolution era

The Muslim Brotherhood criticized SCAF for its alleged will to interfere in drafting the constitution and imposing its conditions on the government, calling for granting more privileges to the Parliament in issues related to the government choice.

Similar news was reported in al-Yom al-Sabei, p.3



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Author: Abdel-Raq Tawfiq

Tantawi Calls on Parties to Partake in Drafting Constitution



Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi said all political parties have to work sincerely to craft the nation's constitution in order to represent the will of all segments of the Egyptian society.

The remark was made during a meeting Thursday with leaders of 19 political parties and two parliamentarians aiming at resuming discussions on the composition of the constitution-drafting Constituent Assembly.

The political leaders said that the constitution should not be dominated by one political power. They called for using the documents of Al-Azhar and the Democratic Alliance as terms of reference for the new constitution's articles.

The meeting was held at the Defense Ministry premises in the presence of Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lieutenant General Sami Anan along with other SCAF members.



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Author: Ahmed Ghoneim

Protests against Islamist Dominance of Constitution on April 6



A number of revolutionary and youth movements called for holding million-people protests in Friday, April 6, in Cairo's Tahrir Square against the dominance of Islamists on the constitution-drafting Constituent Assembly.

The calls were made in a statement signed by 10 movements, including the "Emsek Feloul" and "Free Front for Peaceful Change." The planned protests were initiated by MPs who withdrew from the Constituent Assembly, including Mohamed Abu-Hamed, Mohamed Shabana and Hamdi el-Fakhrani.

In the statement, they said "we fully reject the Constituent Assembly as formed by the People's Assembly because it was not acceptable to leave on political group draft the constitution solely."

Complaint against Abu-Ismail accusing him of Buying Votes



A lawyer filed a lawsuit against presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu-Ismail for expending huge amounts of money on his presidential campaign and offering cash to buy the citizens' proxies.

According to the lawyer, Abu-Ismail's campaigners have been paying EGP 300 for each proxy and hanging a large number of his campaign posters in the streets nationwide.



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 Author: Not mentioned

The Constitution Setback



16 organizations and 79 public personalities blamed the current crisis of the Constituent Assembly on SCAF.

A meeting was held by the different political players in Egypt. A communiqué was declared in the name of “a letter to the nation.”

The called on SCAF to implement amendments on the Constitutional Declaration of March, 2011 so that it grant a just and fair representation in eth Constituent Assembly.



Pages: 5
 Author: Awad Salim

The Nuba and the Perils of Internationalization

النوبة تهدد بالتدويل لإقصائها عن لجنة «الدستور» **يوسف: لن نقبل أي دعوة من الكتائب في ظرف مغلقة.. وكاجوج: سلجأ إلى اليمينسكو**

أسوان - عوض سليم:
 النوبة، ومسانده، تشكل لجنة الدستور، تشهر وكان شيا العويك
 الأوردهات والإجرون. الأضواء الإبداع متواصل في كل العيون.
 الثورات النوبية في أسوان والتي ختمت الاتحاد القومي العام وجمعة
 الشاعة للثقف النوبي والجمعيات النوبية قررت بشكل نهائي عدم

كاجوج:
 الأثر بالدستور، القام للبلاد. الأضواء، إبداع النوبة من المشاركة
 فيه بشكل متعدد. وكنت الثورات خلال مؤتمر جالس، عقد أس
 (الخبير) في جمعية منشأة النوبة في أسوان أحد أكبر معقل
 النوبيين هناك، أنهم مستعدون للتفاوض مجلس الشعب المكون
 سعد الكتائب، بعد الدعوة التي وجهها إلى النوبيين. عضو لجنة

يوسف: لن نقبل أي دعوة من الكتائب في ظرف مغلقة.. وكاجوج: سلجأ إلى اليمينسكو

مناقشتنا، من جانب، حل عضو لجنة الشاعة للثقف النوبي
 التلطف التيسر أحمد كاجوج المجلس العسكري والحكومة
 قضية نخبويات النوبة، وحق العودة للكافة لبحر وناسر، حضينا
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 على أرض أسوان، ونوجه بالمرشد العام لجمعية الأوجال إذا أراد
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Nubians and Nubian organizations criticized the ongoing trivialization of Nubians in the Egyptian political life.

Official Nubian organizations and entities are to boycott the coming constitution. They will not admit it as the official constitution of Egypt because of the “exclusion” of Nubians.



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 Author: Not mentioned

SCAF Resolves Constituent Assembly Crisis with 3 Non-Binding Proposals



The majority of parties and political and parliamentary figures that took part in a meeting called for by head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi have agreed on three points to reach a solution to the Constituent Assembly's crisis.

The three items were approved by 14 parties and two parliamentarians, while they were opposed by five parties from those participated in the meeting.

The first point includes finding ways to represent all the political parties and powers, civil society and public figures in an effective way in order to achieve a balance in forming the constitution-drafting body.

The second point underlines the general principles approved by political parties and powers to draft Egypt's new constitution on condition that the documents of Al-Azhar and the Democratic Alliance be used as terms of reference for the new constitution's articles.

The third point called for forming committees entrusted to help the Constituent Assembly and provide all necessary expertise in drafting the constitution.

Similar news was reported in Al-Ahram (page 4).

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Author: Hatem el-Gahmi

Ex-Minister Gets 8 Years in Prison



The Cairo Criminal Court sentenced ex-housing minister Mohammed Ibrahim Suleiman to eight years of rigorous imprisonment in two separate cases for profiteering by selling state-owned lands and squandering public funds.

The ex-minister got five years in one case and three years in the other one.

Also, runaway businessman Magdy Rasekh, who is the father-in-law of Alaa Mubarak, the eldest son of the former president, was sentenced to five years of rigorous imprisonment.

Under the court's ruling, the two convicts will pay back EGP 970 million to the state treasury.

Similar news was reported in Al-Ahram (page 1) and Al-Dostour (page 3)



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Author: Mohamed Salem

Hamis Asks Egypt to Defer Imminent Israeli Offensive

هنية: إسرائيل تجهز لعدوان على غزة وندعو مصر لإجهاضه

رسالة غزة، محمد سالم: كشف إسماعيل هنية رئيس الحكومة الفلسطينية القتال، أن هناك تحركاً من الجانب الإسرائيلي على عدة مستويات تتدرج بشن عدوان جديد على قطاع غزة وقصفها مجدداً، مطالباً مصر بالعمل على إجهاض تلك المخططات مع وقف أي محاولات لحصار الشعب الفلسطيني، وأشار هنية بـ الدور الفاعل لبرلمان ما بعد الثورة المصرية، وطالبه بسحب السفير المصري من تل أبيب، وطرد السفير الإسرائيلي من القاهرة،

وكذا إلغاء اتفاقية كامب ديفيد، مؤكداً أن هذه المطالبات كان لها مردود قوي على صناع القرار في إسرائيل، ووقف الاعتداءات الأخيرة على غزة، وأضاف هنية، خلال لقائه بالوفد البرلماني المصري يعتر الحكومة الفلسطينية بغزة - إن «قدر مصر أن تكون بوابة تحرير فلسطين عبر التاريخ، وواجب عليها استعادة دورها بعد الثورة التي أفرزت برلماناً معبراً عن إرادة المصريين دون تزيف»، مشدداً على أنه لا تنازل ولا تعريط عن حقوق الشعب الفلسطيني،

وفي مقدمتها حق عودة اللاجئين من هجروا من أراضيهم منذ عام ١٩٤٨، مؤكداً أن المقاومة تعد خياراً استراتيجياً لا غنى عنه، ومن جانبه، شدد د. محمد السعيد إريش رئيس الوفد البرلماني، على انتهاء عهد حصار على غزة، وأن مصر لن تشارك مجدداً في حصار القطاع، منتقداً معاهدة كامب ديفيد قائلا: «السيدات زيف إرادة الشعب المصري كله، ووقع على هذه الاتفاقية خلسة».

There is no alternative to Egypt's role in offering political and moral support for the Palestinian cause, said Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh.

Due to the importance of the Egyptian role, all crucial files were left to the Egyptian leadership, including the Palestinian reconciliation and prisoner-exchange ones, Haniyeh said during a meeting with a visiting Egyptian parliamentary delegation Thursday.

The Palestinians are resolved to obtain their full rights, especially the right to repatriation, he said.

The Hamas government is willing to cooperate with Egyptian authorities on the security of Gaza and Egypt so that no chance is given to Israel to commit security violations in Sinai, he said.

The Egyptian delegation arrived in Gaza on Wednesday. It is led by Chairman of the Arab Affairs Committee of the People's Assembly Mohamed el-Saeed Edriss.



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Author: Khaled Moussa

Azhar Withdraws from Constituent Assembly

الأزهر ينسحب رسمياً من «التأسيسية» احتجاجاً على التهميش

|| كتب - خالد موسى،
انسحب الأزهر الشريف رسمياً من المشاركة في الجمعية التأسيسية لوضع الدستور، أمس، معرباً عن تحفظه على تمثيل الأزهر في لجنة الدستور.
وأكد مجمع البحوث الإسلامية - في بيان صادر عنه أمس - خلال الاجتماع الذي عقد بمقر مشيخة الأزهر برئاسة شيخ الأزهر أحمد الطيب، أن مشاركة الأزهر التي أعلنت هي تهميش لدوره في قضية وطنية معوية، وهي إعداد مشروع الدستور، مضيفاً أن الأزهر الشريف يعلن اعتذاره عن المشاركة في الجمعية التأسيسية لوضع الدستور.
وكانت اللجنة المختصة لاختيار أعضاء لجنة صياغة الدستور قد اختارت الدكتور نصر فريد واصل مفتي الجمهورية الأسبق فقط ممثلاً للأزهر في اللجنة، وهو ما اعتبره الأزهر تهميشاً لدوره وتحقيراً لمكانته، حيث رفضت اللجنة تشكيل اثنين من مستشاري شيخ الأزهر وهما الدكتور عبدالدايم نسيب مستشار شيخ الأزهر لشؤون التعليم والمستشار القانوني محمد عبدالسلام.
وعلمت «الشروق» من مصادر داخل مجمع البحوث الإسلامية أن الدكتور نصر فريد واصل أعلن التزامه بقرارات مجمع البحوث بالانسحاب من لجنة الدستور كممثل وحيد عن الأزهر.

Al-Azhar has announced it would not take part in the Constituent Assembly; the body assigned with drafting the nation's post-revolution constitution.

Al-Azhar has reservations over the inappropriate representation it got in the constitution-drafting body, which marginalizes Al-Azhar's role in writing the constitution, a statement issued by Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy on Thursday said.



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 Author: Noman Samir

Abu-Ismail Denies His Mother Was American



Presidential hopeful Hazem Salah Abu-Ismail has denied rumors that he is ineligible to run as a candidate because his mother holds the US citizenship.

Such claims are basless, Abu-Ismail told a public rally in Mansour city.

"My mother is Nawal Abdel-Aziz, an Azhar professor, and those who are circulating these rumors must provide evidence about their claims," he said.

According to Egyptian law, presidential candidates must be solely Egyptian with both parents holding only the Egyptian citizenship.

Similar news was reported in Al-Dostour (page 3).



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 Author: Rami Nawwar

Islamic Preachers Prohibited in France



The French Ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs decided to prevent four Islamic preachers from accessing the French territories to participate in a conference held by an Islamic organization.

The four preachers are Akramah Sabri, Iyad Bin Abd Allah al-Qarni, Safwat Hijazi and Abd Allah Basfar.

Yusuf al-Qaradawi and Mahmoud al-Masri did not go to the conference after president Sarkozy had expressed that they were not welcomed in France.

Islamic organizations in France expressed their discontentment.



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Author: Muhammad Hindawi

15 Eligible Voters in the Presidential Elections

٥١ مليون مصري يحق لهم التصويت في الانتخابات الرئاسية المقبلة

كتب محمد هنداوي: كُشف المستشار محمد الشناري رئيس غرفة الانتخابات بـمكتب وزير الخارجية أن عدد المصريين الذين أصبحوا مؤهلين بقاعدة بيانات اللجنة العليا للانتخابات الرئاسية وصل إلى ٥١ مليون مواطن بعد تحديث بيانات اللجنة حتى يوم ٢٥ مارس الجاري. وقال الشناري إن قاعدة بيانات الناخبين في اللجنة العليا للانتخابات الرئاسية والتي تتضمن أسماء الناخبين المصريين أصحاب بطاقات الرقم القومي ويحق لهم التصويت في الانتخابات والاستفتاءات المقبلة تم تحديثها يوم ٢٥ مارس الجاري بإضافة أسماء المواطنين المصريين الذين استصدروا بطاقات الرقم القومي اعتباراً من ٢٧ سبتمبر الماضي وحتى يوم ٨ مارس الحالي وقد تجاوزوا ٥١ مليون مواطن. وأشار إلى أن عدد المواطنين المصريين الذين سجلوا أنفسهم للتصويت من الخارج قد بلغ حتى أمس الخميس حوالي ٤٥٠ ألف مواطن. وطالب المستشار محمد الشناري المواطنين المصريين في الخارج بتسريع الانتهاء من تسجيل رغبتهم في التصويت من الخارج، وذلك من خلال الموقع الإلكتروني للجنة العليا للانتخابات الرئاسية www.elections.eg أخذاً في الاعتبار أن التسجيل سيكون متاحاً حتى يوم ٤ أبريل المقبل.

Judge Muhammad al-Shinnawi, head of the Elections Chamber at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said 51 eligible voters had been registered until March 25.

Meanwhile, 450 thousand eligible expatriate voters have been registered.



TV Coverage (29/03/2012)



Channel: Al-Hayah TV
Program: al-Hayah al-Yom
Broadcaster: Sharif Amer

The Azhar withdraws from the Constituent Assembly.

The Coptic Orthodox Church considers withdrawing its representatives from the Constituent Assembly.

The Azhar's decision to withdraw from the Constituent Assembly suits the current times, said Abd al-Muti Bayyoumi, member of the Research Islamic Assembly.

The Revolution Youth Union postpones the mass demonstration to protest the constitution and reiterates its commitment to neutralism in the SCAF-Muslim Brotherhood conflict.

Speaker of the People's Assembly devotes 10 sessions to discuss the government's communiqué. The Prime Minister will be called in the last session to respond to the Assembly's talks.

The Freedom and Justice Party promises to overthrow the Gamzouri's government in two weeks in case it did not resign or wasn't dismissed.

The admin of SCAF's webpage alludes to some military fraction of the Muslim Brotherhood after noticing WebPages that call for armed Jihad.

The Muslim Brotherhood: There is a SCAF's plan to abort the revolution and bring the former regime back in a news look and with new people.



Channel: Al-Hayah 2
Program: Muntah al-Sarahah
Broadcaster: Mustafa Bakri

Head of the Freedom and Justice Party: we wish to have a Parliamentary regime.

The constitution should be agreed on by all political players, said head of al-Wafd Party.



Admin of SCAF WebPage issues a strong-worded statement about the conflict between SCAF some parties.

The attendees of the meeting between Field Marshal Tantawi and the different political parties considered the Azhar and the Democratic Alliance documents to be a reference for the constitution.



Channel: CH1

Program: News in 24 hours

Time: 23:00:00

Field Marchal Tantawi meets heads of political parties and political powers for the second time and a meeting is achieved to increase the number of constitution experts in the Constituent Assembly.

Program: News in 24 hours

Time: 25:00:00

Abd abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh is an official presidential candidate with 45 thousand approvals.

Program: News

Time: 27:00:00

The People's Assembly starts the procedures of withdrawing the confidence from the Ganzouri's government, asserting that it did not succeed in solving any political problem.



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Radio Coverage (29/03/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

The Azhar withdraws from the Constituent

Assembly12 new potential presidential candidates.

High Presidential Elections Commission receives 672 potential presidential candidates. (News, Radio Masr, 23:00)



Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat

Time: 23:00:00

Field Marshal Tantawi meets heads and representatives of political parties and players to agree on increasing the representation of constitutional experts in the Constituent Assembly. 23:00:00



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Internet Coverage (30/03/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Today, March 30, is the anniversary of the "Land Day." It marks the day when the Zionist entity usurped thousands of Palestinian lands in 1976 and joined them to Israel.

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The revolution continues until we see Egypt free.



The Muslim Brotherhood:

Freedom and Justice Party Delegation on China Official Visit

A Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) delegation has set off on an official visit to China, at the invitation of the Communist Party of China, within the framework of exploring cooperation between the two countries. Further, the FJP delegation is keen to study some economic projects, as well as the idea of new industrial cities in China, hoping to transfer to Egypt Chinese experience in the establishment of small and medium enterprises. It will also visit China's foreign relations departments.

The delegation includes Dr. Ahmed Diab, Deputy of the Committee on Education and Scientific Research at the People's Assembly; Khalid Al-Azhari, Deputy of the Manpower Committee of the assembly; Dr. Mohamed Gouda, the renowned economist and member of the FJP's Economic Affairs Committee; Waleed Al-Haddad, member of the FJP's Foreign Relations Committee; and Dr. Yasser Ali, member of the FJP Media Committee.

The visit is to last five days, during which the FJP delegation will also meet some Chinese officials. The Egyptian Embassy in China is to host a dinner party in honor of the FJP's delegation.



Rantings of a Sandmonkey:

For the light to come back

There is something gloomy now about the nights of Cairo, which you notice it while driving at night. It's as if the City has suddenly become less bright at night, and it doesn't shine the way it used to. I used to think I am imagining it, and then tonight I've finally figured it out:

Not only does it seem as if the light bulbs that they are using now to light The 6th October Bridge at night are dimmer, there are dozens of light poles that are simply off, and have been for a while now, with no one fixing them. Their absence makes the night full of dread, as if with the rising crime and the continued lack of safety of our streets are not reasons enough.

Those light poles and their conditions are perfect metaphor to what's happening in the country right now: The situation is, slowly but surely, deteriorating, and nobody is doing anything to fix that. The Arab spring has turned into nuclear bloody winter, and the lights are slowly fading.

If we ignore the current political situation for a second, we might be able to focus on what's really happening in the country, and maybe, just maybe, figure out the ways to which we can ensure that the current dark phase is a temporary one, and provide solutions to the real concerns of the people that are both well-thought out and researched.

We don't do that, and instead we offer platitudes and theoretical solutions that don't adhere to practical reality or our goals. We started a revolution to prevent corruption, and now the government officials, at least on the municipalities' level, are being more corrupt than ever and being blatant about it, and nobody is doing anything or offering any real solution to actually stop that from happening. The same is happening in regards to our cattle, and to our economy, and nobody has a clue on how to fix this, or has a real full understanding of the problem and why it exists in the first place.

Without that, we are doomed to stay stuck with our problems and to watching they continue to exasperate and grow to something of ghoulish proportions, without the ability to fix the problem on the long term. And nowhere, and I mean nowhere, is that more evident in our problems with security and law enforcement, or the fact that it still doesn't seem to exist on our streets in any meaningful capacity. There are reasons for that that we must understand, or we are stuck in this limbo of a broken country, with no hope of ever getting out.



There is no doubt that our Police force leaves much to be desired, or that it's filled with people who may not have criminal minds or intentions, but definitely have criminal attitudes.

However, this is not an article that aims to attack them and continue to call them all the names and adjectives that we have so grown to use regarding them, neither does it aim to apologize for their actions, or excuse them. This article aims to understand the root of the problem of police reform, and why they continue to act like criminals are worst, or criminally negligent at best. It's easy to take the position of many revolutionaries and write off the force as 99% criminals and butchers, but it doesn't help solve anything, nor will any of the plans that aim to "clean the police" that keep popping up.

The Problem, in a nutshell, and away from any criminal or corrupt activity they engage in, is simply this:

Our Police is comprised of severely limited (many of which are violent) human beings that are facing an extremely hostile environment without proper training or resources, at a shit salary and shitty hours, to protect a public that daily demands their presence on the street, but refuses to obey the law or respect their authority. But if we take a bird eye view, we will find that things are slightly more complex than that. Here is some food for thought to consider in this debate:

Like many government institutions (the army, the judiciary, the media), our police suffers from a severe case of nepotism, with families that all work in that sector. The Son gets into the MOI due to some strings done by his father who is also in the MOI, and pre revolution it was the parents and their friends protecting the sons if they got into trouble. After the revolution, it is the sons, the law-ranking street officers who are refusing any punishment against their parents (and parents' friends) generation. For the lack of a better word, our police force is a clan.

Throughout their 4 year study in the Police academy, they are not trained in any way, shape or form to apply the law or deal with the public, or even to do proper police work. They don't get trained on crime scene investigation, proper interrogation techniques, or respecting the same law & process they are supposed to protect. They have something called "The scene of the crime" theater, where they are supposed to learn how investigate a crime scene. That thing is never opened or used unless we have foreign visitors. Otherwise, it is closed and never used.

As much as there is talk about how much funding the MOI receives in the Budget, the reality is that they are severely under-funded and under-resourced. Take Maadi for example, where they have one police officer and three soldiers to protect all of the Maadi banks, and with an old blue pick-up truck (elbox) to chase out potential robbers who usually are driving stolen new 4x4 cars, or guys on motorcycles (They also have one police officer in charge of protecting all the gas stations in Maadi as well).



Or in Heliopolis, where during my run for parliament my friend Ramy's bag was stolen from his car, at 10 pm at night, on the very busy street of Marghany, on a Friday night, and the car was parked in front of the presidential palace. Our trip to the Police station was depressing, because they were helpless, and still reeling from the fact that the police checkpoint in Roxy was just robbed two days ago of its computers.

We awaited the patrol sergeants in the area to arrive, which they did 20 minutes later in a taxi, because they don't have cars or motorbikes, and are supposed to "secure" three kilometers radius area at night on foot, which is safe to say is not the most efficient way to do this.

They complained to us incessantly on how helpless they are, and how they have orders of "selective law enforcement": i.e. if they found someone smoking up in the street for example, and they have a Heliopolis address (thus rich and upper-middle class) they were clearly instructed to let them go, all the while are encouraged to apply the law fully if the person had a "Ain Shams" address for example, which is the neighboring lower-middle class neighborhood. Why? Because their commanding officers don't want headaches (upper-middle class people have connections & media access that could cause them trouble as opposed to their middle and lower-middle counterparts) or the people from the neighborhood to dislike them further, thus sending to their lower-ranks the same message they had before the revolution: the law is meaningless when it comes to the affluent, thus ensuring the perpetuation of the lack of respect to any law, because If the country's most educated won't respect the law, even on the level of putting seatbelts on, or talking on the phone while driving, or hell, having your license on you while driving, then who will?

The question then arises: well, if the resources are the same, and the attitude was the same, how was Cairo so secure before the revolution? Well, the answer was simple: FEAR. They harnessed and perpetuated the fear from the Police, and the fear from being taken into Police custody, who will abuse, mistreat, torture and sometimes even kill you, to ensure that the citizens complied with "the law" and that the streets were "secure", which they did through the mistreatment of the citizens or the distribution of what is now known as "Police torture videos", which were aimed at lower classes to put the fear of God into them. This method lead them on the very dangerous path of viewing themselves as also above the law and able to literally get away with murder, especially with the culture of zero-accountability that marked the Habib El-Adly reign.

They also had a very good idea of who the "repeat offenders" in the area were, so if a crime happened, they would simply round them up and torture them until someone confessed, fully understanding that if he was truly guilty, then justice was done, and if not, the population would feel safe again since "the criminals were caught", and that the



true perpetrator would be unlikely to repeat the crime in that same area because they know someone else took the fall for them, and they wouldn't want to attract that kind of attention in their direction again. This is no longer the case, with the torching of Police stations, and break-outs in the country's jails, which makes them completely unable to gauge how many "repeat-offenders" exist in the area they operate in anymore, and the rise of human-rights organizations and advocates, who became focused on defending the "suspects" and "repeat-offenders" rights from Police abuse, and supplying them with the lawyers that would defend them, and god knows our Police was never even trained on the right legal procedures to arrest or interrogate anyone, thus ensuring their release and the placement of the Police officer under internal investigation. So, in return, the police realize that it's far easier to not bother with the rounding up of those suspects in the first place, especially with how well-armed the lower-class neighborhoods' are at the moment, and the general lack of sympathy when a police officer dies on duty or get injured if they do try to stop a crime, and decided to let it all go to hell.

This, of course, doesn't go well with the few good apples that exist in our Police Force, and they do exist, who would like to ensure that the respect of the police and the security of the streets return once again, because, like the rest of us, they reside in them. So a few in Heliopolis suggested that the MOI supply them with small wireless lipstick cameras that they can wear as part of their uniforms, recording their interactions with the general public, and acting as evidence and an arbiter in deciding if they broke the law or rules of conduct with the citizens and vice versa, and have it all logged in hard-drives in their patrol cars.

That idea was of course rejected by the older generation in management, no reason given. Another police officer came up with a plan to actually secure an entire neighborhood with the low cost of 15,000 pounds (2.5 thousand dollars), and that idea was also rejected by the older generation, no reasons were given.

One can guess the reasons to be anything from 1) their reluctance to change their ways to 2) lack of resources, to 3) fear of "trouble" if those cameras recorded evidence that one of the more connected citizens broke the law, or one of their officers in the lower-class neighborhoods did the same thing, thus stopping their ability to interfere or "resolve the situation". Thus again sending them the same message from their offices of Power: Don't bother; which is easy for them to do since they are not the ones on the front-lines of anything and don't want any accountability for anything.

This general culture of lack of accountability or desire for improvement by the older ranks naturally leaves the lower-ranks officers quite resentful of them and of their orders to "bring back security" to the streets, and also making them believe that they are expendable, since they are asked to go and stop criminals that have better guns and better cars equipment than they do, and without the leaders that don't care for them or



the public that neither fears or respect them, so they simply don't obey any order given to them that would place their lives at risk.

Take for example of the events of Mansour Mohamed, where the MOI insisted that they didn't give any of the officers any live ammo or birdshot ammo, but rather blanks, and contrast that with the thousands of injured with birdshots all over their bodies. We naturally assume that the MOI is lying, but that's actually not the case.

The MOI really did not give the officers any live ammo of any kind; the low-ranking officers, Lieutenants and captains, are the ones buying it themselves, with half of their salaries, mostly from their officer friends in the army, and if they don't have any, they go to Gun-shops and buy it there.

Why? Because they believe, totally and utterly, that the revolutionaries want them dead, and that if any of them gets caught by the protesters, they might not make it our alive by firing blanks at them, so they take the blanks from the Ministry, toss them, use the live ammo and go out guns-blazing and shooting any of them that's close enough to be in range, to get them to either flee or be "neutralized", knowing full well that they will get away with it because legally there is no evidence, and that the rule of zero-accountability still exists in the MOI, and emboldened by the fact that any Minister that takes over can simply be removed by 1) mounting public anger to anything bad that any of them anywhere in the country can do or 2) Cabinet changes that keep taking place so often that I bet that half of the readers of this post wouldn't be able to say who the current MOI Minister is without looking it up.

After 15 years of having the same minister, the MOI has changed ministers 3 times in the span of a year, and is expected to have a 4th one the moment the MB forms the new government, so why bother with any of their directives orders or plans, if they can just be replaced at any given moment?

And mind you, this is nothing. Just the tip of the ice-berg of the cluster-fuck that is our current security situation, and it doesn't even take into account all the Police officers who have, over the years, become so corrupt that they are the ones running crime (drug rings, prostitution rings, theft-rings) in their neighborhoods, nor does it take into account our fantastically criminal state security apparatus and all the shit that they did and still do throughout their reign, and that nobody, again, is doing anything real or substantive about it.

So, for a lack of a better word, we are currently in a cluster-fuck, and one that is unlikely to change or improve in the coming couple of years because as any criminal-justice major will tell you that worsening economic situation and the lack of strong and present law-enforcement will lead to the rise of petty-crime.

You add to that the instances of newly forming organized crime structure that are starting to show themselves, and the ever worsening situation of street-children and street-



families, who are 1) increasing and 2) many of which are venturing into semi-organized crime as well, and you start seeing the increasingly darker picture of our very near future. The question then becomes: what should we do?

Well, many of the proposals and solutions presented, from “firing everyone who broke the law”, to “we can train lawyers to become police officers in a year” are naïve and impractical. If we fired every police-officer who broke the law, we will fire them all, and if we train lawyers to become police officers in a year there is no guarantee that 1) the lawyers who will join won't be equally corrupt to the ones in office now, or 2) that they will be any more effective in enforcing the law, given the worsening crime situation and their lack of the tools and street knowledge that the police force cultivates over the years that allows them to do their jobs and 3) the problems highlighted above will continue to exist, because, well, who will train and equip them except the current crop of MOI honchos who are equally ill-trained and equipped? What can be done?

Well, I am no expert, nor am I nearly qualified to provide the solution, but I do understand some things, so I will present them here also as my suggestions to slightly improve the situation:

There is no such thing as fast police-reform. The Police in Belgium, an affluent first world rich country, took them 10 years to reform their police force from something that used to be considered a joke to something respectable. Their conditions were nowhere near as bad as ours was, and it took those 10 years, so we shouldn't expect anything faster.

Crime will happen in Egypt, like it happens anywhere else in the world. Muggings, breaking and entry, even murder, are commonplace everywhere in the world, even in the safest areas of the most affluent civilized countries. It sucks, but it's normal. What we had before was abnormal and resulted in consequence to everything that took place in the past year. The return to that will not solve any of our crime problems, but rather exasperate them more.

Join the Police. The corrupt clan “Band of brothers” culture of the MOI needs to be broken and this could only happen if ethically-minded Egyptians applied to the Police academy and joined the force. We didn't encourage young revolutionaries to do that last year, even though we should've, because that would've been the most logical way to produce a new crop of Police officers in the near future that wouldn't be corrupt and who would take their job and the law seriously.

Another suggestion should've been ensuring that the two years of law that the Police get as part of their education as police officers should actually be taken outside the academy and in the regular universities of Cairo and Ain Shams, thus breaking the fraternity feeling that the police recruits have and that makes them



protect each other over applying the law, and making the newly graduated police officer a part of a greater society, instead of the bubble they get placed in for four years inside the Police academy.

There is absolutely no other choice but for the culture of proper Police investigation to make a come-back to our Police force, which should be our demand and concern. Training the officers and recruits on police investigations should be our first priority, and getting them experts from abroad on this should be a national demand until we cultivate our own.

Technology and IT will help: The use of cameras is not a bad idea at all, and ensures 1) the existence of evidence of the charges presented against the suspect, 2) the following of police procedures by the police, and 3) ensuring the equal treatment of all, citizens and police, according to the law. The creation of a strong national database is also a must that connects everyone's ID number with the criminal record or lack there-of, and giving the officers hand-held computers that allows them access to such a network when they apprehend someone that they believe to be suspicious due to his "appearance" to verify the need to take them to the police station to investigate further. Currently, the only such computer is found inside the police station, and thus created the need-or the excuse- to take the suspected citizen back to the police station to "investigate", which is where the majority of the abuse historically happens. Having those computers or hand-held devices will eliminate that problem or excuse immediately.

Put on your seat-belts. For real. Respect the law even if you don't respect the law-enforcer. Don't complain about corruption when you are willing to use it to get yourself or your loved-ones out of trouble. Don't complain about traffic officers when you continuously break all of the laws every time you drive. The Law shouldn't be respected because of fear of punishment, but for the desire of the citizens to live in a civilized ordered society. You know that corny saying of "Be the change you want to see"? Well, in our case it's not that corny. If you won't respect the law and encourage others to do the same, don't complain about the crime or the police, because, guess what? You are part of the problem. Big time.

Offer your assistance to improve the situation, and it might get improved. I am working on getting the police sergeants in Heliopolis Chinese motorbikes, so that they can at least cover their 3km patrol areas on something other than foot, and thus making them slightly more efficient in crime prevention or criminal apprehension. Someone else I know is offering to 15 K necessary to implement the plan of that police officer, with the condition that the same officer present an equal plan for a poorer neighborhoods that he is also willing to fund. We are living in the same country, might as well start behaving like we are a community.



Those suggestions are not a silver bullet, nor will they solve the problems that we have immediately, but they are a start, and we must start somewhere, and do it together, if we want things to improve, instead of always wanting to throw the responsibility on someone else and complaining that they don't do their jobs. The deterioration that is taking place in all the sectors might not be our fault, but it has to be our responsibility, if not for the love of our country, then for our own self-interest. The nights might be becoming gloomier by the minute, but if we don't do something about it, well, the light might never come back.



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

The Wael Abbas Daily is out! <http://paper.li/waelabbas>

Now the Muslim Brotherhood is raising slogans calling for the downfall of the military rulers and reiterating that the revolution will continue??? https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/550061_312448275498955_103622369714881_641367_1845210901_n.jpg

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Katatni's drivers assault an employee at the airport.

<http://www.alwafd.org/%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D9%88%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B1/13-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%B9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%8A/186484-%D8%B3%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%82%D9%88%D8%A7-%D9%85%D9%88%D9%83%D8%A8-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%83%D8%AA%D8%A7%D8%AA%D9%86%D9%89-%D9%8A%D8%B9%D8%AA%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%89-%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B8%D9%81-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B7%D8%A7%D8%B1>

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Why did Hazem's March headed to October Bridge?

What is the meaning behind this photo??? Egypt, the army and thugs are one hand????

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Love in the time of Salafists. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc7/485231_373793599320938_225796274120672_1175810_1678358952_n.jpg

Asmaa Mahfouz:

Our surrender to the democracy play starring SCAF and the Muslim Brotherhood is the reason why the constitution and elections are poisoned.

Monasosh:

Please, everyone heading to the sit-in bring with you juice, fast snacks, like cookies, sandwiches and bananas. #E3tsam-UA07

Tonight there is a "SCAF are Liars" presentation to be aired at the Ultras sit-in. #E3tsam-UA07

Iyad elbaghdadi:

I dream of the day when people stop paying attention for what politicians say and just look at what they do. #Egypt #ArabSpring

American right-wingers seem to have the impression that Arab Muslims are crazily in love with Obama. Can't speak for others, but I'm not.

Following a soccer match on Twitter & TV at the same time makes me realize TV's time lag. Sometimes "Goal!!!" appears on Twitter first.

Even though in my mind I cannot see a way out, in my heart all I feel is proud & optimism for #Syria.

Five Myths about the #ArabSpring: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/five-myths-about-the-arab-spring/2011/12/21/gIQA32TVuP_story.html

Arabist:

Al-Akhbar: Musa al-Sadr Died in Libya in Early 2000s:
<http://mideasti.blogspot.com/2012/03/al-akhbar-musa-al-sadr-died-in-libya->



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Islamists and Arab constitutions: Put faith in writing | The Economist:
<http://www.economist.com/node/21551543>

Yusuf Al-Qaradawi and Political Opportunism | Al Akhbar English:
<http://bit.ly/H3Ad3P> AbuKhalil says he's a "cleric for hire."

Gsquare86:

Stupidity is the counter-revolution. #Ultras #Sexism

The revolution is an art. <http://twitpic.com/939utd>

I mean the revolution is an art and garbage. <http://twitpic.com/939v8a>

Demolishing the wall started with a hammer. <http://twitpic.com/93a1z3>

We need ropes and hammers and gloves. Join us take down army wall.
<http://twitpic.com/93a00y>

Down, down SCAF ruling. <http://twitpic.com/93ar9f>

Two blocks down! Now on the 3rd. <http://twitpic.com/93az5q>

3 down, continuing the rest. <http://twitpic.com/93b3iq>

The police is panicking behind the wall filming us and talking on phones.

One side of wall all down! Now starting on the rest! Bring ropes and come.
<http://twitpic.com/93b5g4>

Almost half wall down! <http://twitpic.com/93bemu>

Had a great day, seeing the wall come down block by block was so much fun, but can't feel my legs.



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