



News Coverage

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Newspapers (01/05/2012)



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Authors: Sherif Gaballah, Essam Abd Al-Karim (and others)

El-Ganzouri's Government Will Remain in Power until End of June



Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Mohamed Attia denied all the news claiming that the ruling SCAF has intentions to make any changes to the government. He confirmed that Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri's government shall remain in power until the end of June 2012.

In a statement given for state TV yesterday, Attia said that suspending work in the parliament to protest against El-Ganzouri's government is the responsibility of those who took this decision. He referred to plots aiming to create a deadlock between the government and the parliament to spread chaos in the country.

Minister of Development and International Cooperation Fayza Aboul Naga confirmed that the government does not have anything against the parliament or any other authority in the country.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Shorouk: Page 1.



Pages: 1, 8
Author: Nasr Zaalouk

Popular and Diplomatic Efforts to Contain Egyptian-Saudi Conflict



Official and popular efforts are made to solve the conflict between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohamed Amr telephoned his Saudi counterpart Prince So'oud Al-Faisal to discuss a number of issues related to the mutual relations between the two countries.

He stressed the importance of the strategic relations between the two countries. He also confirmed that the aid package, which Saudi Arabia intended to give to Egypt, will continue to exist.

Public diplomacy played a part in decreasing the tension in the relations between the two countries. Middle East Center for Strategic Studies confirmed that Egyptian-Saudi relations are stronger than all conspiracies which aim to create conflict between them.

Egypt Confiscates Funds of Libyan Regime Remnants



The Egyptian Justice Ministry slapped a travel ban on figures of the former Libyan regime and confiscated their funds in line with a judicial agreement signed between the two countries, said Justice Minister Adviser Mohamed Diab.

Those figures will be handed over to the Libyan authorities after all documents needed in this regard were fulfilled, Diab said.



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Authors: Ahmed Shalabi

Egypt: Suez Canal Blast Plot not Hoax



Investigations into a plot to bomb vessels crossing the Suez Canal have taken a new turn after evidence showed that the suspects were planning indeed to do so and that it was not just a hoax as claimed.

The High State Security Prosecution collected evidence that a scheme was underway to blow up vessels transiting the vital waterway, Al-Masry Al-Yom newspaper learned.

The two suspected arrested over the case have asked another to help them join any terrorist organization in return for money, investigations revealed.

They contacted two unidentified persons and agreed with them to bomb ships in Suez Canal in return for \$50,000 for each terrorist operation, investigations revealed.

Moussa’s Public Rally in Assiut Turns into Chaos



A public rally that presidential candidate Amr Moussa was planned to hold in Assiut University turned into a battlefield as his supporters clashed with members of revolutionary groups, including the April 6 Youth Movement.

Each side hurled chairs on the other and engaged in fistfights as his opponents believe the rally was held in violation of the rules set by the High Presidential Elections Commission, which bans organizing popular rallies inside governmental or state-owned institutions.

Moussa’s opponents also kept chanting “the people want to bring down the remnants” among other slogans against him.



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Author: Mohamed Morsi

HPEC Warns Against Surveys during Voting



Chairman of the High Presidential Elections Commission (HPEC) Counselor Farouq Sultan said the commission has set the rules to govern electoral publicity activities.

The rules ban conducting opinion polls or surveys during the two days of voting in the presidential elections.

The HPEC also said the cost of publicity should not exceed EGP 10 million during the elections and EGP 2 million in the run-offs.



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 Author: Amira Ibrahim

Tantawi: Disagreements Endanger Egypt's Future



Inaugurating Arish cement plant in Sinai yesterday, field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, the Head the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) said neither Egypt nor its Armed Forces would allow anybody to tamper with its security.

Tantawi said Egypt will overcome the problems it is currently facing and will continue its march towards building and development. He called on Egyptians on Monday to close ranks to prevent deterioration in the current conditions in the country.

"I hope all Egyptians will close ranks to work to achieve production," Tantawi said. He warned against the impact of disagreements on Egypt's future.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Ahram: Pages 1, 15.

Islamist Parties Discuss Forming a New Government



Islamist parties threatened SCAF of wide-spread protests if it did not respond to their demands and dismiss Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri's government.

Salafi parties considered Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi's refusal to remove El-Ganzouri government from power to be a continuation for SCAF's attempts to prove the failure of Islamists in running the affairs of the state.

Various Islamist forces confirm that million-man marches and protests are the only suitable way to put pressure on SCAF to remove the incompetent government.

Thugs Attack and Kidnap Protesters



A state of cautious calm prevailed in Al-Abbasiya neighborhood following heavy clashes that took place yesterday. Unknown thugs attacked pedestrians and car drivers using white weapons and stones, forcing them to abandon their cars and closing traffic in the street. They spread panic among passers-by and residents of the area.

Clashes were renewed yesterday at dawn between protesters holding their sit-in near the Ministry of Defense and thugs who showered them with rocks and birdshot pellets.

A number of young people supporting the sit-in said that thugs attacked protesters while they were praying in Al-Nour Mosque and kidnapped some of them.

Supporters of Sheikh Hazem Salah Abu Ismail, April 6 movement, Revolutionaries Without Affiliation, Kefaya movement, and some university students are participating in the sit-in. They demand SCAF to hand over power to a revolutionary presidential council.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Tahrir: Page 3.



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Author: Hend Adel

Wael Ghoneim Supports Abul-Fotouh



Political activist Wael Ghoneim announced his support of Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh in the presidential elections.

Ghoneim, the founder of the “We Are All Khaled Saeed” page on Facebook, said the presidential elections were a good chance to unite Egyptian ranks to make the nation’s dreams come true.

Ghoneim said he would announce later the reasons for which he decided to back Abul-Fotouh.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 7)

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Author: Ehsan el-Sayyed, Dana el-Hadidi, Ibrahim Ahmed, Hend Adel, Mahmoud Osman, Sayed el-Khalafawi and Mahmoud Abdel-Ghani

Unidentified Persons Assault Protesters outside Defense Ministry



Clashes continued for the second day running outside the premises of the Defense Ministry between protesters and unidentified persons, leaving many injured.

The unidentified people used birdshot shells, stones and fireworks to attack the protesters.

Residents of Al-Abbasiya neighborhood, where the Defense Ministry HQ is located, rushed to help the protesters and formed popular vigilante groups to chase the assailants.

Meanwhile, a number of unidentified people blocked the road in front of the neighborhood's famous Al-Nour Mosque and smashed many cars driving by.

Dozens of protesters organized fresh marches toward the Defense Ministry to denounce the military ruling.

The Health Ministry announced that no new injuries were reported and that the figure remains at 119 injuries and one dead as recorded on Sunday.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 4)



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 Author: Ibrahim Qassem

HPEC: 52mn Eligible Voters in Elections



The High Presidential Elections Commission (HPEC) said 52 million eligible voters will head to polling stations to cast their votes in the upcoming presidential elections, due to take place on May 23 and 24.

As many as 12,000 polling stations and 358 general committees were prepared to receive the voters, said HPEC Chairman Counselor Farouq Sultan.

More than 15,000 judges will be supervising the electoral process, Sultan said.

So far, the HPEC has received 17 requests from Egyptian civil organizations and four from foreign NGOs, including the Carter Center, to monitor the polls, said HPEC Secretary General Counselor Hatem Begato.



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Authors: Mohamed el-Behnasawi and Khaled Merri

Abu-Ismael Quizzed over Forgery

إحالة أبو إسماعيل والمرشحين المتهمين بالتزوير للنيابة خلال ساعات ضبط ٦ من أنصار المرشح المستبعد بينهم فلسطيني يخرضون المتظاهرين

كتب محمد البهنساوي وخالد ميري:

تصير لجنة الانتخابات الرئاسية برئاسة المستشار طارق سلطان رئيس المحكمة الدستورية العليا قراراً خلال ساعات بإحالة المرشحين المتهمين بالتزوير في أوراق رسمية أو في تظلمات الانتخاب التي حصلوا عليها من المرشحين والتصاريح التي تتضمن جرائم تهديد النخبة أو اغتيالها أو محاولة تعطيل القرارات أو وقف تنفيذها أو الشروع في هذه الجرائم إلى النيابة العامة للتحقيق فيها. ومن المنتظر أن يتخذ من ملف الأحالة للنيابة المرشح المستبعد حازم صلاح أبو إسماعيل الذي ألقى في الأوراق الرسمية أن والده

الشهر العاشر، من ناحية أخرى ألقى قوات الشرطة العسكرية وقسم الرابح بالتهلف مع أهالي العمسة الذين على ٦ من أنصار حازم أبو إسماعيل بينهم فلسطيني وصوتهم لسلطة بيلبة حاولوا إلقاء العصيان وأحداث بيلبة بينهم ميدان العماسة. حصدت قوة مشتركة من الشرطة العسكرية والشرطة والقى القبض على الأشخاص الستة الذين وجدوا أسلحة بوضوح، تم تسليمهم لقسم شرطة الرابح للتحقيق. كما حضر وأحاطهم للنيابة للتحقيق. كما تلقى قسم شرطة الرابح بالتحقيق بلاغا من محمد مرتضى ٥٠ سنة سابق ويعتقد على تشكيلين عبارة عن عمودين تأسستين بإحاطتهما مواد متفجرة ومسامير و٧ قنوط مطلقا إلى بالقرب من مسجد النور بميدان العماسة.

حازم أبو إسماعيل

لا تشمل إلا الجنسية المصرية على خلاف الحقيقة. وعدد من المرشحين حصلوا على تظلمات شواهد. والتمسك مرشحين أبعدوا أكثر من مرشح في

The High Presidential Elections Commission (HPEC), under Counselor Farouq Sultan, will issue a decision to refer all presidential candidates, who are accused of forgery, to the prosecution for investigation.

The decision will include Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael, who submitted papers showing his parents were pure Egyptian, while in fact his mother was an American nationalized citizen.

Other candidates, who are involved in rigging proxies needed to enter the presidential race, will be questioned.



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Authors: Mohamed Saber and Ahmed Khalil

Abul-Fotouh Wins Support of More Political Powers



Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh, an Islamist considered one of the three frontrunners for the Egyptian presidency, has won the support of radical Islamist group Al-Jamaa Al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) and moderate Islamist Al-Wasat Party.

Al-Jamaa Al-Islamiya announced it held an internal vote, in which Abul-Fotouh garnered the support of 63.34% of the members, while Mohamed Morsi, the candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood, got 36.66%.

Al-Wasat Party also held a similar vote among its members, in which 63% went to Abul-Fotouh and 23% to Mohamed Selim el-Awwa.

The other two leading candidates are Amr Moussa, the former Egyptian foreign minister, and Mohamed Morsi, the MB candidate.

The presidential election is scheduled for May 23 and 24, with a runoff in mid-June if necessary.



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Author: Not mentioned

18 Political Powers Support Abul-Fotouh in Presidential Polls



The general union of the revolution, a body made up of 18 revolutionary coalitions and groups, said it would throw its support behind Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh, an Islamist considered one of the three frontrunners for the Egyptian presidency.

The union said it carried out an internal vote, in which Abul-Fotouh garnered the support of 72% of the 130 members of its executive office.

Mohamed Selim el-Awwa, an Islamist candidate, came second with 13% and Amr Moussa, the former Egyptian foreign minister, got three votes only.

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TV Coverage (30/04/2012)



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

The High Presidential Elections Commission reviews the requests of 16 Egyptian civil societies to monitor the elections.

158 MPs sign a petition against People's Assembly Speaker Al-Katatny's decision of suspending the parliament's sessions for a week.



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

Minister of Foreign Affairs said Saudi Arabia's ambassador will return to Cairo soon.

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



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

The electoral publicity of the presidential elections officially started.

Similar news was reported in :

Program: Masr Tantakheb Al-Raes, Channel: CBC, Host: Emad Addeb

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

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

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



Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

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

Workers demand to keep their 50% representation in the parliament.

Cautious calm in Abbassiya Square after clashes between thugs and protesters stopped.

Similar news was reported in Program: Masr Tantakheb Al-Raes, Channel: CBC, Host: Emad Addeb

Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi approves amendments to the law governing the police apparatus and refers it to the People's Assembly.

**Program: Yesed Sabahak
Channel 2"State TV"
Host: Dina Farouk and Karim Awadallah**

SCAF stresses the importance of Egyptian-Saudi Arabia ties.

Similar news was reported in Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

The parliament suspends its sessions until May 6th to condemn SCAF stances on the Kamal Al-Ganzory government.

Similar news was reported in Program: Sabah Al-Kheir Ya Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

More than 80 MPs sign a petition to reject People's Assembly Speaker Saad Al-Katatny decision to suspend the parliament's sessions.

The Parliament's Legislative Committee said the criteria of choosing the Constituent Assembly members was the Shura Council and People's Assembly responsibility.

Similar news was reported in Program: Masr Tantakheb Al-Raes, Channel: CBC, Host: Emad Addeb

MP Mostafa Bakry condemned criticism against Islamist parties and said each political power has the right to defend its own rights.



Program: Masr Tanyakheb Al-Raees
Channel: CBC
Host: Emad Adeeb

Al-Jammaa' Al-Islameya (Islamic Group) and its political wing, the Construction and Development Party, will support presidential candidate Abdel-Moniem Abu Al-Fotouh in the presidential race.

Similar news was reported in: Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Sherief Amer , Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"

Planning and International Cooperation Minister Fayza Abu Al-Naga said she was not informed of any changes in the Ministry.

Similar news was reported in: Program: Al-Hayat Al-An, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Maha Bahnasy , Program: 24 Hours News, Channel 1"State TV"

People's Assembly Speaker Al-Katatny said the Parliament will resume its sessions on Sunday.

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



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

Clashes took place between protesters and thugs in front of the Ministry of Defense premises.



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Radio Coverage (30/04/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

Time: 25:00:00

Cautious Calm in the premises of Ministry of Defense after clashes between thugs and protesters stopped.



News

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

People's Assembly Speaker Saad Al-Katatny said the Parliament will resume its sessions next Sunday. **23:00:00**

The electoral publicity of the presidential elections officially starts. **25:00:00**

Similar news was reported in:

Channel: Radio Masr, Time: 25:00:00

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



News

Channel: Al-Shabab w Al-Reyada

Time: 23:12:00

Clashes took place between protesters and thugs outside the premises of the Ministry of Defense.



News

Channel: State Radio

Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi approves amendments to the law governing the police apparatus and refers it to the People's Assembly. **17:00:00**

Minister of Shura Council and People's Assembly Affairs denies that SCAF plans to make changes in the ministry. **23:00:00**

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

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Internet Coverage (01/05/2012)

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We are all Khaled Saeed

The parliament's next session on May 6 will be held, no matter what, to look into the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces' (SCAF) response to the lower house's rejection of the government policy statement - Mohamed Saad el-Katatni/ the speaker of the People's Assembly.

Striking non-commissioned police officers announced they would continue their strike despite the approval of SCAF head Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi on a bill amending the law governing the police apparatus. They said their strike would not end unless the bill was passed by the People's Assembly. <http://www.almasryalyoum.com/node/806986>

A girl from Syria. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/562533_398107333572470_104224996294040_935601_1383616452_n.jpg

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/562533_398107333572470_104224996294040_935601_1383616452_n.jpg

Greetings to Egypt's workers and the workers of Mahla Al-Kobra. Al-Mahla is where our revolution started with the worker strike organized on April 6, 2008. Our first martyrs have fallen there. The revolution continues. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/582784_398701463513057_104224996294040_936531_730931843_n.jpg

Egyptian Cabinet:

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri meets with members of the lower and upper houses of parliament of Qalubiya governorate to listen to their demands.

The Foreign Ministry spokesperson: The ministry's operations room is following up the developments minute-by-minute in Mali in the aftermath of unrest in the country. The Egyptian embassy in Bamako is making contacts to evacuate Egypt's Al-Ahly football mission from there along with Egyptian community members willing to leave the country.

The foreign minister issued directives to allow Egyptian citizens to take shelter at the embassy building.



Muslim Brotherhood:

Parliament Suspends Sessions for One Week to Protest Ganzouri Government

Dr. Mohamed Saad Katatni, Speaker of the People's Assembly (PA), said that the PA did not start no-confidence procedures, as yet, and had several investigations to complete, after the unanimous rejection of the government's political and economic program.

He pointed out that the PA, in making its decisions, is totally independent from the executive branch, and that the government does not control it, adding that the PA is constitutionally beyond the control of any government.

Dr. Katatni further added that the PA respects the Constitution, the law and judicial decisions, but does not accept threats to dissolve parliament. He affirmed that the Speaker of the PA does not lie, in reference to Dr. Ganzouri's denial of threatening Dr. Katatni with Parliament dissolution. Dr. Katatni reiterated that Lt Gen Sami Annan was present at the meeting when this threat was made by Ganzouri, stressing that the government is evidently not convinced there is a People's Assembly that has been freely chosen by popular will in the country's first fair elections in long decades.

Whilst Parliament does not wish to disrupt its work and suspend discussions of current important issues, it cannot accept that this situation should continue with the incumbent government refusing to respond to the decisions of Parliament, and SCAF failing to intervene by taking the initiative to resolve the crisis at this sensitive stage of the homeland's democratic transformation.



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

I'm here at El Hana International Hotel Tunis (Tunis)

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f9ecfd4e4b0edc5631fa6d7?s=mmaoZdAvNJND7Lt3SPypFIHyiDs&ref=tw>

I'm at Theater Municipal (Tunis, Tunisia)

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f9ed037e4b060916a8e1ebe?s=RmWrfGxqsu3qi-aRDJcOLZZAHhI&ref=tw>

I'm at Cathedrale De Tunis.

https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f9ed067e4b033ffd5a9f67b?s=RXXR_I7fT8rIAhf-8Qcm19BLv7s&ref=tw

I am at the Interior Ministry.

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f9ed07ee4b008dde3769d3c?s=3p2vFUmYOh tfForsi8lrES0hdr0&ref=tw>

I'm at Underground ex JFK (Tunis).

<https://foursquare.com/waelabbas/checkin/4f9f27e8e4b02fda5ed0f195?s=8eYGdmRN5fOLL6yIMNm1TJRIC-I&ref=tw>

Breaking news: A list of the names and Facebook pages of Abbassiya thugs. Keep it and thanks for exposing yourselves, idiots!

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=219228511526170&set=a.113743145408041.18309.100003170695731&type=1>

Today, there are mass protests in Tunisia.

Iyad elbaghdadi:

Let me see how many of my followers even know what a #Salafi is?

It's rather difficult to provide an all-encompassing definition of what we today call "#Salafis".

"#Salafis" believe in strict adherence to the ways of the "salaf", or the earliest Muslims.

#Salafis tend to be more literalist and puritanical in their interpretations of Islam.

#Salafis also tend to hold the religious tradition of successive generations of scholars to be authoritative.

#Salafis tend to hold the hadith (tradition) of the Prophet in high regard, sometimes even surpassing the authority of the Qur'an itself.

Many #Salafis describe themselves as non-denominational, but the fact is that they're closest to the Hanbali school of thought.

Before I go on and continue about #Salafis, let's keep in mind that we're talking in generalities. We're here to discuss, not to stereotype.



So I'm trying to walk a fine line between describing a rather broad group, and avoiding stereotyping or collectivizing them. [#Salafis](#)

I'm going to summarize my disagreement with [#Salafis](#) in the next five tweets...

First point of disagreement with [#Salafis](#): Tendency towards literalism.

Second point of disagreement with Salafis: Over-reliance on tradition (hadith) even when it contradicts itself, common sense, & the Qur'an.

Third point of disagreement with Salafis: Tendency to view scholarship by past generations as canonical & sacred, rather than just opinion.

Fourth point of disagreement with Salafis: Tendency to be intolerant towards alternative interpretations and practices.

Fifth point of disagreement Salafis: Tendency to equate the byhearting of historical tradition & opinion with actual insight & knowledge.

Very quickly and too briefly these were my five main disagreements. I want to stress that I'm not stereotyping or collectivizing Salafis.

It's past 1 AM here and I have a long day tomorrow, so I'll be back to discuss this more later.

I'm sure there'll be many questions.

What's happening now in Mali?

My schedule for today is getting blown, bit by bit.

Anyway, my priority is still my Social Media Marketing workshop, held this coming Thursday in Dubai.

Yesterday's tweets about Salafis got a lot of retweets, but also some angry replies and even some unfollows.

There's a problem in defining what exactly is a Salafi, since the definition still leaves a lot of leeway and variation.

Perhaps it's better to distinguish between Salafism as a juristic school of thought, and Salafism as a contemporary social-religious group.

From a purely juristic point of view, Salafism is based upon placing the authenticated hadith (tradition) in high regard.

In fact, many Salafis proudly refer to themselves as "Ahl al Hadith" (People of the Tradition) or "Ahl al Sunna".

Hence Salafism place a high emphasis on the interpretations of the Salaf (earliest Muslims) as recorded in these traditions.



Arabist:

So "The President" posters are being used by Shafiq - the one on Abdel Moneim Riyadh going up right now.

Gsquare86:

A mass rally in Downtown Cairo in support of Mohamed Morsi.

<http://twitpic.com/9fp1h4>

you are too fuckin slow #Flickr

Long live #Egyworkers #May1

Join us shortly in Qasr El Eini st marching with #Egyworkers marking #May1 #Tahrir Workers march in Qasr El Eini. #May1 <http://twitpic.com/9fymxw>

Wael Ghoneim:

Blogs on visits by a group of youths from Resala Charity Organization to Shelatin region.

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▪ 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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