



# News Coverage

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### National Players do not agree on Today's Mass Demonstration



A Number of players and activists called for mass demonstrations today in Egypt squares.

Islamist parties and Players are on the top of the advocates of today's demonstrations in addition to Egypt' Revolutionaries' Alliance and the General Jan 25 Revolution Coalition that includes about 11 political parties and movements.

Today's mass demonstration is to be held under the Rescuing the Revolution and resisting attempts to reproduce the former regime and the candidacy of its figures for presidency. The demonstrations are also meant to call for handing over the political power on the assigned date.

On the other hand, other political players like al-Wafd Party, al-Jabhah Party and al-Tajammu Party in addition to the Free Front for Change and Maspero Youth Union movements refused to take part in the mass demonstration, considering it to be "settlement of accounts" between Islamists and SCAF.

Similar news was reported in al-Akhbar, p. 7; al-Masry al-Yom, p. 3, Tahrir, p. 5; Dustour, pp. 6, 7; Gomhouriyah, p. 5



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 Author: many authors

## Updates on Presidential Elections in al-Ahram



Islamists do not seem to agree on one presidential candidate. Al-Hay'ah al-Tashreiah li al-Huquq wa al-Islah [The Islamic Legislature for Rights and Reform] had announced supporting the Muslim Brotherhood's presidential candidate Muhammad Mursi in the presidential race. Hours later, al-Jamaah al-Ismaiyyah criticized the Muslim Brotherhood and expressed its support for Candidate Abu al-Futuh.

Candidate Amr Mussa called on Egyptians to vote in the presidential elections, Mussa considered the participation of the Muslim Brotherhood in the presidential elections to be a part of the political game.

Mussa also stressed the need to implement urgent changes in Egypt. He also stated that he would start dialogue with the parity of the majority.

In another context, presidential candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futuh denied news about him getting Qatari finance, claiming that was completely non partisan and not supported by any foreign powers.

The Muslim Brotherhood denounced the High Presidential Elections Commission's decision that brought Ahmad Sahfiq back to the presidential race.

On the national day of the Liberation of Sinai, al-Arrish city in Sinai witnessed three conferences by three presidential candidates; namely Hammadain Sabbahi, Muhamamad Mursi and Hssam Khair Allah. The three candidates promised to implement special developing projects in Sinai, admitting that it was neglected.



In a related context, Minister of Information and Mass Communication Ahmad Anees asserted the press neutralism in covering the presidential campaigns and elections.

Meanwhile, al-Ahram's Marwa Muhammad Ibrahim reported on opinions from the foreign media about presidential elections in Egypt that suffer, according to foreign press, from disorder and confusion.

Ahmad Abd al-Fattah reported on news about "Kayan" Association for People of Special Need's campaign to support 4 million people of special need to vote in the presidential elections. The campaign is called "my vote is my right."

Judge Farouq Sultam head of the High Presidential Elections Commission said the commission would take the due judicial procedures against whoever accused the commission.

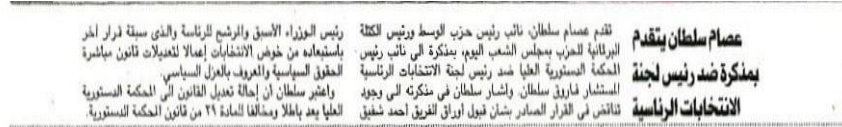
Similar news was reported in al-Masry al-Yom, pp. 1, 4



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## Isam Sultan Brings a Complaint against the Head of High Presidential Elections Commission



Vice President of al-Wasat Party, MP Issam Sultan filed a claim at the Supreme Constitutional Court against Judge Farouq Sultan, head of the High Presidential Elections Commission.

Issam Sultan claimed that there was a contradiction in the commission's decision to accept candidate Ahmad Shafiq's contestation against exclusion.

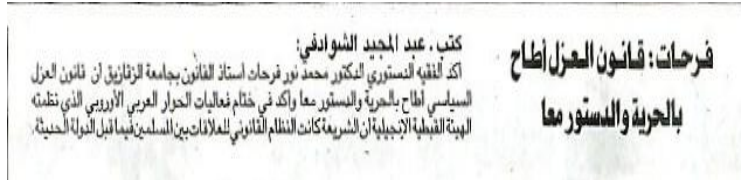
Issam claimed that the referring the amendment to the political isolation law to the Supreme Constitutional Court was null and against the laws of the Constitutional Court.



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Author: Abd al-Majid al-Shawadfi

## The Political Isolation Law was against the Freedom and the Constitution



The Constitutional Expert Muhammad Nour Farhat, lecturer of law at al-Zaqaziq University, said the political isolation law was against the freedom and the constitution.

He also asserted that the Islamic Sharia [Islamic law] had always been the legal frame of the Muslim-Christian relations since the period that preceded the modern state.

Farhat's statements were in the closing session of the Arab-European Dialogue organized by the Evangelical Coptic Association.

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Author: Amani Majid

## Freed and Justice against Pornographic Websites



The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party is reportedly finalizing a draft law to fight informatics crimes.

Dr. Ahmad Abu Barakah, head of the Committee of Research and Studies at the Freedom and Justice Party said the draft law fought hackers and other crimes on the Internet. The law also punishes any practices that hurt the general order, religious values, ethics or people's private lives.



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## Updates on Presidential Elections in al-masry al youm



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Author: Asharaf Sharaf

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## The Final List of Presidential Candidates



Al-Gomhouriya published the final list of presidential candidates and their symbols:

Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh, the horse; Amr Mussa, the Sun, Muhamamd Mursi, the libra, Ahamd Shafiq, the ladder; Salim al-Awwa, the umbrella; Hamadain Sabbahi, the eagle; Abd Allah al-Ashaal, the ax; Hicham Bastawisi, the watch; Husam KHair Allah, the car; Khalid Ali, the tree; Abu al-Izz al-Hariri, the Pyramid; Mahmoud Hussam, the star and Muhammad Fawzi, the camera.

## Egypt's Ambassador in KSA Alludes to Possible Royal Pardon



Egypt's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mahmoud Auf said the embassy was doing all the possible procedures to help Ahmad al-Jizawi, the Egyptian suspect in Saudi Arabia. He declared that two delegates of the Egyptian consulate in Riyadh saw documents in which al-Jizawi admits the possession of drugs.

Auf denied all news about alleged default judgment against Jizawi and also played down possible negative influence of the issue on the Saudi-Egyptian relationships.



Pages: 5  
 Author: Muhammad Faisal

## ON TV Threatened



Workers at ON TV satellite channel received threats of death. The threats brought back terrorism against journalists and educated people in Egypt in the nineties where Nobel Laureate Naguib Mahfouz was targeted.

The threats were by some group called “al-Jihad li Tathir al-Bilad” [Jihad to Purge the Nation].



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Author: Muhamamd Hamzawi

## The High Presidential Elections Commission will try al-Shater



The excluded Muslim Brotherhood presidential candidate Khairat al-Shater said accused the High Presidential Elections Commission of having executing alleged SCAF's orders to exclude Islamic candidates.

Responding to al-Shater's accusations, Head of the High Presidential Elections Commission Farouq Sultan said the commission would bring al-Shater to court because of his accusations.

Sultan denied al-Shater's allegations, stressing that the commission did not receive orders from anybody.



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Author: Iman Abd al-Munim and al-Shayma Abd al-Latif

### The Muslim Brotherhood's War against the Azhar



The Muslim Brotherhood seems to be willing to control the Azhar that has been known as a moderate Islamic institution.

The moderation of the Azhar seems to be a target for the Muslim Brotherhood who declared war against the Azhar when Speaker of the People Assembly called for applying the so-called political isolation on the Grand Imam of the Azhar as part of the former regime.

Al-Katatni declared that the Ahmad al-Katatni declared that the Azhar Grand Imam was member of the secretariat of the dissolved National Democratic Party; hence and according to the political isolation laws he does not have the right to vote in the coming elections.

On the other hand the Azhar's Academy for Islamic Research criticized al-Katatni's blunt statements against the Grand Imam.

The Azhar Grand Imam Ahmad al-Tayyib criticized al-Katatni's statements considering his offense to be against the Azhar in general. .

Similar news was reported in al-Dustour, p. 1



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 Author: Muhamamd Isawi

### Abu al-Futouh wouldn't choose an Islamist Vice President



Presidential Candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh said he would not choose a Salafist or Muslim Brotherhood vice president if he were elected president.

Abu al-Futouh also declared that SCAF's role will finish with the election of a new president and that SCAF had nothing to do with the constitution to be drafted.

## Islamists are no Longer against Tourism



In the opening of the Tourism and Media Conference held in Marsa Alam, Minister of Tourism Munir Fakhri Abd al-Nour criticized the Egyptian media for not giving enough attention to tourism.

Abd al-Nour said the media had reported statements by Islamists against tourism, but did not focus on the change in Islamists' stances towards tourism, hinting that no ruling system in Egypt can take procedures that can harm tourism.



Pages: 5  
 Author: Muhammad Bassal

## The College of Commissioners Recommended the Cancellation of the Political Isolation Law



The Supreme Constitutional Court’s College of Commissioners considered the so-called political isolation law was referred to the court to be examined for constituency with the constitution.

The college of commissioners finally recommended canceling the law.



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Author: May Anani and others

### Adil Imam Acquitted



Agouza Misdemeanor Court rejected the lawsuit filed against Egyptian prominent comedian Adil Imam, script writers Lenin al-Ramli and Wahid Hamid and directors Muhammad Fadil and Sharif Arafah. The suspects were accused of disdaining religion in their works of art.

In the same context, Giza Court acquitted Adil Imam in another course accusing him of disdaining religion.

A big number of artists and political activists demonstrated in front of the court supporting Imam and protesting restrictions of the freedom of expression.

Al-Yom al-Sabei published a special supplement about Imam’s battles against fanaticism.

Similar news was reported in all the other newspapers.



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## TV Coverage (26/04/2012)



**Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer**

MP Essam Sultan files a complaint against the High Presidential Elections Commission chairman for accepting an appeal by Ahmed Shafik.

The Advisory Council Secretary-General said the disagreements regarding the constitution might delay the presidential election.



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

Ahmed Shafik is back in the presidential race. The High Presidential Elections Commission included his name in the final list of candidates. His appeal was referred to the Supreme Constitutional Court.

Similar news was reported in Program: Yesed Sabahak, Channel 2 "State TV", and Host: Sarah Al-Helaly and Ahmed Al-Sawy.

Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi and political powers discuss the Constituent Assembly crisis.

The Muslim Brotherhood said it wants to draft the constitution after the presidential elections. A leader from the Freedom and Justice Party said the party agreed to end the Constituent Assembly crisis before holding the presidential elections and drafting the constitution.

**Program: 24 Hours News**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**

Al-Jamaa' Al-Islameya (Islamic Group) might support presidential candidate Abdel-Moneim Abu Al-Fotouh.



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



The High Presidential Elections Commission announced the final candidates' list that includes 13 candidates after accepting an appeal by presidential candidate Ahmed Shafik.

Similar news was reported in:

Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer

Program: Montaha Al-Saraha, Channel: Al-Hayat 2, Host: Mostafa Bakry

Program: Akhbar News, Channel 1 "State TV"

Program: 24 Hours News, Channel "State TV"

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

Minister of Information Ahmed Anees said state media is neutral and will be transparent in the presidential elections coverage.

Political powers and coalitions announce their participation in today's million-man march.

Similar news was reported in Program: 24 Hours News, Channel 1 "State TV"

Planning and International Cooperation Minister Fayza Abu Al-Naga said the government will continue performing its duties in accordance with the Constitutional Declaration.

Similar news was reported in Program: 24 Hours News, Channel 1 "State TV"



## Radio Coverage (26/04/2012)



### **News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

**Time: 18:00:00**

The High Presidential Elections Commission announced the final candidates' list.

Similar news was reported in:

Channel: AL-Shabab w Al-Reyada, Time: 23:12:00

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

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Similar news was reported in: Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat, Time: 25:00:00

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### **News**

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

Al-Jamaa' Al-Islameya (Islamic Group) criticized a decision allowing Ahmed Shafik to run in the presidential elections. 15:00:00

The Muslim Brotherhood and Salafists called for a new million-man march to rescue the revolution. 23:00:00



## Internet Coverage (27/04/2012)

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### Egyptian Cabinet:

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri denied statements by People's Assembly Speaker Saad el-Katatni to Al-Jazeera TV. Katatani had said that Ganzouri threatened him about a month ago, in the presence of Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lieutenant General Sami Anan, about a ruling issued by the Supreme Constitutional Court to dissolve the parliament. Ganzouri said such statements were illogical. The government will not resign, the prime minister said, adding that the Constitutional Declaration does not give the parliament the right to withdraw confidence from the government. [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/522994\\_425974830747436\\_202103219801266\\_90542510\\_344897414\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/522994_425974830747436_202103219801266_90542510_344897414_n.jpg)

Ganzouri: I went to the parliament to deliver the government policy statement for 50 minutes although the Constitutional Declaration does not oblige me to do so. I expounded on the government's plan to resolve the crises. The People's Assembly powers are set forth in Article 33 of the Constitutional Declaration, which stipulates "the People's Assembly has a legislative and supervisory power but does not have the right to withdraw the confidence from the government". The present regulation of the parliament does not grant it such right.



**Muslim Brotherhood:**

### Press Statement by People's Assembly Speaker about Dr. Ganzouri's Recent Remarks

Dr. Mohamed Saad Katatni, Speaker of the People's Assembly, said that parliamentary norms dictate the resignation of any government rejected by the elected parliament, if it indeed respected the Egyptian people, who gave their trust, their votes to their parliament.



Further, Dr. Katatni added that if the government did not resign, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF), who currently holds the reins of power in the country, has to dismiss or dissolve the government, if it indeed respects the will of the people who elected this parliament and gave it full oversight powers to monitor government performance and correct the course of the executive branch.

In a press statement, Dr. Katatni also said that certain media outlets reported that Dr. Kamal Ganzouri, the Prime Minister, denied threatening the dissolution of parliament.

“Lt Gen Sami Annan, SCAF’s Vice President and Chief of Staff, was present during the discussion with Dr. Ganzouri about the lawmakers’ condemnation of the government’s performance, which was described as very weak and clearly failing. He can confirm what happened.”

The People’s Assembly Speaker mentioned that a meeting was attended by Dr. Sami Annan, Dr. Ganzouri and Dr. Katatni himself, just over a month earlier, when almost all MPs intensified their criticism of the government and demanded a vote of no confidence because of the Cabinet’s failure to resolve the crises of cooking gas, gasoline and diesel fuel.

Dr. Katatni further mentioned that, at the time, he said to the Prime Minister, “Although the constitutional declaration does not directly grant parliament the right to withdraw confidence, parliamentary norms and even the 1971 Constitution do grant parliament the right to reject the Government’s official statement.

“A government, whose statement is thus rejected, must resign, out of respect for the people’s desire. If it did not do so, SCAF must dismiss it, also in response to the people’s wishes and out of respect for the elected parliament.

To this, Dr. Katatni continued, Dr. Ganzouri’s blatant reply was: “The complaint aiming to dissolve the parliament is on a shelf at the Constitutional Court. It can be pulled out (and considered) at any time”.

The parliament speaker responded saying that no-one could dissolve the Parliament except for the Parliament itself, because the constitutional declaration, when it did not give Parliament the right to withdraw confidence from the government, it did not grant SCAF the right to dissolve parliament either.

Moreover, Dr. Katatni explained that if such a ruling is indeed issued by the Supreme Constitutional Court, the only party that can dissolve the parliament is the parliament itself, which can discuss the ruling and implement it, out of respect for judicial rulings, and so the parliament of the revolution is not in any way similar to the fraudulent parliaments of the defunct National Party, which totally disregarded judicial rulings.

Furthermore, Dr. Katatni said: “When the Egyptian people gave their votes to the members of this Parliament, they entrusted their MPs with two main tasks.



“The first is passing laws that protect rights and ensure duties are done. The second is to monitor government performance and correct the course of the executive.”

Dr. Katatni further added that the situation in Egypt meant that the government does not represent the Egyptian people or its parliament.

“That is perhaps what made the Cabinet’s performance totally poor, inert and inadequate, as evident in its failure to accomplish its own two tasks, namely: security, which is still absent, and improving living conditions, which is getting worse and worse every day.

“That performance is what drove 347 MPs to reject the Government's official statement - the first time in the history of Egyptian parliament that the People’s Assembly rejects the Cabinet’s statement, with only 6 MPs approving the statement and 9 abstaining.



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

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

Exclusive details about Ahmed Wahed, the student of the International Academy for Engineering and Media Science at the Egyptian Media Production City. This video is important, a must see. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_f6ypf5rt4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_f6ypf5rt4)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxDex5pAS\\_8&fb\\_source=message](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxDex5pAS_8&fb_source=message)

A protest for the killed academy student.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/158768610917612/>

Scandal: Muslim Brotherhood law stolen “copy-paste” from laws of an Arab kingdom. See Article 12. <http://gate.ahram.org/News/201188.aspx>

How dumb and ignorant is the Muslim Brotherhood????

What did the Salafists don in Sheikh Zewaied yesterday?

[http://shagabetjievara.blogspot.com/#!/2012/04/blog-post\\_27.html](http://shagabetjievara.blogspot.com/#!/2012/04/blog-post_27.html)

Anyone from North Sinai can tell me what happened in Sheikh Zewaied?

Arabist:

New on Arabist: "Failure to fix Egypt's economy could lead to second revolution"  
<http://bit.ly/I8Ymkd>

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A march on Doki st heading towards #Saudi embassy in Cairo with banners against Aboalainain chanting #FreeGezawy #Giza



## ▪ 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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