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MP Asks Tantawi to Take Oath before Parliament



MP Essam Sultan of Al-Wasat Party submitted a request to People's Assembly Speaker Saad el-Katatni to summon head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi to take the constitutional oath before the parliament.

Tantawi should have taken the oath after the parliament was elected in accordance with Article 30 of the Constitutional Declaration, Sultan said.

Shafiq Back in Presidential Race



The High Presidential Elections Commission upheld an appeal by former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq against his disqualification from the presidential race after the enforcement of the recently-ratified political isolation law.

The commission also decided to refer the law to the Supreme Constitutional Court to examine its constitutionality.

Shafiq's defense team has cast doubt on the legality of the amendments introduced to the law governing the exercise of political rights.

Freedom House Condemns Egypt's NGO Measures



The Egyptian government's announcement that it intends to review and potentially cancel the licenses of 8 foreign NGOs, including the Carter Center, is another escalation of its crackdown on civil society and raises a red flag regarding its intention to conduct a free and fair presidential election in May, Freedom House said in a statement.

The move, which was announced in Egyptian state media yesterday, comes on the heels of a six-month-long campaign against civil society that has included a state media smear campaign; the forced shutdown of several NGO offices and confiscation of equipment; and the intimidation and legal pursuit of NGO workers inside and outside the country, including Freedom House.

“The government of Egypt, by considering rejection of these organizations and by its introduction of a new law that places even tighter restrictions on civil society organizations than existed under Mubarak, appears intent on implementing one of the most restrictive NGO regimes in the world,” said David J. Kramer, president of Freedom House.

“This bill, if passed, would fall well short of meeting international standards on freedom of assembly and expression.”

In addition to denying registration for foreign NGOs, Egyptian authorities recently introduced new draft NGO legislation that would “nationalize” NGOs, making civil society organizations into institutions of the government and its workers civil servants. Interpol also received a request from Egypt to issue “red notices” on those indicted in the highly politicized criminal case against NGO workers; Interpol announced yesterday that it would not honor Egypt’s request on the basis that the case was political in nature. All of these actions have occurred since the U.S. waived certification on \$1.3 billion in funding to Egypt on the basis of “national security.”

Revolutionary Youth Reject MB Coming Protest



Several youth movements and a number of political parties announced their rejection of a million-people protest that would take place on April 27, called for by the Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP).

The planned mass protest will be organized under the theme “saving the revolution.”

The April 6 Youth Movement (Democratic Front) said the group would not respond to calls by “certain sides” aimed at settling scores between political powers and the authority to achieve the goals of the FJP.

Meanwhile, the April 6 Youth Movement (Ahmed Maher Front) said the political bureau of the movement has decided it would be present symbolically in the protest to revive the spirit of the revolution.

The Revolution Youth Coalition said it has not taken a decision yet on the coming protest.

Tantawi's Meeting with Political Forces is Postponed

السبت.. طنطاوى والقوى السياسية.. يبحثون مازق التأسيسية
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كتب - عبدالرازق توفيق - صفوت عمران:
 تأمل لقاء المشير حسين طنطاوى القائد العام رئيس المجلس الأعلى للقوات المسلحة بوزراء الأحزاب والقوى السياسية إلى السبت القادم بدلاً من اليوم بناء على طلب القوى السياسية لإتاحة الفرصة للتوافق والوصول إلى صيغة نهائية بشأن معايير تشكيل اللجنة التأسيسية لصياغة الدستور.

دعا المشير حسين طنطاوى في الاحتفالات السابق رؤساء الأحزاب والقوى السياسية إلى ضرورة التوافق لوضع معايير للجنة التأسيسية للدستور بحيث تعبر عن جوع وإلهاف وطواقف الشعب المصري. كما دعا إلى ضرورة الانتهاء من صياغة الدستور وانتخابات الرئاسة خلال الفترة المقبلة من الفترة الانتقالية دون تمديد أو

تغيير في توقيتات خريطة الطريق المحددة سلفاً ودون تأجيل الانتخابات الرئاسية من ناحية أخرى أمان سماح عاشور رئيس المجلس الاستشارى في تصريحات خاصة لـ«الجمهورية» فشل اجتماع الأحزاب الفنية مع التيار الإسلامى الذى عقد في وقت متأخر مساء أمس في الاتفاق على النقاط الخلافية حول معايير الجمعية التأسيسية للدستور مؤكداً قسمة حزب الحرية والعدالة والوقوف السلمى بأن يكون التصويت في الجمعية بنسبة ١٠٠٪ بينما تعالج الأحزاب القليلة بأن يكون التصويت بنسبة الثلث إضافة إلى أن أحزاب التيار الإسلامى طالبت بأن يكون تمثيل الأحزاب في الجمعية ٤٢ عضواً موزعة كالتالى ١٨ عضواً في مجالس ١١ عضواً لحزب للأحزاب الفنية وبقية

ورفضته الأخيرة وإمام إصرار كل طرف على مطالبه فشل الاجتماع وانتهى دون اتفاق وكشف عاشور أن فشل الاتفاق سبب في إلغاء اجتماع الأحزاب مع المجلس العسكري الذى كان مقرراً في اليوم.

وأكد مختار العشري رئيس اللجنة القانونية لحزب الحرية والعدالة أن أزمة الثقة المتبادلة بين التيارات السياسية والأحزاب التي تعزل عمل اللجنة التأسيسية للدستور ستؤدي عندما يبدأ العمل. أعضاء العشري يريد أن أصبح يدعى على خلاف حقيقى وليس خلافاً شخصياً على من سيضع الدستور. فإذا كنا متفقين على الفن فليبدأنا بالتفكير على من يضعه. ونحن لا نملك إلا توافق الجميع مستحسب آراء الجماعة القليلة بالكامل.

The meeting between Head of the ruling SCAF Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi and representatives of political forces scheduled today was postponed until next Saturday, at the request of these political forces. They wanted to allow more time to reach a consensus on the formation of the Constituent Assembly.

Field Marshal Tantawi discussed, during his last meeting with heads of political parties, the importance of reaching an agreement among political powers on the criteria of selecting members of the Constituent Assembly. He also pointed out the necessity of drafting the new constitution and completing presidential elections during the transitional phase without any delays or changes in the timeline.

Head of the Advisory Board Sameh Ashour told Al-Gomhoriya newspaper that liberal political parties heavily disagree with Islamist political powers on these criteria. He confirmed that the Freedom and Justice Party and Al-Nour Salafi Party stick to their proposal that voting system in the Constituent Assembly is based on absolute majority (50%+1).

Similar news was reported in: Al-Akhbar: Page 4.



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Islamists Fail in Reaching a Consensus



All efforts to reach an Islamist consensus about a presidential candidate seem to be reaching a dead end.

Salafist al-Nour Party declared that it was not committed to any Islamist declarations about supporting a specific candidate.

Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh reiterated that he would not withdraw in favor of any candidate.

News was reported about some Islamist entities' tendencies to support the Muslim Brotherhood's candidate Muhammad Mursi.

Meanwhile, Salafist al-Nour party commented showing fears from the monopoly of one political trend in Egypt.

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Author: many authors

Updates on Presidential Elections in al-Doustour



Presidential Candidate Amr Mussa called for a soon agreement on the Constituent Assembly.

The “Save the Revolution Alliance declares supporting Amr Mussa in the presidential elections, asserting that Mussa is thoughtful and has a vision and a strategy.

The Muslim Brotherhood’s candidate Muhammad Mursi attacked the former regime accusing it of harming the Egyptian economy, mainly in agriculture. Mursi said Mubarak hated his people, asserting that Egypt could not go backward.

Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh said restoring Egypt’s important regional role was on the top of his agenda, in addition to 11 national projects to bring about the renaissance of Egypt.

Presidential Candidate Hamadain Sabbahi said the Cap David Treaty with Israel would not turn Israel from an enemy to a friend because Israel was stills occupying Arabic territories.

Sabbahi asserted that he was the only presidential candidate who declared that cutting off the Egyptian gas exports to Israel was part of his protocol.



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Author: Mohamed Magli

Sabbahi: MB Reserve Candidate Will Not Rule Us



Hamdeen Sabbahi, presidential candidate, leveled criticism against the Muslim Brotherhood's decision to nominate their own candidate to run for presidency. "We did not make a revolution to hand over power to the Muslim Brotherhood's presidential candidate or to a former member of the organization. They should pull back their candidate," said Sabbahi.

During an open meeting held at the Academic Staff Club in Alexandria, Sabbahi said the Muslim Brotherhood dominated power in the country and reneged on their promises. The first mistake committed by the Muslim Brotherhood is when they tried to hijack the Constituent Assembly which will draft Egypt's new constitution. The second one is taking back their word and nominating one of their leaders to run for presidency, Sabbahi said.

"I believe that all the current political forces should put their efforts together to build our country," Sabbahi stated. He also criticized SCAF accusing them of failing to administer the transitional phase and wasting the blood of the revolution's martyrs.

Al-Gizawy's Protests Move between Saudi Embassy and Foreign Affairs Ministry



Hundreds of political activists demonstrated in front of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responding to the April 6 movement's call, to demand freedom for tens of political activists held in Saudi prisons, including lawyer and human rights activist Ahmed Al-Gizawy.

Protesters carried signs that read "Saudi Royal Family detains thousands of Egyptians and hosts Bin Ali," and "Where is Egyptian expatriates' dignity?" Protesters also chanted slogans against the Saudi King and against the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, accusing the latter of failing to fulfill its duties.

Al-Gizawy's sister, Sherine, said that all the charges directed against him are mere fabrications. She said she received information that they will release Al-Gizawy soon.

Amr Roshdi, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stressed that the Egyptian embassy in Riyadh is continuously contacting Saudi officials to resolve Al-Gizawy's case.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Akhbar: Page 3; Al-Gomhoria: Page 3.



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Author: Muhmmad al-Fiqi

Abu Ismail and Promised Surprises



The excluded presidential candidate Salafist Hazim Salah Abu Ismail addressed his advocates who are staging a sit-in in Tahrir Square saying that his health condition prevented him from being with them, promising them of surprises in the coming couple of days.

Abu Ismail said his exclusion decision was based on forged documents. He also said the presidential elections should be held under public observation.

Moreover, Abu Ismail said the Constitution should never be drafted under SCAF ruling.



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Author: Muhammad Bassal

Shafiq Back to Presidential Race



After excluding him by the so-called political isolation law according to which figures of the former regime do not have the rights to be nominated to critical political or governmental positions, presidential candidate Ahmad Shafiq is back in the presidential race.

The High Presidential Elections Commission accepted the complaint brought by Shafiq. Shafiq's lawyer argued the decision was illegal because Shafiq had had a legal position that cannot be canceled when he got the symbol and a bank account for the presidential campaign.

The High Presidential Elections Commission is to declare the final list of presidential candidates today.

The commission referred the political isolation law to the Supreme Constitutional Court to examine its consistency with the constitution.

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 Author: Muhammad Khayal

The Brotherhood Prefers a Post-Presidential Elections Constitution



MP Usamah Suleiman of the Muslim’s Brotherhood Freedom and Justice Party confirmed previous statements of the excluded presidential candidate Khairat al-Shater about the Muslim Brotherhood’s tendency to hold the presidential elections before drafting the constitution.

Suleiman told al-Shurouk about an agreement in the Freedom and Justice Party agreed on forming the Constituent Assembly before the presidential elections while giving the drafting of the constitution a period of six month after the presidential elections.

Suleiman added that it was impossible to oblige the 100 members of the Constituent Assembly to finish the draft of the constitution to finish the draft before the presidential elections. He also asserted that SCAF does not have the authority to postpone the presidential elections.

Meanwhile, another source, who refused to mentions his name, confirmed SCAF’s insistence on drafting the constitution before the presidential elections. The sources asserted that SCAF would not hand over the power without a constitution that identifies the president’s authorities.

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Author: Alya Hamid

The National Council for Human Rights Call for Criminalizing the Use of Houses of Worship in Presidential Race



The National Council for Human Rights (NCHR) asked for a meeting with the High Presidential Elections Commission to set the standards of coordination between the two entities.

NCHR called the High Presidential Elections Commission to apply the law in punishing violations and transgressions including using the houses of worship in presidential elections' campaigns



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Author: Kamil Kamil and others

The Protect the Revolution Friday

«جمعة حماية الثورة».. إسلامية بمشاركة رمزية من 6 إبريل

«الإخوان»: خطوة للحفاظ على الثورة.. و«شورى الجماعة الإسلامية»: لن نسمح بإعادة النظام القديم

تستهدف التأكيد على استمرار الثورة والتمسك بحمايتها حتى تستكمل أهدافها، إضافة إلى التأكيد على أن شعب مصر لن يسمح أبدا بإعادة إنتاج النظام القديم أو الفرز على مكتسبات الثورة.

ودعت «الجبهة المسلمة»، جميع المتحمين للكرها وجميع التيارات الوطنية والقوى الثورية للمشاركة في مليونية الغد في كل الميادين للحفاظ على الثورة والوقوف في مواجهة الغلول، فيما أكد القيادي بالتيار الإسلامي العام، المهندس حامد مشعل، أن استعداد الفريق أحمد شفيق من انتخابات الرئاسة، لا يعقل الهدف النهائي للثورة، مشيراً إلى أن التيار الإسلامي العام الذي يضم 11 ائتلافاً إسلامياً سيشارك في مظاهرات الغد من جانبه قال محمود عفيف، مدير المكتب الإعلامي لحركة شباب 6 أبريل بجبهة أحمد ماهر إن الحركة ستشارك بشكل رمزي في مليونية الغد، وذلك لإحياء الزخم الثوري والإعلان عن رفض أي محاولة للانتقال على الثورة، وأيضاً للمخاطبة بتعديل المادة 28، وإعادة تشكيل الجمعية التأسيسية للدستور، والالتزام ببعثاد تسليم السلطة.



كتب - كامل كامل - على حسان - إيمان على

أعلنت جماعة الإخوان المسلمين والجماعة الإسلامية والجبهة المسلمة و 11 من القوى والائتلافات الإسلامية، مشاركتهم في مليونية «حماية الثورة» غدا الجمعة فيمينا ثالث حركة 6 إبريل إنبأ ستشارك بشكل رمزي بهدف إحياء الزخم الثوري.

وأوضح أمين عام جماعة الإخوان المسلمين، الدكتور محمود حسين، أن مشاركة الجماعة وحزبها «الحرية والعدالة» مع جميع القوى والأحزاب والائتلافات التأسيسية في المظاهرات إنبأ الثورة في محافظات مرمو غدا الجمعة، تأتي ضمن سلسلة المظاهرات التي وعدت الجماعة بتنفيذها التأكيد التمسك بحماية الثورة وتحقيق مقدراتها، وعدم السماح بتأجيل تسليم السلطة عن 30 يونيو 2012 أو إعادة النظام الفاسد السابق، كما أعلن مجلس شورى الجماعة الإسلامية، في بيان أمس، أن مشاركة الجماعة في المليونية

The Muslim Brotherhood,, the Islamic Front, the Salafist Front and 11 Islamists alliances and coalitions declared participation in the mass demonstration called “Protect the Revolution” on Friday.

The 6 of April Movement announced its participation to revive the revolution vigor.

The Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing Freedom and Justice party declared that the participation was in the frame of its promises to do things to assert their intention to protect the revolution, rejecting any delay in handing over the power after June 30.

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Author: many authors

Updates on Presidential Elections in al-Yom al-Sabei



Politician and Parliament members agreed on holding the presidential elections before drafting the constitution. The “political powers” agreed on excluded Muslim Brotherhood’s presidential candidate Khairat al-Shater’s suggestion to hold the presidential elections before drafting the constitution.

Excluded Candidate Ayman Nour agreed on the suggestion, expressing fears of potential control of the elected president on the drafting process.

On the other hand, SCAF is expected to meet political players’ representatives to discuss the Constituent Assembly and related issues.

Excluded Salafist Candidate Hazim Salah Abu Ismail admitted losing the presidential race because of the shortage of time that prevented him from getting the needed documents that can support his cause.

Non Partisan Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh expressed his pride to be a former member of the Muslim Brotherhood e did not hate al-Shater.

Presidential Candidate Hamadain Sabbahi renewed his calls to the Muslim Brotherhood to withdraw their candidate from the presidential race.



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Author: Ismail Mostafa

April 6 Launches New Initiative to Elect an Interim President

٦ أبريل تطرح مبادرة لانتخاب رئيس مؤقت لمدة عامين

الخوئي: نرفض وضع دستور تحت حكم العسكر ومطلوب مشروع متكامل للثورة

كتب اسماعيل مصطفى :
طرحنا حركة ٦ أبريل القضية الديمقراطية مباشرة وعلمنا بتسليمها مسبقاً مشروعاً حقيقياً يفتح حوله كل الأضواء والحركات والأحزاب السياسية والقوى لتعبر بالبلاد من الأذى السياسي وتصبح الجبهة الوطنية الانتقالية التي سيشارك فيها الحركة التي أطلقت عليه دولنا يكون على مجموعة من الأهداف تسعى إلى تحقيقها وهي رفض وضع دستور خلال الحكم العسكري للبلاد ورفض التنازلات والشكوك خلال هذا الحكم وعدم القبول برئيس جمهورية بدون صلاحيات حقيقية واختيار وضع مشروع كامل للثورة المنسوبة وأعمال طوارئ الضرورية الأعلان باسم الحركة خلال مؤتمر صحفي عقد أمس بغاية العامين من الشروع مبني على وضع تصور كامل لكيفية إدارة المرحلة الانتقالية بصورة حقيقية تهدف العمل على إرساء أهداف الثورة ووضعها موضع التنفيذ ويحقق تلك التوافق حول التسمية المتفقين والرئيس المنتخب بين الصلاحيات والسياسات التي المطروحة كان هدفها

الخروج من هذا التناقض الذي يقودنا دائما إلى نقطة الجدار أو ما قبل نقطة الانهيار. وأشار الخوئي إلى أن الاتهامات التي تطرحها على القوى السياسية للوصول لحالة التوافق تنبئ بحدوث مشروع واضح تصير عليه لتدخل في انتقال السلطة بطريقة ديمقراطية على أسس سليمة يتم توثيق القضايا وتحسين المؤسسات وكشف أن الهدف الأساسي للديمقراطية ويحتمل في استنساخ ونهس ماضي سنوات

للسلطة لمدة عامين يتم خلالها وضع دستور حقيقي يحظى بكل الشورى والاعتراف العمرة من طوائف المجتمع وهذه كبرياء سياسية ووطنية ولا ينتمي لأي تيار سياسي وذلك عبر التوافق بين مختلف القوى السياسية المنتمية في البرلمان وخارجة مشيرين إلى أن هذا المشروع لا يمكن تقييده بكل ما فيه من تفاصيل وإهداف إلا بالتكامل بين القوى الموجودة بهدف تحقيق الصلحة العامة. وأرجع عمرو عز عضو المكتب

في عملية الانشقاق الديمقراطي للسلطة. واعتقدت الحركة عن تنظيم اجتماع اليوم مع عدد كبير من الحركات والقوى السياسية التي وجهت لهم دعوة الحضور للقاءات حول جدول الأعمال للخروج بوثيقة متكاملة يتوافق عليها أبناء الوطن الواحد وتحقق أهداف ومطالب الثورة في بناء دولة ديمقراطية يتشارك فيها أطراف المجتمع في صياغة مستقبلها.

السياسي للحركة أن المبادرة عبارة عن وثيقة سياسية مرنة تركيز على مسار أساسية تنطلق في الدستور والرئيس وتشكيل الحكومة وجناح الشعب وبدوره في المرحلة المقبلة كذلك المجلس العسكري بدوره أيضا خلال المرحلة الأولى وأشار أنه ينبغي أن تتكاتف جميعا مساندة البرلمان خلال المرحلة القادمة بعد شهدت المرحلة الثانية عدة أزمات في عدة مجالات انعكست جميعا في حل المشاكل واتخاذها بدلا من الإسراع

د. الكاتني لـ الجزيرة : تطبيق قانون العزل السياسي على كل من ينطبق عليه وعلى رأسهم شيخ الأزهر

الاضاع
واضاف ان البرلمان يشكك منظومة تشريعية كاملة لاعادة مملكة وبناء هذه المؤسسات من

كتب صبري عدهه
ومحمد عادل:
وعا رئيس مجلسي الشعب

The Democratic Front of the April 6 movement launched a new initiative that aims at creating a real national consensus to save the country from the current political stalemate.

The initiative refuses drafting the country's constitution under the current military rule and they also refused holding presidential elections under SCAF's rule or electing a new president who has no real powers.

Tarek Al-Khouli, media spokesman for the April 6 movement, announced during a press conference, held at the Journalists' Syndicate yesterday, that the initiative suggests a different scenario for the transitional period based on electing an interim president for a period of two years.

Al-Katatni: Political Isolation Law Should be Implemented



Speaker of the People’s Assembly Dr. Saad Al-Katatni demanded El-Ganzouri’s government to swiftly present its resignation. He placed the responsibility of the ongoing crisis between the parliament and the government on the ruling Supreme Council of Armed Forces. He called on SCAF generals to dismiss the government if it El-Ganzouri refused to resign.

The parliament will not cooperate with the current government at any cost, El-Katatni said.

He denied the rumors which claim there is a secret deal between the Muslim Brotherhood and SCAF.



TV Coverage (25/04/2012)



Channel: al-Hayah
Program: al-Hayah al-An
Presenter: Maha Bahnasi

Presidential candidate Ahmed Shafik files a contestation against the Presidential Elections Commission's decision to exclude him from the presidential race.

Similar news was reported in:

Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda, Channel: Al-Hayat 2, Host: Mooataz Bahnasy

Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Sherief Amer

Program: News Brief, Channel 1 "State TV"

Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1 "State TV"

Program: Baladna Bel-Masry, Channel: ON TV, Host: Reem Maged

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

Presidential Elections Commission declares the final list of presidential candidates today.

Similar news was reported in News, Channel 2 "State TV", Time: 26:00:00



**Program: News Brief
Channel 1"State TV"**

SCAF's meeting with political powers in Egypt is postponed to Saturday.

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

Presidential Elections Commission accepts Ahmed Shafik's contestation and brings him back to the presidential race.



**Program: Yesed Sabahak
Channel 2"State TV"
Host: Hend Rashad and Yasser Abdel-Hakim**

Presidential candidates can start their electoral publicity on April 26th.

Israeli media channels said Field Marshal Tantawi's reply to Israel was harsh.



Al-Arabeya 24-4-2012

The Egyptian News Agency denies news about judicial authority's recommendation to dissolve the Parliament.

The People's Assembly refuses PM Kamal Al-Ganzory's policy statement.

Isolation law is implemented after SCAF approves it.

The upcoming president will practice his powers through the Constitutional Declaration.

Parliament Legislation Committee continues to review law experts' opinion.

MP Mohamed Abu Hamed said The Constituent Assembly member must not be biased to a certain party and should represent the citizens.



Al-Jazeera 24-4-2012

The Egyptian Gazette published the approval of the Political Isolation Law, which deprives Ahmed Shafik, presidential candidate, from running in the presidential elections.

The Political Isolation Law deprives figures of the former regime members, who served under Mubarak during the last 10 years, from running in the presidential elections.

Similar news was reported in Channel: MBC (24-4-2012)

Guest: Mohamed Samy, Head of Al-Karama Party said:

The Political Isolation Law deprives former regime members from running in the presidential elections.

The political powers in Egypt are against any delay in the presidential elections.



Al-Jazeera English 24-4-2012

Egypt presidential elections: Another candidate disqualified from presidential race.

Egypt's Presidential Elections Commission disqualifies Ahmed Shafiq from the presidential race.

Similar news was reported in Channel: Al-Arabeya (24-4-2012)

Al-Jazeera: 24-4-2012

The People's Assembly supports the decision of suspending exporting gas to Israeli.

Al Jazeera English: 24 - 4 - 2012

Law aims to ban officials who served under Mubarak's rule from running the presidential elections.



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Radio Coverage (25/04/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

Time: 25:00:00

The High Presidential Elections Commission decides to bring Ahmed Shafik back to the presidential race.

Similar news was reported in:

Channel: State Radio, Time: 23:00:00

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat, Time: 25:00:00

Presidential Elections Commission announces today the final list of presidential candidates.

Similar news was reported in:

Channel: Al-Shabab w Al-Reyeda, Time: 23:12:00

Channel: State Radio, Time: 23:00:00

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat, Time: 25:00:00

SCAF's meeting with political players is postponed to Saturday.

Similar news was reported in:

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News Bar
Channel: Mega FM

Presidential candidate Abd al-Munim Abu Al-Fuotouh expects to win the presidential race from the first round.

Presidential candidate Hamdeen Sabahy said we must support SCAF until handing over power to a civilian authority.

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Internet Coverage (26/04/2012)



We are all Khaled Saeed

Flash news: The High Presidential Elections Commission accepts Ahmed Shafiq's appeal and brings him back to the presidential race!

A video taken in a nature reserve showing a group of lions hunting down a calf. Please watch. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=LU8DDYz68kM



Muslim Brotherhood to Take Part in Nationwide Protests on Friday

Dr. Mahmoud Hussein, Secretary-General of the Muslim Brotherhood, has confirmed that the Brotherhood will join with all political forces, parties and coalitions on Friday April 27, 2012 in the "Save the Revolution" public events in all liberation squares of Egypt's provinces, and not only in Tahrir Square in Cairo.

Islamic Body Endorses Morsi for President

Dr. Mohamed Yousry, spokesman for "The Islamic Legitimate Body of Rights and Reformation" (ILBRR), has officially announced support for Dr. Mohamed Morsi, the presidential candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Freedom and Justice Party in the forthcoming elections set for May 2012.

In a press conference, Wednesday evening, Sheikh Yousry added that the ILBRR endorsed Dr. Morsi after a referendum among the members of the General Assembly, in which Dr. Morsi received two-thirds of the vote. This followed a series of meetings and dialogue with presidential candidates to learn about their electoral platforms.

Some of the most prominent attendees of the press conference were Sheikh Nash'at Ibrahim, member of the Shura Council of Scientists; Sheikh Mohamed Abdel Maksoud; and the Islamic preacher Safwat Hijazi.



Electoral Commission Announces Electoral Symbols of Presidential Candidates

The Supreme Presidential Electoral Commission (SPEC) officially announced that Dr. Mohamed Morsi's electoral symbol will be the 'scales', adding that the allocation of symbols was completed in accordance with the Constitutional Declaration and relevant presidential elections laws and amendments.

Other candidates for the presidency chose various symbols such as the 'sun', 'horse', 'Umbrella', and so on.

Dr. Morsi's election slogan is "Renaissance - the will of the people". He has already made a number of public conferences attended by hundreds of thousands of supporters in a number of Egyptian provinces.



Gsquare86

"When the state itself legitimizes rape then how can citizens fear the system?"

"I can't believe that one day Kamal El Fayoumy himself has put himself in danger one day for a man who believes in colonial feminism **#Fail**"

"One of the best responses "Let's Talk About Sex" by one of my favorite professors I studied under Sherene Seikaly <http://is.gd/uzkG2v> :)"

Monasosh

I will stand in solidarity with bastards if they were treated unjustly. Freedom of expression should be guaranteed even for those who we totally disagree with.

There is a big difference between expressing my solidarity with someone who was unjustly treated and adopting his/her viewpoints. The most serious test for your principles is to stand in solidarity with someone you totally disagree with!



Arabist

"Virtually every candidate is meeting with the major Salafi movements. Looks like the Salafists are the kingmakers the MB decided not to be."

"I love how T. Friedman thinks SCAF is being manipulated by remnants of the old regime. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/25/opinion/defendant-no-23-has-her-say.html?_r=3"

"So some Islamists in Egypt's parliament are objecting to the use of family coupons for subsidized cooking gas - guess why? Because such a system would discriminate against polygamist families."

"Re: Qatar influence: Qatar Investments about to buy 60% of EFG-Hermes, biggest investment bank in Egypt close to former regime."

"MB courting Dawa Salafiya of Alexandria vote - quite a lot up north."

"Egypt comedian found guilty of offending Islam <http://zite.to/JFaxKg> Adel Imam, terrible and worrying."

Iyad El-Baghdadi

"The Arab Spring, the Social Media Revolution, and The Death Rattle of Authoritarianism: <http://bit.ly/H7rXuj>"

"I think that as the Arab Spring dries the festering marches of tyranny, Alqaeda will look for new swamps."

"The question that's really bothering me of late is this: What does it really mean to be religious?"

"Some people think that admiring a politician means submitting your brain to him. I can admire someone without agreeing with him."

"After reading Mona's article, I felt the same swell, but it said: No, men aren't that bad. Women aren't that weak. I reject your extremism."

"Till today, it's my mom who'd take me aside and whisper to me: "I raised you to be free and dignified. Do what you believe is right."



WaelAbbas

I don't know why they level all this criticism against Mona El-Tahawy! Women in Egypt are indeed hated, scorned, and considered obscene, etc. Women are criticized for their clothes for smoking, if they do, and for luring men, don't they say that?!

An Egyptian: They arrested me in Saudi Arabia for placing Egypt's flag on my car!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ph_qjRKHU&feature=youtu.be

A student at the International Academy for Engineering and Media Science at the Egyptian Media Production City was murdered:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=0yyJir4EPSM

AsmaaMahfouz

We must wait for those who accept this farce until they realize that there is nothing effective as popular pressures and protests in squares to end military rule.

“Egypreneur :-) [@Egypreneur http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fYPxSCED9ng](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fYPxSCED9ng)”



▪ 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**