



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (29/04/2012)



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Author: Mamdouh Shaaban, Wagih el-Saqar, Abeer el-Morsi and Ibrahim Omran

### SCAF Reaches Agreement with Political Powers on Constituent Assembly



Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi held a meeting with political party leaders and independent members of parliament to reach an agreement on the formation of the Constituent Assembly.

All members of the constitution-drafting body will be from outside the parliament. The composition of the body will be as follows: 37 seats for political parties and 63 for all segments of the society.



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Author: Ahmad Shalabi

## Excluded Presidential Candidates Received Foreign Funds



Security sources revealed that two of the excluded presidential candidates received Qatari and Saudi funds.

The security sources could obtain the related documents and evidences, and will refer them to the prosecution once investigations are completed.

Pages: 1, 9  
 Author: Yusri al-Badri and others

### Thousands of Policemen Protest



Thousands of policemen started a sit-sin yesterday in front of the Ministry of Interior in Cairo and Security Directorates in 17 governorates.

Protesters call for amending the police law. Protesters chanted against the Minister of Interior and leaders of the Police Supreme Council, blaming them for their poor financial conditions.

First Assistant Interior Minister said the amendments to the police law had been referred to the People’s Assembly.



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Author: Khalifah Jab Allah

## KSA Punishes Egypt



Following angry Egyptian protests in front of the Saudi Embassy in Cairo, Saudi Arabia withdraws its ambassador for talks and closes the embassy in Cairo and the Saudi consulates in Suez and Alexandria.

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Egypt left Cairo yesterday after "unjustified demonstrations and attempts to break into the embassy.

Saudi Arabia also indefinitely postponed negotiations about a \$ 2,7 billion financial support to Egypt.

A state of calmness prevailed around the embassy after the leave of the ambassador and the Egyptian security forces besieged the building.

In Egypt, MENA reported that Field Marshal Muhammad Hussein Tantawi, head of SCAF, called King Abd Allah bin Abd al-Aziz of Saudi Arabia yesterday evening to bridge the gap. King Abd Allah said he would consider the issue in the coming days in the light of the interests of both countries.

The Egyptian Cabinet denounced the Egyptian offense against the Saudi embassy, describing some Egyptians' comportments in this response as irresponsible.

Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs Muhammad Kamil Amr told the Saudi Foreign Minister in a phone call that the well-established ties be to overcome any crisis.

Heads of the parties who were in a meeting with SCAF rejected any offense against Saudi people or leadership.

The Religious Tourism Unit declared that all the Umrah trips to Saudi Arabia from Egypt were postponed until the embassy and consulates are opened again.



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 Author: Ibtisam Taalab

## Revolutionary Powers Fail to Agree on Supporting one Presidential Candidate



Presidential Candidate Khalid Ali declared that the talks conducted by the revolutionary players to achieve an agreement to support one presidential candidate failed. Hmadain Sabbahi, Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh, Abu al-Izz al-Hariri, Hicham al-Bastawisi and Khalid Ali are revolution candidates.

Ali, as such, is resuming his presidential campaign.



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Author: Hamdi Dabsh and others

### Al-Nour and the Salafist Call Support Abu al-Futouh



Salafist al-Nour Party declared that it would support presidential candidate Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh in the presidential race.

The Salafist call also declared supporting Abu al-Futouh.

The Muslim Brotherhood reaction was a confident declaration: “we will win without their support.”

The Salafi Call had held a conference before the declaration to examine the different candidates’ stance towards the implementation of the Islamic Shariaa.



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Author: Heba Saeed

### Lawsuit Filed to Exclude Shafiq from Presidential Race



The Arab Center for Transparency and Integrity, a Cairo-based NGO, filed a lawsuit with the Administrative Court to overturn a decision by the High Presidential Elections Commission to include former Prime Minister Ahmed Shafiq in the presidential race.

The lawsuit also calls for cancelling the commission's decision to refer the political isolation law, which was passed by the parliament, to the Supreme Constitutional Court to examine its constitutionality.

Under the bill, which introduces amendments to the law governing the exercise of political rights, no person who worked as a president, vice president, prime minister or led the once-ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) can exercise their political rights, which include voting or running in the parliamentary or presidential elections for the coming 10 years.

The amendments also covered members of the NDP's general secretariat and political bureau.



### Protest Calls for Freeing Revolution's Injured



Dozens of protesters gathered outside the High Court of Justice in Downtown Cairo to express solidarity with six of the revolution's injured, who were arrested last week.

The six were referred to the prosecution for four days pending investigation and their detention was renewed for 15 days further without a reason, the protesters said.



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Author: Abd al-Rahman Abu Auf and others

## The Muslim Brotherhood Boycotts the Field Marshal's Meeting with SCAF

**« الإخوان » يقاطعون اجتماع المشير بالقوى السياسية للتوافق على « التأسيسية »**

**مصادر: الجماعة تخشى إصدار «العسكري» إعلاناً دستورياً يعمد معايير الجمعية**

كتب - صيد الرحمن أبو صوف  
ومحمد صيد المقصود،  
ويستند مخاطبة من جماعة  
الإخوان المسلمين وحزب الحرية  
والعدالة - السدراع السياسية  
للجماعة - عقد المجلس الأعلى  
للقوات المسلحة برئاسة المشير  
محمد حسين طنطاوي اجتماعاً  
هنا ظهر السدراع رؤساء الأحزاب  
والقوى السياسية لبحث مسألة  
التوافق على اللجنة التأسيسية  
للدستور.  
خشي الاجتماع الذي بدأ في  
الحدادة عشرة والنصف رؤساء  
الأحزاب والقوى السياسية وعدد  
من أعضاء مجلسي الشعب  
والشورى هو حين ذهب رئيس  
مجلس الشعب الدكتور محمد  
سعد الكتانتى والدكتور أحمد  
همس - رئيس مجلس الشورى

- اللذان كانا من المفترض  
حضورهما هذا الاجتماع.  
وكان هذا الاجتماع قد تأجل  
من يوم الأحد الماضي إلى يوم  
الخميس الماضي ثم إلى أسبوع  
وذلك بناء على طلب الشورى  
السياسية حتى يجرى التوافق على  
تشكيل الجمعية التأسيسية.  
واعتذر كذلك عن الحضور كل  
من الدكتور محمد أبو الفار - رئيس  
حزب المصريين الديمقراطيين  
- والدكتور أبو العلا ماضي  
وميدان القفار شكر - رئيس حزب  
التحالف الديمقراطي - وشكل القى  
جزئياً من التناوب على طرفة  
الاجتماع على الخروج نتائج في  
ظل غياب الكتانتى وهمس والقدمي  
كان خيراً أن يفتتح اجتماعاً ثانياً  
مع المشير طنطاوي لتحديد  
جلسة مشتركة لمجلسي الشعب

والشورى لإعلان تشكيل لجنة  
وضع الدستور.  
وكشفت مصادر أن غياب  
رئيسي مجلس الشعب والشورى  
عن الاجتماع جاء في إطار رسالة  
من جماعة الإخوان المسلمين  
للمجلس الأعلى لقطع الطريق  
على المجلس الاستعداد لإعلان  
دستوري جديد حول المعايير  
الخاصة بالجمعية التأسيسية  
بعد مطابرات كثيرة من القوى  
السياسية. ههما اعتبر عصام  
الإنصافيون - الفقيه الدستوري  
- أن غياب ممثلي الإخوان وحزب  
الحرية والعدالة ولنسجج مع توجه  
الجماعة في تأجيل صياغة  
الدستور إلى ما بعد انتخاب  
رئيس الجمهورية وهو طرح لآلاف  
تأييداً من عدد من قادة الأحزاب  
المشاركة في اجتماع طنطاوي.

The Muslim Brotherhood and its political arm the Freedom and Justice party boycotted the meeting between SCAF and political powers to discuss the criteria of forming the Constituent Assembly that would draft the constitution.

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Author: Ahmad Hassan Amer

## The Muslim Brotherhood Interest Comes First



The Muslim Brotherhood insists on dismissing Ganzouri government to form its own government that will guarantee the group's dominance on the presidential elections. In structure of the Muslim Brotherhood's suggested government grants the group dominance over the ministers of information, justice, finance and education.

The Parliament seems to be pressurizing a number of Ganzouri's ministers.

Minister Joudah Abd al-Khaliq said the Parliament does not have the authority to dismiss the government, elaborating that dismissing the government was the authority of the president of the republic or its deputy; which is SCAF.

## Riyadh Closes Embassy and Consulate in Egypt



Saudi Arabia closed its embassy and consulate in Egypt against the backdrop of protests that erupted outside the Saudi diplomatic buildings following the arrest of an Egyptian lawyer in the kingdom.

The Saudi government recalled its ambassador from Cairo for consultations and decided to close its embassy in Cairo and consulates in Alexandria and Suez, the Saudi press agency quoted an official source as saying.

The step would only add insult to injury to the already tense relations between the two countries, which were fueled by the arrest of an Egyptian activist in the kingdom for allegedly smuggling drugs.

The arrest prompted protests in Cairo, Alexandria and Suez outside the Saudi diplomatic missions, sometimes violent, with storming attempts being foiled.

The move could also have an adverse effect on the future of more than 3 million Egyptians working in Saudi Arabia.

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Author: Raba Nouredin and Ahmed Saeed

### Baradei Announces New Party



Former chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed el-Baradei announced the establishment of a new political party and its main principles.

Baradei, the founder of the “Constitution Party”, held a press conference on Saturday to announce the party’s founding statement.

The new party will organize a public rally on May 18 to encourage more people to join, he said, adding he hopes that it would encompass five million members as a starting point, to include later 20 million.



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Author: Mohamed el-Fikki and Mostafa Hashem

### Salafists Support Abul-Fotouh in Presidential Bid



The Salafist Call and its political wing, Al-Nour Party, decided to support presidential candidate Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh, dealing a blow to the Muslim Brotherhood and its candidate Mohamed Morsi.

The Salafists' consultative council held a meeting Saturday, during which a vote took place to decide which candidate the group would support in the elections, sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

As many as 121 voted for Abul-Fotouh, while Morsi got only 25 votes and Mohamed Selim el-Awwa 3 votes, the sources said.



### Protesters at Defense Ministry Start Open-Ended Sit-In



Member of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Major General Hassan el-Reweni met a number of protesters, who are sitting-in outside the premises of the Defense Ministry premises, to end their sit-in and re-open the surrounding the streets.

The protesters, however, refused to end the sit-in until their demands were fulfilled.

Dozens of protesters staged a march from the nearby Al-Nour Mosque toward the Defense Ministry to express solidarity with the sitter-ins.

A number of political groups announced their participation in the protests, including the April 6 Youth Movement (Democratic Front), Kefaya Movement and number of the revolution’s injured.

The protesters call for the departure of SCAF from power, holding the presidential elections as scheduled and amending Article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration to allow contests against decisions of the High Presidential Elections Commission.

The protesters erected a number of tents outside the Defense Ministry and hung banners calling on SCAF to leave.

Meanwhile, Army forces blocked all roads leading to and from the premises and intensified their presence in nearby streets.

The Islamic Group issued a statement to reject the sit-in, saying it, however, supports the protesters’ demands.



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Author: Ala Hijab and others

## Violent Clashes



Supporters of excluded presidential candidate Hazim Salah Abu Ismail besieged the Minister of Defense Abbasiyah district yesterday, moving their protests from Tahrir Square to the Ministry of Defense.

Protesters staged a sit in the surrounding of the Ministry of Defenses.

In the evening a group of people, protesters described as thugs, attacked the protesters and violent clashes took place resulting in one death and many injuries.

On the other hand, a number of the youth of Abbasiyah area blamed Abu Ismail supporters for the clashes, stating that they started the assault against shops and shops owners in the district.

Stones, petrol bombs and live shooting were used in the assaults.



## TV Coverage (28/04/2012)



**Program: Al-Hayat Al-An**

**Channel: Al-Hayat**

**Host: Maha Bahnasy**

Former chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency Mohamed Al-Baradei forms Al-Dostour (Constitution) Party and criticizes the current political chaos.

Similar news was reported in:

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

Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda, Channel: Al-Hayat 2, Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash

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

Saudi Arabia decides to close its embassy in Egypt.

Similar news was reported in:

Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda, Channel: Al-Hayat 2, Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash

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

Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi meets with political powers to discuss the Constituent Assembly crisis.

Similar news was reported in:

Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

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

A large number of protestors continue their sit-in in front of the Ministry of Defense to demand handing over power on time.

Similar news was reported in: Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

**Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom**

**Channel: Al-Hayat**

**Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer**



SCAF and political powers agree to choose all the Constituent Assembly members from outside the parliament.

Similar news was reported in:  
Program: 24 Hours News, Channel 1"State TV"  
News, Channel 2"State TV", Time: 26:00:00

Supporters of disqualified presidential candidate Hazem Abu Ismail move the sit-in to outside the Ministry of Defense premises.

Similar news was reported in:  
Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"  
Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda, Channel: Al-Hayat 2, Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash



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

Salafists will support Abdel-Moniem Abu Al-Fotouh in the presidential race.

Saudi Arabia recalls its ambassador from Cairo and closes its embassy and consulates in Egypt.

Salafist MP Younes Makhyoon said Al-Nour Party supports presidential candidate Abdel-Moneim Abu Al-Fotouh in the presidential race.

Guest: Magdy Al-Galad, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Watan Newspaper, said Saudi Arabia demanded two islands in the Red Sea but Egypt asked the kingdom to wait until a new president is appointed.

Guest: MP Mohamed Anwar Al-Sadat said all Egyptian citizens are represented in the Constituent Assembly.

Guest: Sameh Ashour, Head of the Bar Association and leader of the Arab Democratic Nasserist Party, said the decision allowing Ahmed Shafik to return to the presidential race was ambiguous.



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



Political parties agree on a certain criteria to choose the Constituent Assembly members.



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

SCAF and political powers meeting urged to draft the constitution before holding the presidential elections.

Field Marshal Tantawi contacts Saudi Arabian authorities after the recall of the Saudi ambassador from Egypt.

Similar news was reported in Program: Hona Al-Asema, Channel: CBC, Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy

Egyptian citizen Ahmed Al-Gezawy case will not affect Saudi-Egyptian ties.

Several protests are organized in front of the Ministry of Defense, demanding the amendment of Article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration and swiftly handing over power to a civilian authority.

**Program: Yesed Sabahak**  
**Channel 2"State TV"**  
**Host: Dina Hegazy and Hany Farouk**

SCAF said it will not issue another constitutional declaration and was trying to end disagreements between political parties.



**Al-Arabeya Channel**  
**26-4-2012**

Guests:

Dr. Gaber Nassar, Constitution law Lecturer

MP Dr. Amr Al-Shobky and political analyst

Presidential Elections Commission decided not to exclude presidential candidate Ahmed Shafik from the presidential race.

Presidential Elections Commission announces the final list of presidential candidates which includes 13 candidates, and Ahmed Shafik is one of them.



Similar news was mentioned in Al-Jazeera Channel



**Al-Jazeera channel**

**26-4-2012**

Political powers in Egypt are against any delay in the presidential elections.

Guest: Kamal Al-Hawary, Former Muslim Brotherhood Leader said the meeting regarding the Constituent Assembly Crisis is delayed due to the clashes between Islamist parties and liberals.



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## Radio Coverage (28/04/2012)



### **News**

**Channel: Al-Shabab w Al-Reyada**

**Time: 23:12:00**

Field Marshal Tantawi meets with the political powers to discuss The Constituent Assembly Crisis.

Similar news was reported in Channel: Radio Masr, Time: 18:00:00

Field Marshal Tantawi conducts calls with Saudi Arabia in order to fix the situation and maintain the ties between the two countries.

Similar news was reported in:  
Channel: Radio Masr, Time: 18:00:00  
Channel: State Radio, Time: 23:00:00  
Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat, Time: 25:00:00

Al-Nour Party supports presidential candidate Abel-Moneim Abu Al-Fotouh in the presidential race.

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



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## Internet Coverage (29/04/2012)

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### We Are All Khaled Saaed:

Each patriotic Egyptian should denounce the use of violence and weapons when making any political demands. Any authority that respects its people should protect those protesters and their right to express their opinion. The protesters were peaceful but that was not enough to prevent a brutal crackdown from taking place, leaving dozens injured.

Attacks on Defense Ministry protesters:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.396920533691150.75537.104224996294040&type=1>



Arabawy:

Down with SCAF: While walking in downtown Cairo, I came across a small protest young men and children, chanting against SCAF and calling for the execution of Field Marshal Tantawi. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/elhamalawy/7122455203/>



**Muslim Brotherhood:**

### Dr. Morsi's Electoral Program - General Features of Nahda (Renaissance) Project

Nahda Project is based on empowering the people and placing their destinies in their own hands, rather than the hands of a corrupt clique or a ruthless unscrupulous bureaucracy.

The Project aims at bringing forth Egyptian individuals who feel at peace with themselves, their family, work, environment and society at large.

...The project is proposed by the Muslim Brotherhood, which strived throughout eighty years to preserve the identity of this nation, build its strength, and entrench the values of moderation, balance and tolerance in its thought...

### A Vision for Building the Egyptian Nation

Nahda project revolves around three principle stakeholders in Egyptian society: the state, civil society, and the private sector. With the permeation of Egyptian State control and influence in the civil and private sectors, the project establishes reformation mechanisms at the strategic



and executive levels, so as to achieve the desired balance between the three stakeholders and their institutions.

The project vision is divided into three levels, according to values and objectives concerning the Egyptian individual, society, and state:

The Value and Thought level describes what Egyptians want or wish for in their daily lives, in terms of values, rights, qualities, and duties, and what they expect from Egyptian society's various institutions and principal players.

In doing so, this level relies on a vast collection of experiences, specialized and societal studies on laying down an integrated vision for the remaining levels to pursue with the aim of advancing the people civilizationally and curing society from the corruption that has afflicted it throughout the previous time periods.

The Strategy level comprises seven paths aiming to achieve the desired change through complex development plans whose roles are distributed among the stakeholders of the Egyptian nation.

The Executive level transforms these plans into specific groups of projects, reforms, and operational policies divided over three time periods, as an initial step on the road towards the Egyptian Nahda, or comprehensive rejuvenation...

### **Building the Political System**

From completion of the political system, all the way to the deep restructuring of the Egyptian State, transforming it from a dominant State to a State of empowered institutions with clearly marked pillars and specific powers to be respected, and not exceeded.

This process includes establishing the concept of the executive, legislative and judicial authorities complementing one another while emphasizing each authority's independent performance of its roles.

Building a comprehensive network system for fighting corruption, with oversight, legislative and executive powers, recognizing citizens' right to obtain government information.

Approving mechanisms for public monitoring of government performance to guarantee a higher level of transparency and integrity in performance.

Enabling all Egyptians to participate in national and political activities rather than limiting this activity to the economic and social elite of Egypt.



Reforming laws, legislations, and regulations governing the relationship between State institutions and mechanisms of their management to clarify the responsibilities, powers and competences of each institution and to enhance the State's ability to facilitate government service for citizens.

Applying the principle of participation rather than domination in forming a coalition government representing all political players and stakeholders in Egyptian society to enable us to work together on building the future of Egypt without excluding any principal political party.

Activating the role of youth in the political process, beginning with lowering the qualifying age for public office and considering the factors of competence, ability, and desire to work in public service as the major qualification criteria for political jobs...

#### Achieving Regional and International Leadership

Restoring Egypt's leading role in the region and strengthening international treaties and agreements that will protect the interests of Egyptians internally and externally.

Protecting Arab national and Gulf security and pushing Arab-Islamic cooperation to new horizons that would serve the interests of Egypt.

Establishing relations with all international parties based on equal footing and common interests, and diversifying the international relations network with African, Asian, and Western ties to help achieve balance in the protection of Egyptian interests in the international arena.

Establishing the foundations of equal treatment and codes for Egyptians' rights outside Egypt and utilizing the potential of Egyptian embassies and their political relations to ease the difficulties and obstacles facing them, from protecting their rights and dignity to being safe havens for them, if needed, while away from the homeland.

Freedom and Justice Party Urges Saudi Embassy, Consulates Closure Rethink

The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) called upon the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to avoid increasing tensions between Cairo and Riyadh, and to reconsider its decision to shut its embassy in Cairo and consulates and to recall its ambassador for consultations.

The FJP further assured that protesters demonstrating in front of the Saudi embassy over the past few days were merely expressing the Egyptian people's aspiration to preserve the dignity of their fellow citizens who visit, live or work in Arab countries.

The people are voicing their conviction that insulting the dignity of Egyptians abroad is no longer tolerated, not after the peaceful revolution which restored their will, their voice and their dignity.



The FJP stresses that the Egyptian-Saudi relations is far greater than any problem, adding that dialogue and transparency in these relations can solve any problem.

This can still happen by allowing an Egyptian team to join the investigations in the Egyptian citizen Ahmed Al-Gizawy, who is detained by Saudi authorities. Those investigations should be announced in a transparent and unbiased fashion to public opinion.

The FJP calls upon the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF), as the de facto ruler of Egypt at present, to take concrete steps to solve Al-Gizawy issue in a manner which ensures Egyptians' dignity, and at the same time preserves the strong Egyptian-Saudi relations.



**Twitter**

**Wael Abbas:**

I'm at Kantaoui.

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f9c2f18e4b05e5ed7a95a68?s=4bK9IDRkLmPYyfEUiF3JfvCP-xo&ref=tw>

My stance regarding what happened in Abbasiya remains the same. I sympathize with them but I do not approve of such idiotic meaningless tactic move!

**Arabist:**

Libyan doc shows qadhafi wanted to fund 2007 Sarkozy election campaign. His aides brokered. <http://www.mediapart.fr/article/offert/f4ab41bb2f48d844615a16d0869dad4a>

**Gsquare86:**

Await our very much anticipated new #RevSoc website <http://www.RevSoc.me>  
@RevSocMe #MayDay #May1 #LaborDay

WTF does that even mean?! Slapping labels > #Egypt Conservatives in Egypt Back Liberal to Oppose Brotherhood - NYT <http://dlvr.it/1VNrQl>

**Iyad El-Baghdadi:**

Swiss woman dies after giving up on food & water, attempting to live on sunlight, like an Indian guru: <http://nydn.us/JOrH9I>

Do Roman ruins found in Jordan prove that Amman rightfully belongs to Italy? Now take that lesson and apply it, Iran.

**Mona Seif:**

We are pouring our blood again in the streets. #MOD <http://yfrog.com/od831udj>

**Asmaa Mahfouz:**



Enough bloodletting already.

## ▪ 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 [U](#) 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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