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Newspapers (02/04/2012)



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Author: Ahmed Abu Shanab.

Mufti Calls on Egyptians to Consider their Votes Carefully



Egypt's Grand Mufti Dr. Ali Gomaa called on Egyptians to consider their votes carefully in the upcoming presidential elections.

Gomaa said that the coming phase will determine Egypt's future and that scholars and intellectuals should play a role in putting the basis of the new state.

"We must begin a full reform of state's institutions and sectors through plans proposed by various political parties and movements," he said adding that "Islamic shari'a provides the basis for any political entity. We should try to maintain the integrity of the Egyptian society and prevent anything that causes sectarian strife."



Reports Say Abu-Ismail's Mother Entered Egypt with US Passport



The Presidential Elections Commission received a report that presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu-Ismail's mother has entered Egypt in August 2009 with a US passport, security sources said.

Egyptian security bodies could not confirm whether the passport was a permanent one as permanent passports are only held by US citizens, the sources, who asked to remain anonymous, said.

Reports suggest that Abu-Ismail's sister and brother are the one who hold foreign nationalities. Abu-Ismail himself, however, does not hold a foreign nationality, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the Presidential Elections Commission Counselor Hatem Begato said the commission has not received yet a response from the Foreign Ministry regarding the nationality of any of the seven presidential candidates.



Page: 1 and 10
 Author: Fatma Abu-Shanab

Court Releases Suspects in “Imbaba Sedition” Case



The Supreme State Security Emergency Court has released all the suspects, who were being tried over the “Imbaba Sedition” case, and adjourned the trial to June 2.

The decision was taken to allow the defense team to contest the legality of the emergency court looking into the case because the emergency state in the country has been abolished.

The case dates back to May when extremist burned down two churches in the poor Giza neighborhood of Imbaba after rumors came out that one of the churches was locking up a Christian woman after allegedly converting to Islam, prompting clashes between Muslims and Christians.



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Author: Ahmed el-Khatib, Hani el-Waziri and Ghada Mohamed el-Sherif

MB Youth Enraged over “Shater” Nomination



The Muslim Brotherhood’s group nomination of its deputy supreme guide Khayrat el-Shater has enraged the youths.

Many of the youths tendered their resignation from the group, while others stressed they would not elect Shater in the elections.



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Author: Not mentioned.

Advisory Council: Constituent Assembly Formation is questioned



The Advisory Council, headed by Sameh Ashour, held an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss the final formation of the Constituent Assembly.

The Advisory Council declared its support to the decision taken by some of the members to withdraw from the assembly. The council called on SCAF to issue a new constitutional declaration that includes criteria of selecting members of the Constituent Assembly so that it includes all the segments of the Egyptian society.

They denounced the fact that the current formation excluded minorities and various organizations and institutions. Members of the Advisory Council said that the majority in the parliament dominated the formation of the Constituent Assembly without considering criteria of efficiency or competence or proper representation of all political trends.



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 Author: not mentioned

Advisory Council Suggests Forming a Parallel Constituent Assembly



The Advisory Council held a session in order to end the Constituent Assembly Crisis.

The Council members submitted several suggestions to SCAF, urging SCAF to issue a verdict to form a parallel civilian constituent assembly that comprises constitutional experts and public figures to draft the constitution.

Al-Azhar said it will not reconsider its withdrawal decision from the Constituent Assembly unless the Islamic Research Academy approves the move.



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Author: Asmaa Al-Kady and others

Clashes Erupt in the Revolution Victims Council



The National Council for Revolution Victims was reopened after maintenance.

Clashes took place between the revolutions injured and the Council's employees as the council did not pay to some of them their compensations.



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Author: Magdy Fekry and others

Maspero Youth Union Organizes Protest



The Maspero Youth Union will organize a protest in front of Coptic Cathedral of Saint Mark Cathedral, in Cairo’s Abbasiya neighborhood, to demand the withdrawal of Copts from the Constituent Assembly due to the Islamic domination.

The union is made up of mainly Coptic youths, who have taken several stances on Coptic-related incidents, including the famous protest outside the TV state building, which was held against the demolition of a church in Aswan governorate. The protest has left many dead and hundreds injured.

Pages: 3
Author: Mohamed El-Sayed and Others

Venue of Port Said Trial Changed



Families of the suspects of held over the Port Said bloody incidents and who are being tried, have gathered in front of the Port Said Misdemeanors Court to protest a decision to hold the trials at the Police Academy premises in New Cairo.

Security source said the Ministry of Interior along with the Armed Forces developed a plan to secure the first trial into Port Said incidents case.

The incidents took place on February 1 after fans of Al-Masry Club allegedly attacked the fans of Al-Ahly Club after a football match that was held in Port Said Stadium. The riots left more than 70 people dead and hundreds injured.



Pages: 5
 Author: several authors

Foreign Newspapers Opinion on Nominating Al-Shater



Spanish newspaper “Al-Mundo” said that Muslim Brotherhood (MB) nominated its deputy supreme guide Khayrat Al-Shater but this decision was not very popular among members of the MB Shura (consultative) Council.

The newspaper published Shater’s criminal record and said the MB had demanded the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) to clear his record.

US newspapers, The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times, also reported the same news and both newspapers said nominating Al-Shater is a step provocative to foreign countries and it would trigger confrontations between the MB and SCAF.

French news agency France 24 reported that Shater will compete with Salafist candidate Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael. The forefronts in the presidential race were Abdel-Moneim Abu Al-Fotouh and Selim Al-Awa.

The BBC, meanwhile, said nominating Shater had raised liberals concerns.



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Author: Tawfik Shabaan

Ultras Ahlawy Refuse Nomination of Al-Shater

«الأتراس» ترفض ترشيح «الشاطر» لرئاسة الجمهورية

كتب- توفيق شهاب،
فور إعلان جماعة الإخوان المسلمين ترشيح المهندس خيرت الشاطر لخوض انتخابات رئاسة الجمهورية، أعلن عدد من أعضاء رابطة الأتراس الأهلاوي المتعصبين أمام مقر مجلس الشعب أمس غضبهم من إعلان ترشح الشاطر، وهتفت المعتصمون مرددين «هنا اتنين مالهش أمان المسكر والإخوان، وبيع بيع الثورة يا بديع». ومن جانبه، قال كريم عادل - أحد أعضاء الأتراس الأهلاوي - إن حزب الحرية والعدالة، أعلن من قبل عدم خوض أعضائه انتخابات الرئاسة، والأز يتقدم بخيرت الشاطر ليكون رئيساً للجمهورية، مضيفاً «إن نترك البلد للإخوان».
من ناحية أخرى، تواصل أعضاء الأتراس اعتصامهم لليوم الثامن على التوالي أمام مقر مجلس الشعب للمطالبة بحاسبة المؤرطين في مذبحة بورسعيد، وتجميد النشاط الكروي لحين انتهاء محاكمة المتهمين يوم ١٧ أبريل بالكاديمية الشرطة.

A number of Ultras Ahlawy members (hardcore football fans), who are holding a sit-in in front of the People's Assembly premises, announced their rejection of the nomination of the deputy supreme guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, Khayrat Al-Shater, in the presidential elections.

They chanted slogans against the MB and the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF).

The Ultras members stressed they would resume their sit-in in front of the People's Assembly premises, which entered its eighth day. They demanded holding accountable those responsible for the Port Said incidents and to freeze the sports activities of Al-Masry football team until the end of the trial of the suspects over the Port Said incidents.



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Author: Eman Al-Beseely.

Omar Suleiman Might Run for Presidency



A source close to Omar Suleiman, former vice president and former chief of Egyptian General Intelligence, told Al-Tahrir newspaper that Suleiman is likely to run for presidency. The source mentioned that Suleiman will announce his final decision within the coming few days.

The source, who preferred not to be named, said that he spoke with Suleiman more than once. According to him, Suleiman said that he will not join the presidential race unless his supporters are able to collect the 30.000 signatures necessary for his nomination. Suleiman also stressed that he is ready to assume the responsibility of the country during this critical juncture.

Sayed Amer, member of Suleiman's supporting campaign, announced that the campaign was able to collect nearly 27.000 forms of endorsement and they are coordinating efforts now to meet the rules of presidential nomination.



Page: 1.
Author: Yousef Wahbi.

El-Ganzouri: Egypt's Economic Situation Hangs by a Thread



Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri held a meeting with members of the parliamentary committee of Cairo Governorate to declare the government's official position from recent political developments.

All members of the Freedom and Justice Party did not attend the meeting. Mostafa Bakri, representative of Members of Parliament in Cairo, said that El-Ganzouri expressed his deep concern over the current political situation.

Bakri said that El-Ganzouri is concerned over the spread of weapons in the streets and he demanded that all political forces cooperate to help restore security in the country.

The Prime Minister also mentioned that Egypt lost nearly 80% from its cash reserves.

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Author: Maisa' Fahmi.

Ultras Ahlawy Capo: We Will Return to Stadium when Justice is Achieved



Karim Adel, one of the four leaders of Ultras Ahlawy, told Al-Shorouk newspaper that the group will resume their sit-in until retribution is achieved.

He said one of their major demands is to purge the Ministry of Interior from corrupt officials. “We die for the sake of our country, how we can not practice pressure on the regime to achieve reform in our country and pursue its interests?” said Adel.

“74 football fans died in the stadium and we are here to demand justice,” added Karim.

MB Leaders Try to Persuade Azhar to Return to Constituent Assembly



Chairman of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) Mohamed Morsi and Muslim Brotherhood member Mohamed el-Beltagy had visited Al-Azhar Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayeb to convince the prominent Islamic institution to return to the Constituent Assembly.

Al-Azhar representatives Mohamed el-Tahtawi had withdrawn from the constitution-drafting body to protest, what he called, and the marginalization of all segments of the society.

Several members have walked out of the Constituent Assembly to object the Islamist dominance over the body, fearing that the nation's new constitution would not represent the whole society.



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Author: Omnia Karim

MB Member Says “Shater” Nomination was Payback for SCAF’s Rejection to Sack Government

صباحي صالح:

رشحنا الشاطر ردا على رفض العسكري إقالة الجنزوري

الإسكندرية - أممية كريم:
أوضح النائب الإخواني صباحي صالح وكيل اللجنة التشريعية، أن الجماعة قررت طرح خيرات الشاطر للترشيح ردا على رفض المجلس العسكري إقالة حكومة الجنزوري والانتحائية لإدرات أعضاء البرلمان، قائلا في تصريح صحفي خاصته للأخبار: إنه يجب فهم القرار في ظل معيولته والتظاهرات التي حدثت في مصر، وعندما يتحدث البرلمان بالاجماع عن سحب ثقة وكنز من الوزارة إقالة، فلما معنى هذا التخلي؟ يعني أركان أساسية؟

وردا على تساؤل الشارع إذا كانت هذه المشاركة تكون فعالية لقرار صباحي أثناء الرضا في البداية للمشاركة لا مخالفة ولكن إن الضربة للحكومة مخالفة معادنا العسكري يتحدى الشعب وأصناف بعد أن يقوم الجميع أن يهد من لعبة والشرة متى قرار.

رحول استكمال البرلمان لجنة سحب الثقة لصدف ترى إذا فهم العسكري الرضا وكما يستكين مستجدات الأور.

محمي صالح
الفتنرات أما إن ننسحب من البرلمان احتجاجا أو أن نطلب بالأمر الواقع نكل الطريق وهذا ما اخترناه.

القرار في مجلس الشورى على أنه لشبان - ونحن نعلم جيدا كيف تكثر مؤسسات القضاة بعد الشورى بين معينين والناس تلك وثنا - وهذا إنك انتدابهم دائما فقولنا "نحن المسئول حول الشعب عن الشاطر وحقيقة كون ذلك صفة مع العسكري القرار إلى إن الأربعة خليفة وليست تخليفا وأن الشاطر صوف يشرح برنامجهم الأنشيطي قريبا وسوف نشرح لجمهورهم سر الترحيب والقبول تكون للشارح - ولما قضية التخليفا أمر معقد وسوف نناقش في طريقنا أي الأامرين نحن سنعي للشارح والتعاون لا لنصوم".

ولا يمكن تفسير الخلف

Member of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) group Sobhi Saleh said the group has decided to nominate deputy supreme guide Khayrat el-Shater for the presidency in response to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF)’s rejection to sack the government of Kamal el-Ganzouri.

Saleh, an MP, told Al-Akhbar newspaper that SCAF refused to sack the government although the parliament has voted against it.



TV Coverage (01/04/2012)



Program: Al-Hayat Al-An

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Maha Bahnasy

PM Kamal El-Ganzouri: Egypt is now facing a huge challenge as a result of the ongoing struggle between political parties.

Al-Azhar refuses Muslim Brotherhood's nomination of Khayrat Al-Shater in the presidential elections, while Al-Nour Salafi Party considers giving their support to him.

PM Kamal El-Ganzouri: Former National Democratic Party domination of the legislative authority triggered the revolution.

Muslim Brotherhood lawyer received the application of Khayrat Al-Shater.

Advisory Council holds a meeting to discuss the crisis of the Constituent Assembly.

The Freedom and Justice Party said they don't intend to undermine Al-Azhar's role in drafting the constitution.

Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom

Channel: Al-Hayat

Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer

Stock market loses EGP 4.2bn.

Presidential Elections Commission denies receiving a security report stating that Hazem Abu Ismail's mother carries a foreign nationality.

Hesham Bastawesy submits his candidacy papers to the Presidential Elections Commission.

Freedom and Justice Party Head said the MB's decision to nominate Khayrat Al-Shater for presidency came as a response to the current needs of the country.



Program: Hona Al-Asema

Channel: CBC

Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy

Over the phone: Judge Hesham Bastawisy, potential presidential candidate, said nominating Khayrat Al-Shater is not in the interest of the Muslim Brotherhood or Egypt.

Over the phone: Osama Abdel-Hady, one of the MB youth who refuse nominating Al-Shater, said I doubt the integrity of MB's shouracouncil.



Program: 24 Hours News

Channel 1"State TV"

Advisory Council urges SCAF to issue a new constitutional declaration.

News

Channel 1"State TV"

After an emergency meeting Advisory Council urged SCAF to issue a new constitutional declaration that provides for the criteria of the Constituent Assembly. 3:00 AM

Muslim Brotherhood nominates Khayrat Al-Shater for presidency. 5:00 PM

Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr

Channel 1"State TV"

Presidential Elections Commission demanded an investigation into the nationalities of presidential candidate Hazem Abu Ismail and 6 other candidates.

Presidential Elections Commission said it will punish presidential candidates who violated the elections silence by removing their publicity from the streets.

Suggestions to reform the Constituent Assembly and General Congregational Council will decide its situation from Constituent Assembly, Al-Nour Party insists on implementing the Islamic shar'ia law.



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Radio Coverage (01/04/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

PM Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri: Egypt is now facing a huge challenge as a result of the struggle between the political parties. 18:00:00

Presidential Elections Commission denied receiving a security report stating that presidential candidate Hazem Abu Ismail's mother carries a foreign nationality. 18:00:00

Advisory Council calls on SCAF to issue a new constitutional declaration. 25:00:00



News

Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat

PM Kamal El-Ganzouri stressed on the importance of cooperation between all the political forces in order to achieve democracy in the country. 23:00:00



News Bar

Channel: MEGA FM

Peaceful Front for Change said nominating Khayrat Al-Shater exposed the reality of Muslim Brotherhood.



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Internet Coverage (02/04/2012)

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We Are All Khaled Saeed:

Late Lieutenant General Saadeddin el-Shazli was born on April 2, 1922
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Good morning. Aside from the tense political atmosphere, we have thinking about doing something useful when the page hits two million members. A suggestion was floated by young doctors that we collect money to buy medical equipment for some public hospitals to help in curing thousands of Egyptians. The proposal signaled out Kasr Al-Aini and Abul-Reesh hospitals. What are your thoughts about this campaign? We could try to collect two million pounds in two weeks and list the equipment needed. What are your opinions?

Egyptian Cabinet

The Presidential Elections Commission decided to form a committee to monitor and evaluate the expenditure of each presidential candidate on their electoral campaigns and the sources of the funding on each campaign.

The committee will also make sure that all candidates have followed the rules governing the electoral campaigns and spending.

The Presidential Elections Commission's official website is www.elections.eg.



Muslim brotherhood website

Muslim Brotherhood and Freedom and Justice Party Statement on Egypt's Presidency

Since the noble Egyptian people launched their great revolution and toppled the head of the corrupt former regime, Egypt felt the breeze of freedom, and immediately certain 'hands' started attempts to obstruct the march of power transfer to elected civilians... Yet with increasing popular determination, political parties and the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) agreed on a road map to rebuild the people's legislative and constitutional establishments and institutions; and a timetable was set for the transfer of power by 30 June



2012.

Then arguments broke out over the method of conducting the parliamentary elections, whether to adopt party nominee lists or individual candidates systems, which ended in consensus among the full spectrum of political parties, forces, stakeholders and SCAF, in the presence of official representatives of the Supreme Constitutional Court, where it was decided that two-thirds of candidates would have to be in party nominee lists, while one-third would be in “individuals” lists.

No sooner had the parliamentary elections ended, with positive participation of about thirty million people who freely expressed their sovereign will, than attempts to disrupt the functioning of the People's Assembly and the Shura Council. This was clear in the executive branch's persistent failure to respond to MPs' demands and decisions, and the sharp slowdown in the performance of the government.

Then followed a long series of fabricated crises and failures, mismanagement and stubborn refusal to respond to the demands of the people, for which they started the Revolution. Ultimately, we reached what could be considered a total waste of the country's capabilities and resources...

We then started forming the Constituent Assembly which will draw up the country's national charter, in accordance with the Constitutional Declaration endorsed by popular referendum. Elections for the constituent committee brought in a marvelous selection of prominent professionals and personalities representing all hues of Egyptian society with all its people and institutions.

An absurdly massive orchestrated media campaign was then launched, which included applying pressure to cause some of the Assembly's newly elected members to withdraw, although they had just expressed their pleasure for joining the panel. This was meant to distort and tarnish the positive image of the parliament and its efforts, and to hinder the work of the new panel. Thus, serious impediments continue to be used by some to disrupt or circumvent the democratic path of transformation and power transfer according to popular will.

...The Brotherhood also tried persuade relevant government authorities to take all necessary action to restore security and the rule of law as well as economic stability, and to meet the essential needs of the people's daily living, and also to achieve harmony and consensus with everyone in order to form a national consensus government from the parliamentary majority, with positive participation by other parties. But it was all in vain; there was no real, practical response.

The Muslim Brotherhood believed that the continuation of the status quo and remaining silent about it amounted to negligence, a crime against the fatherland, for which it would be held accountable to God, history and the people who elected it into parliament in free and fair



elections.

The decision of the Brotherhood's consultative General Shura Council not to endorse any of the organization's own members as a candidate for the presidency – on 10 February 2011 with confirmation on 29 April 2011 – was based on internal and external reasons, but generally to safeguard the success of the revolution, and not to provide any excuses for an unfortunate abortion of the process of democratization...

The Muslim Brotherhood's General Shura Council decided in its emergency session today, Saturday 31 March 2012, to field a candidate for the presidency, and it hereby authorizes the Guidance Bureau in coordination with the Executive Office of the Freedom and Justice Party to take all the executive and follow-up actions as necessary».

As we announce this decision, we assure our noble people that the Brotherhood does not seek power in order to obtain high office or to achieve private gains or prestige, but certainly seek to achieve the purpose for which it was founded and for which it worked for many years, which is pleasing God Almighty by guiding the people to the teachings and sublime values of Islam, and working to achieve comprehensive reform, in which all the homeland's citizens should share...





▪ 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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