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Newspapers (19/04/2012)



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Author: Muhammad Anz, Hani Izzat and Hibah Said

Mass Demonstration Tomorrow



Egyptian political players are to organize tomorrow, Friday mass demonstrations in Tahrir Square and other squares in Egypt.

The demonstration that was called “Protect the Revolution” is meant to be a protest against the former regime symbols joining the presidential race and to call on SCAF to hand over the political power to an elected civil authority as soon as possible.

A Constitution for all Egyptian Movement that includes 56 parties, alliances, coalitions and movements called on all political players in Egypt to take part in the mass demonstrations and call for handing over the power to a civil authority on June 30.

Abd al-Azim Abu Saif of the Muslim Brotherhood’s Guidance Office announced that the Muslim Brotherhood would participate in the Tahrir Square demonstration and did not confirm the group’s participation in other demonstrations.

Gen Adel Afifi announced Salafist al-Asalah party participation in the demonstration as a stand against the reproduction of the former regime.

The Slafi Call will not participate, as its spokesman Yasser Burahami has declared.

6 of April Movement members in Europe called Egyptian expatriates to participate in what it called ‘The International Day for self-determination[.]’



Pages: 1, 3, 4

Author: Khalid Abu al-Izz, Amani Majid and Abd al-Raouf Khalifah

Al-Ahram Updates on Presidential Race



The High Presidential Elections Commission announced its final decision to exclude the ten presidential candidates. The commission did not accept any of the complaints brought by the candidates after the first exclusion decision. The commission also declared that all the complaints were thoroughly examined, and the exclusion decisions were confirmed.

On the other hand, Muslim Brotherhood's excluded candidate Khairat al-Shater accused SCAF of not being serious about the handing over of power to an elected civil authority. Al-Shater called for excluding High Presidential Elections Commission Farouq Sultan..

Al-Shater launched a barrage of criticism against the High Presidential Elections Commission and its president Farouq Sultan. He claimed that there were attempt to hinder the democratic change and announced that the Muslim Brotherhood will participate in a mass demonstration on Friday.

News was reported about ongoing talks between Islamist players to agree on one presidential candidate. Al-Bina' wa al-Tanmiyah [Construction and Development] Party, the political wing of al-Jamaah al-Islamiyah will meet the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice to agree on one presidential candidate. The three suggested names are: Muhammad Mursi, Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh and Salim al-Awwa.

As for the excluded candidate Hazim Salah Abu Ismail, the High Presidential Elections Commission declared that it got all the official documents that proved that his mother was an American national from the United States Secretary of State.



On page three, al-Ahram published the official documents that proved that Abu Ismail's mother was an American national.

Meanwhile, Abu Ismail's supporters continued their sit-in in front of the commission's headquarters.

Abu Ismail accused the commission of tarnishing his image and trying to spread division amongst Islamist powers. He also claimed that the commission prevented him from accessing its headquarters when it called 60 politicians, MPs and Islamic preachers to examine the official documents that proved the American nationality of his mother. The men of religion refused examining the in the absence of Abu Ismail who insisted that his mother did not have the American nationality.



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Author: Not mentioned

The Muslim Brotherhood Rejects al-Shater's Resignation

Following his exclusion from the presidential race, Khairat al-Shater resigned from the groups Guidance Office to return to his previous position as Vice General Guide.

The Muslim Brotherhood, however, rejected the resignation.



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Author: Hajjaj al-Hisaini and Nader Mahmoud Taman

Al-Awwa Ready to Withdraw

العوّا: مستعد للتنازل إذا اتفق الإسلاميون على مرشح

المنيا - حجاج الحسيني ونادر محمود طمان :



أكد الدكتور محمد سليم العوا المرشح الرئاسي الإسلامي أنه مستعد للتنازل عن مرشحه إذا اتفقت القوى الإسلامية على مرشح واحد للترشح، وذلك خلال المؤتمر الوطني الذي سيجريه في 10 يونيو الجاري في محافظة المنيا التي تستمر لمدة يومين، بحضور نحو 400 شخص من القوى الإسلامية بالمنطقة.

كان العوا يتوجه إلى المنيا من القاهرة في إطار جولاته الانتخابية، وذلك في إطار الترويج لمرشحته في مختلف المناطق.

وقال العوا في تصريحات صحفية: «أنا مستعد للتنازل عن مرشحتي إذا اتفق الإسلاميون على مرشح واحد للترشح، وذلك خلال المؤتمر الوطني الذي سيجريه في 10 يونيو الجاري في محافظة المنيا التي تستمر لمدة يومين، بحضور نحو 400 شخص من القوى الإسلامية بالمنطقة».

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Presidential Candidate Muhammad Salim al-Awwa declared that he was ready to withdraw from the presidential race if the Islamist players reached a consensus to support one sole candidate. Al-Awwa said he was ready to withdraw in favor of that candidate who would enjoy all Islamists’ support.

Al-Awwa’s declarations were in the course of an electoral conference that he held in a village in Upper Egyptian Menia in the presence of 400 people.



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Author: Hazim Abu Doumah

The Perils of Violence



Al-Tajammus Party highlighted the perils of the calls for violent reactions launched by a number of some excluded presidential candidates' advocates. Al-Tajammu considered the calls to violence to be a threat against the state of law.

In its communiqué, al-Tajammus also criticized some players who want to impose their presidential candidates against the law.



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Author: Sameh Lachin

Expatriates Cannot Vote by National Number

العدل ترفض مشروع قانون تصويت
الغربيين بالرقم القومي
كتب . سامح لاشين:
رفقت وزارة العدل اقتراحها بمشروع قانون بمنح المصريين
الغربيين في الخارج حق الإلاء بأصواتهم في الانتخابات بواسطة
الرقم القومي أو جواز السفر، ويتم ختم الجواز الذي يتم التصويت
به لعدم تكرار التصويت أو عمل علامة ثابتة على بطاقة الرقم
القومي الأمر الذي يبصر على الغربيين إجراء التصويت ويحق
المشاركة لهم كحق يكفله الدستور لكل مواطن.

Egypt's Ministry of Justice rejected a suggestion to allow Egyptian expatriates to vote in the presidential elections using their national ID numbers or their passports.

The suggestion gave expatriates the right to use their Egyptian ID cards or their Passports to vote while voters get their ID cards or passports stamped to avoid repetition.



Pages: 5
 Author: Ismail Jumaah

Islamists' Secret Talks



Dr. Safwat Abd al-Ghani, member of the Shura Council of al-Jamaah al-Islamiyah and the political expert of its political wing al-Bina wa al-Tanmiyah [Construction and Development] Party declared that secret talks were taking place between the different Islamist players to reach a consensus about presidential candidates.

The talks aim at reaching an agreement to support one presidential candidate.



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Author: Not mentioned

Thousands Protest against Disqualification of Shater and Abu-Ismail from Presidential Race



Thousands of members of the Muslim Brotherhood group and the Salafist Call rallied in the governorates to protest the disqualification of Khayrat el-Shater and Hazem Salah Abu-Ismail from the presidential elections.

Several supporters deemed the disqualification decision a political one while others said it was expected.

In Alexandria, hundreds of Abu-Ismail supporters staged a protest outside the Northern Military Zone and several other areas in the coastal city.

Other protests were organized in Damietta, Sharqiya, Qalubiya, Giza, Fayoum, Minya and Qena governorates.



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 Author: Mounir Adib

Islamic Group Mulls Supporting Abul-Fotouh



The Islamic Group and its political party the Construction and Development would most probably support Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh in the presidential elections, Al-Masry Al-Yom newspapers learned from well-informed sources.

The group could also leave the choice for its members by choosing from other Islamist candidates, the sources said.

Beside Abul-Fotouh, two Islamist candidates are vying in the presidential elections; Mohamed Selim el-Awwa and Mohamed Morsi.



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Author: Ahmed Goma.

April 6 Movement Organizes a March



The April 6 movement branch in Suez announced their participation in the march organized by some young activists from Suez.

The march will begin tomorrow from Suez until it reaches Tahrir Square on Friday to participate in the protests. Young activists demand that all the goals of the revolution be achieved.



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Author: Ahmed El-Abd

Security Forces Seize Gas Line Bombers



After several gunshots and maneuvers the security forces succeeded in seizing suspects who were trying to bomb the gas line for the 15th time.



Pages: 3
 Author: Mahmoud Nafady

Constituent Assembly Crisis



Schaefer of the People’s Assembly Saad Al-Katatny said the Parliament Legislative Committee would be responsible for setting the criteria upon which the Constituent Assembly members will be chosen.

He also said that the criteria must be adequate with Article 60 of the constitutional declaration. He added that the parliament would hold a hearing session to get all the suggestions regarding the standards of forming the Constituent Assembly.

Al-Katatny said the criteria would guarantee the representation of Egyptians.



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 Author: not mentioned

NGOs Case Trial Delayed

تأجيل قضية التمويل الأجنبي الى ٥ يونيو
مصدر قضائي: نواب المستشار أبو زيد صحيح

قررت محكمة الجنايات تأجيل نظر قضية التمويل الأجنبي المتهم فيها ١٢ من المرشحين والأجانب، بشأن ادعاءات التجمع المدني في جلسة الخامسة من يونيو القادم لإخلاء دفاع المتهمين على أحوال القضية. من جانب آخر أكد مصدر قضائي مسئول أن نواب المستشار سامح أبو زيد رئيس هيئة التحقيق القضائي في وقائع التمويل الأجنبي غير المشروع لبعض منظمات المجتمع المدني جاء، وفقاً وصحیح حکم القائلون:

أوضح المصدر أن نواب المستشار سامح أبو زيد التحقيق في تلك القضية تم بقاء على قرار صدر من محكمة استئناف القاهرة بتاريخ ٢٤ مستمرون من العام الماضي وذلك في أعقاب صدور تقرير لجنة تقصي الحقائق في ذلك الشأن. مشيراً إلى أن المستشار أبو زيد كان يعمل في ذلك الوقت مستشاراً بمحكمة استئناف القاهرة. وقال للمصدر إن العمرة وفقاً للقانون تكون على أساس وقت صدور قرار النائب كقاضي تحقيق رانه لا يؤثر في ذلك مطلقاً حصول المستشار أبو زيد على ترؤس، وانتقاله بعد لفترة لاحقة للعمل في وقعة محكمة استئناف أخرى. وكان الخامس نواب الرئيس عضو هيئة الدفاع عن المتهمين في القضية قد شكك خلال الجلسة أمام المحكمة في صحة نواب المستشار سامح أبو زيد كقاضي تحقيق في القضية.

Cairo Criminal Court decided to delay the trial of the NGOs case suspects to June 5, 2012.



Pages: 10
 Author: Safwat Omran

Al-Shater Conference



In a press conference that he held yesterday, Khairat al-Shater strongly criticized The Presidential Elections Commission and said they excluded him from the presidential race for political reasons.

He also criticized SCAF and said they are trying to renew former regime methods.

He said that the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) would take part in next Friday's demonstration in order to stress the compelling need to fulfill the revolution demands.

Al-Shater also said that the MB didn't make a deal with SCAF.



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Author: Samir Ramadan.

Victims Defense: NDP Formed a Secret Organization to Kill Revolutionaries



Giza’s Criminal Court, headed by Senior Judge Mohamed Fahim Darwish, listened to the pleading of the lawyers of the persons accused in that case. The defendants are 17 police officer and soldier accused of killing 5 protesters and injuring 17 others on January 27-28, 2011.

The defendants’ lawyers pleaded “not guilty” to the charges of killing and injuring peaceful protesters at the beginning of the revolution. Lawyers said that the investigations were invalid and biased against the defendants. They also said that the Public Prosecution submitted to the pressures of the public opinion.

Lawyers also presented a report prepared by a human rights organization. In that report, the organization confirmed that nearly 23.000 prisoners escaped on January 28-29, 2011 and they carried arms and ammunitions. Lawyers also confirmed that the dissolved National Democratic Party had created a secret military organization to kill the protesters and spread chaos in the streets.

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Authors: Samar Nabih, Mohamed Ads (and others).

Advisory Council Refuses Shahin's Proposals on Constituent Assembly



Members of the Advisory Council, headed by Sameh Ashour, refused all the proposals of Major General Mamdouh Shahin, SCAF member and Assistant Minister of Defense for Legal and Legislative Affairs, regarding the formation of the Constituent Assembly.

During the meeting which lasted for more than three hours, members of the Advisory Council confirmed that the Constituent Assembly will still become invalid if Members of the Parliament were given the right to select the assembly's members.

Advisory Council's members refused all the proposals presented and demanded a new Constitutional Declaration that amends Article 60, which gives the parliament the powers to select members of the Constituent Assembly, explaining that this article contradicts the decision of the State Council Administrative Court.

The Advisory Council called on the ruling SCAF to issue a new Constitutional Declaration determining the criteria and conditions of selecting members of the Constituent Assembly in order to ensure a proper representation for all the segments of the society.



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Author: Rana Mamdouh

Presidential Elections Will Not be Postponed – HPEC



The High Presidential Elections Commission (HPEC) affirmed that the presidential elections will be held on time and would not be postponed, said HPEC member Ahmed Shamseddin Khafagi.

As for the crisis of presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael and his disqualification from the race while his staunch supporters are staging a sit-in outside the HPEC premises, Khafagi said commission has allowed Abu-Ismael to examine the documents that prove his mother had a dual nationality.

He was allowed to photocopy them as well, Khafagi said, adding the documents would be made available to the media.



Pages: 1, 5.

Authors: Ahmed Fathi, Mohamed Salem (and others).

Political Forces to Reach a Consensus on Constituent Assembly



Various political parties discussed the dilemma of forming the Constituent Assembly in an attempt to reach a consensus on the criteria of selecting members of the assembly.

Speaker of the People’s Assembly Dr. Saad Al-Katatni assigned the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee with writing a draft law that determines the criteria of selecting members of the Constituent Assembly, in accordance with Article 60 of the Constitutional Declaration. Dr. Al-Katatni requested that the committee takes into consideration the flaws that occurred in the previous Constituent Assembly’s formation and ensures that all the segments of the Egyptian society are represented. He also requested that the committee holds meetings with all political forces that would like to add their proposals to the assembly’s formation.

Representatives of various political parties and movements and some Members of the Parliament held a meeting, in the absence of representatives of the Freedom and Justice Party and Al-Nour Salafi Party, and agreed on preliminary criteria for the assembly’s formation. They stressed the importance of ensuring a proper representation for the youth of the revolution and for women.

Wahid Abd Al-Megid, general coordinator of the FJP-led Democratic Alliance, said that parties would be represented by 30-35% and the remaining percentage would be left for representatives of professional syndicates, unions and movements.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Dostour: Page 1; Al-Tahrir: Pages 1, 3, 4.



Pages: 1, 6.

Authors: Mohamed Khayal and Ahmed Abd Al-Halim.

Al-Shater Questions SCAF's Intentions to Hand over Power



Khairat Al-Shater, disqualified presidential candidate, had declared his resignation from his post as deputy supreme guide of the Muslim Brotherhood. Following the Presidential Elections Commission's decision to disqualify him from presidential race, the MB Guidance Bureau refused Al-Shater's resignation and declared he would remain in his post.

Al-Shater commented on the commission's decision to exclude him from the presidential race by questioning SCAF's intentions to hand over power. "The Supreme Council of Armed Forces is not willing to hand over power as they are interfering in presidential elections," said Al-Shater.

A source close to Al-Shater told Al-Shorouk newspaper that the Muslim Brotherhood is determined to support Mohamed Morsi for presidency, following Al-Shater's exclusion.

However, sources close to the Guidance Bureau confirmed to Al-Shorouk newspaper that the MB might re-consider its decision to support Morsi for presidency if MB leaders were able to reach a deal with SCAF to form a coalition government.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Dostour: Pages 1, 4.

El-Ganzouri: There is No Crisis between Government and Parliament



During his meeting yesterday with Members of Parliament representing Upper Egypt, Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri declared that there is no crisis between the government and the parliament.

He reaffirmed the government’s respect to the People’s Assembly and its elected members and said that he gave a statement before the parliament. “I do not have any problems with Members of the People’s Assembly and the Shoura Council. The Constitutional Declaration does not state that the prime minister gives a statement before the parliament,” El-Ganzouri said.

Prime Minister agreed to the request of the Freedom and Justice Party MPs to change the system of selecting mayors in villages and rural areas to be through electing them and not appointing them by the government.



Pages: 1, 7
 Author: Many Authors

Updates on the Presidential Race in al-Yom al-Sabei



Like all the other newspapers, al-Yom al-Sabei focused on the updates of the presidential race in Egypt.

It singled out a space of its front page for photocopies of the official documents that proved the American nationality of the excluded candidate Hazim Abu Ismail’s mother.

On page 7, Al-Yom al-Sabei published the High Presidential Elections Commission’s arguments about the reasons of rejecting the complaints brought by the excluded candidates against the exclusion decision. Al-Yom al-Sabei also highlighted teh protests of Abu Ismail’s advocates.

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Author: Muhammad Abd al-Raziq, Narmin Suleiman and Mahmoud Nasr

Chief of the Intelligence Service Questioned?



The third court session in the NGOs case was held yesterday. Litigant Uthman al-Hifnawi called for questioning Chief of the Intelligence Service and former governor of North Sinai for being allegedly informed about all the activities of those organizations.

Moreover, lawyer Ahmad Dirgham asked the court to call Judge Mahmoud Shukri, head of the former jury and Jufed Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, head of Cairo Court of Appeal, accusing them of helping the foreign suspects to escape abroad.



Pages: 1, 5
 Author: Mahmoud Hussein and others

Grand Mufti's Controversial Visit to Jerusalem



The Egyptian public and political players in Egypt voiced discontentment at the Egyptian Mufti's sudden arrival in Jerusalem.

Egypt's Mufti Ali Jumaah arrived in Jerusalem with Prince Ghazi Bin Muhammad, top religious adviser to Jordan King to inaugurate al-Imam al-Ghazali Islamic Research Center.

The visit triggered angry Egyptian reactions that seem to have not been pacified by the mufti's declarations that denied any relations between his visit and the normalization of relationships with Israel.

The Slafi Front described the visit as "shameful" through a declaration by the front's spokesman Khjalid Said who called to oust the Mufti who had "tarnished the Azhar's image." "Pope Shenouda III respected Egyptians and Arabs and refused to visit Jerusalem while Sheik Ali Jumaah hurried to normalize the relations with Israel," said Said.

Left-wing leader Ahmad Bahaa al-Din Shaban criticized the visit, considering it an offense against the national stance.

Al-Yom al-Sabei reported on other similar reactions.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, p. 1 +al-Ahram stressed that the mufti did not get any Israeli visas; al-MasrY al-Yom, p. 1



Pages: 4
Author: Nour Ali

The People's Assembly Approves Amnesty for Political Crimes



The legislative Committee of the lower House of parliament in Egypt approved in principle a draft law that grants amnesty to all political prisoners who were tried for political crimes during the mandate of the former regime (between 1981 and 2011).

However, amnesty does not include crimes related to spying and working for foreign intelligence organizations of any kind and other crimes that are related to the national security.

The committee also approved a government's draft law that gives the Cassation Court the right to consider contestations against the legitimacy of MPs' memberships



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 Author: Diaan Abul-Safa

Egypt's Mufti Visits East Jerusalem



Egypt's Mufti Ali Gomaa visited occupied Al-Quds city (East Jerusalem) and toured Muslim sanctities there in a controversial move.

Gomaa led the noon prayers in Al-Buraq Mosque in the city.

The mufti has entered the city under the supervision of Jordan and has not contacted Israeli authorities at all, said the mufti's media adviser, Ibrahim Negm.

The mufti rejects all forms of normalization with the Israeli occupation, Negm said.

Meanwhile, Al-Azhar Islamic Research Academy will hold an emergency meeting to tackle Gomaa's Al-Quds trip.

Al-Azhar was surprised like everyone else about the visit, an official source said, adding Al-Azhar rejects visiting Al-Quds while still under the occupation of Israel.

A number of members of the People's Assembly, lower house of parliament, were enraged by the visit, deeming it as "shameful."

The parliament's religious affairs committee will discuss the issue and considers summoning the mufti for interrogation.

Women to Be Allowed to Vote in Patriarchal Elections for 1st Time



The Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church announced it would allow women to vote for the first time ever in the election of the new pope.

Plans are underway to also include Egyptian Coptic expatriates in the voter lists, the Holy Synod said in a press conference.

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.



TV Coverage (18/04/2012)



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

The Parliament's Legislative Committee approves a law to drop charges off political prisoners.



Program: Lazem Nefham
Channel: CBC
Host: Magdy Al-Galad

Revolutionary coalitions and the April 6 Youth Movement call on the masses to take part in the million-man march of "Saving the Revolution" which will be held on April 20.



News
Channel 1 "State TV"
Time: 3:00 AM

The High Presidential Elections Commission announces the reasons why it refused contestations submitted by excluded candidates.

Program: 24 Hours News
Channel 1 "State TV"

The Minister of Finance said Egypt is not facing bankruptcy.

The Parliament's Legislative Committee is responsible for setting criteria for choosing Constituent Assembly members.

Similar news was reported in Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Sherief Amer

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

After a six-hour discussion, the High Presidential Elections Commission refuses the candidates' contestations.



Several political powers approve choosing the majority of the Constituent Assembly members from outside the Parliament.

The Parliament's Legislative Committee rejects a draft law "criminalizing terrorism funding"



News

Channel 2"State TV"

Time: 26:00:00

Hazem Abu Ismail supporters continue their sit-in in front of the High Presidential Elections Commission premises after Abu Ismail was disqualified from the presidential race.

Counselor Hatem Begato, the High Presidential Elections Commission Secretary-General, said Abu Ismail's mother had an American nationality.

Program: Yesed Sabahak

Channel 2"State TV"

Host: Hend Rashad and Yasser Abdel-Hakim

The High Presidential Elections Commission decides to exclude 10 candidates.

High Presidential Elections Commission sources said Hazem Abu Ismail refused to allow a group of experts to review the documents behind his exclusion.



Radio Coverage (18/04/2012)



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Channel: Radio Misr

Time: 25:00:00

Presidential Elections Commission said there are no valid reasons to accept the appeals of the 10 disqualified candidates.

Parliament's Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee is responsible for setting criteria for selecting members of the Constituent Assembly.



News

Channel: Al-Sharq Al-Awsat

Time: 25:00:00

Revolutionary coalitions and April 6 Movement call on Egyptians to participate in the million-man march titled "Saving the Revolution" on April 20.



Internet Coverage (19/4/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Oh, Square. Where have you been before? With you we sang and with you we fought our fear. Inside you, we prayed with one hand in the morning and evening.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=eE3yaJcOp28

For everyone going to Tahrir tomorrow, please share this statement if you agree with it.
https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s720x720/383540_372884849430546_165263783525988_1153211_1776698220_n.jpg



Muslim Brotherhood site

Muslim Brotherhood, FJP Announce Dr. Morsi to Continue Egypt's Presidential Race

The Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) have announced that they are still in the race for the presidency of the Republic.

Their second candidate, Dr. Mohamed Morsi, will adopt the same approach and program of Khairat Al-Shater who has just been excluded from the race. Dr. Morsi will aim to achieve the higher interests of the homeland and fight for people's rights.

In a statement issued by the Brotherhood and the FJP, Tuesday evening, they reiterated that they have a comprehensive renaissance project for Egypt that covers all fields and sectors, and is capable of taking Egypt to safety shores of stability, security and prosperity.

The following is a translation of the joint statement of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Freedom and Justice Party:

The Muslim Brotherhood and Freedom and Justice Party received with shock and dismay the decision of the Supreme Presidential Electoral Commission (SPEC) to reject the appeal filed by Khairat Al-Shater, the candidate chosen by the Brotherhood and the FJP for the presidential elections.

This is especially shocking since the decision to refuse the appeal came after the submission of all legal arguments and precedents as well as judicial rulings, including interpretation of the Supreme Military Court's exoneration of Al-Shater.



Although his legal defense team made very convincing case, and included in its arguments detailed analysis of the last military case relied upon by SPEC in its decision to exclude Al-Shater from the initial 'candidate list', SPEC rejected the appeal.

In recognition of the seriousness and grave importance of the current phase of Egypt's history, the Muslim Brotherhood and the FJP declare that they will continue the competition for the presidency of the Republic with their candidate Dr. Mohamed Morsi, with the same approach and program, aiming to achieve the higher interests of the homeland and uphold and safeguard the rights of all Egyptian people.

The organization and the party emphasize that they have a powerful project for revival of the homeland that covers all fields and sectors.

Our candidate will carry forth this project, which is supported by the Egyptian people, and which both the Brotherhood and the FJP seek to implement in order to cross with Egypt to safety and stability, where it shall assume its rightful place among nations and peoples of the world.



Twitter

@Monasosh

Martyr Mahmoud Helmi died from a bullet in the head on the Friday of Anger in Alexandria. Glory to the martyrs!
<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10150651577370933&set=a.80429170932.91571.589205932&type=1&theater>

How to put an end to military trials for civilians: Apology to the victims, legal pursuit of officials responsible for torturing detainees, compensating victims, stop referring civilians to military prosecution.

I really do not know how can they take an innocent person from his bed and sentence him to two years in prison, and after spending one year imprisoned they suddenly "discover" that he is innocent! #nomiltrials

@Arabist

"New on Arabist: The Sudans on the brink of war and state collapse <http://arb.st/JdYD5B>"

"New on Arabist: How the north-south relationship in Yemen is changing <http://arb.st/J3ts08>"



“Activist group: Hasty constitution writing could bring chaos | Egypt Independent: <http://bit.ly/IQZbCx>”

“New on Arabist: Gresh on the key aspects of the Arab uprisings<http://arb.st/Jax7dX>”

@Iyad El-Baghdadi

“How much is your freedom worth?”

“Perhaps the fact that Islam never had the equivalent of a Pope or a Catholic Church prevented massacres of such scale.”

“I mean, perhaps the religious craziness was there but the unified executive authority lacking.”

“The Saxons killed 26 of Charlemagne's men, so he ordered 4,500 Saxon prisoners of war put to the sword.”

“200 people branded heretics and wanted for execution, but cannot be identified. So 25K people killed, and let God sort them out.”

“Reading about the religious violence in Medieval Europe, I'm surprised how the idea of believing in God even survived.”

“For every million who can ask the right questions, there are probably less than a hundred who can actually provide a plan for a solution.”

@Gsquare86

Two we can never trust: The military junta and the Muslim Brotherhood #TweetNadwa

“These are the days when i am extremely proud to belong to the#RevSoc family :)”

“When headline news starts discussing nose jobs of MPs then you know you have a political life #Fail”

“Abu Ismail's mother is the most talked about dead woman#TheYear2012”

“By all means i was never counting on Ayman Nour, but never thought he would sell out this bad... Amr Mousa ? Really? That desperate?#Fail”

“If i was an adviser to Ayman Nour i would save him from this move..this is suicidal, at least to keep face, he should NOT run w/ Mousa #A7a”

@WaelAbbas



They are asking me about the success of Islamists' propaganda, I'd say that it is because they rely on emotions. Once people start realizing that they are a bunch of hustlers, then they would turn against them immediately.

Now there are rumors that Abu Ismail's mother was Christian. He got it all on himself because he lied!



▪ 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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