



# News Coverage

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### **In the Aftermath of Abbasiya Incidents**



The Armed Forces called on all Egyptians to be united and warned of the sequences of “suspicious” calls to organize marches towards the Ministry of Defense, reiterating the Armed Forces commitment to respect the law and the a national duty of legal self-defense.

The statements were in the course of the press conference held by SCAF on Thursday. In the conference, Gen Muhammad al-Assar condemned the Abbasiyah bloody clashes and asserted that the Armed Forces were completely innocent.

Al-Assar considered al-Abbasiyah incidents to be a repetition of previous clashes that are used by “some” to achieve political gains on the account of Egypt’s security.

Al-Assar also said the prosecution started investigating into the incidents. Al-Assar also stressed the strength and efficiency of the Egyptian Army.

In the end of the press conference Gen Mukhtar al-Malla, member of SCAF gave a speech in which he asserted that the Armed Forces belonged to the Egyptian people and that it was not a tool of suppression against the people. Al-Malla, however warned of threatening the headquarters of the Ministry of Defense that, he asserted was a symbol of the military honor and the sovereignty of the state. He said that reacting to any assault would be a legitimate self-defense. Al-Malla greeted the armed forces for the tolerance they have been showing over the past 15 months at the different violations and provocations against them.

On the other hand, Speaker of the People’s Assembly Saad al-Katatni blamed the government and the police for al-Abbasiyah victims.s

In his speech to the Parliament’s committees of defense and national security, al-Katatni asserted people’s right to demonstrate regardless of the place of demonstration.al-Katatni



added that the task of the concerned apparatus was to secure the demonstrators against any attack. Al-Katatni promised to bring the culprits into account.

Meanwhile, a state of uneasy calm prevails in Abbasiyah Square since last morning. Most of the shops in the area opened while the sit-in staged by a number of political players continued for the sixth day. The protesting powers are preparing for a mass demonstration on Friday.

Security forces and troops spread in the area to prevent further clashes.

In a related context, head of the Anatomy Department at the Forensic Directorate Asharaf al-Rifaai declared that the victims' bodies were handed to their families after taking off the bullets. Al-Rifaai elaborated that the victims were deadly shot in the head and chest. The final forensic report is to be applied to the prosecution of Cairo West within the coming couple of days. Six victims were shot to death and one with

The General Prosecution declared the death toll from the clashes raised to nine and 168 injuries. The prosecution could not conduct the field of the bloody clashes.

Salafist excluded presidential candidate Hazim Salah Abu Ismail denounced the media reports that blamed him for the human losses, as his advocates started the protests in front of the Ministry of defense.

Muslim Brotherhood leader Muhammad al-Biltagi Muhammad al-Biltagi said the attackers who attacked the protesters in Abbasiyah were paid thugs, claiming that eh machine gun shooter got 3000 Egyptian Pounds; the gun shooter got 2000 Pounds, while a stone hurler received 200 Pounds. On his page of facebook, al-Biltagi said the thugs were chosen bearded and were allowed to pass through the police barriers in spite of the weapons they were carrying.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk, pp. 1, 5; al-Yom al-Sabei, pp. 1, 5; al-Gomhouriya, pp. 1, 3, 4



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Author: Samir al-Sayyid

### **The Tragedy of al-Ruwaini Statements**

Former Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency Muhammad al-Baradei, former potential presidential candidate in Egypt and head of the newly formed al-Doustour party described the statements of a SCAF member about the Abbasiyah protesters rejection of being secured and protected as “a tragedy.”

The Egyptian press had reported on SCAF member Gen Ruwaini’s statements that the protesters refused protection.



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Author: Sabah Hamamu

### **Al-Shater Calls for a Consensual Governement**

The Muslim Brotherhood's excluded presidential candidate Khairat al-Shater said the formation of a consensual government would support political and economic stability in Egypt.

Al-Shater added in a forum organized by the Canadian-Egyptian Business Council that the Muslim Brotherhood so-called "renaissance project" was the best to solve Egypt's economical problems.



## SCAF Vows to Hand over Power before End of June



Egypt's ruling Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) called on all Egyptians to be united to overcome the current critical juncture in Egypt's history.

This came in a televised news conference held by the SCAF to address the current violent events in Cairo's Abbassiya district and around the headquarters of the Ministry of Defense.

Egypt is living through one of the most important and dangerous moments of its modern history, said SCAF member Major General Mohamed el-Assar.

SCAF regrets the Abbassiya events, which started on April 27, and mourns the victims of the incidents, said Assar.

The events started when a group of people marched from Tahrir toward Abbassiya Square, Assar said, adding that everyone knows their affiliation.

At 2 am, about 3,000 people reached Abbassiya and tried to confront and provoke Armed Forces personnel stationed at Al-Khalifa Al-Mamoun Street, he said, adding events took a new turn when those people decided to stage a sit-in in front of the nearby Ain Shams University.

Regrettable clashes took place at Tuesday dawn between Abbassiya residents and sitters-in, leaving one dead and several injured, he said.

At Wednesday dawn, fresh clashes took place that killed seven and injured many, he said.



Today, another person, who was severely injured, breathed his last, bringing the death toll to nine dead and 168 injured, including eight cases still in hospital, he added.

Attempts are being made by the protesters to reach Al-Khalifa Al-Mamoun Street toward the Defense Ministry premises, said Assar.

The Armed Forces have been committed not to use violence against the Egyptian people, Assar said, adding that SCAF respects the right to holding peaceful protests as long as they do not jeopardize public interests.

Staging a sit-in in such a sensitive area is dangerous because it is too close to the Defense Ministry premises and several military institutions, he said.

The best place for such sit-ins to take place is Tahrir Square, he said. The public prosecution started an investigation Wednesday into the events, he noted.

The sitters-in are calling for handing over power despite assurances made by SCAF, on different occasions, that it would transfer power before 30 June 2012, he said.

Assar criticized calls by the sitters-in to ensure the integrity of the upcoming elections, saying that the parliamentary polls, which were hailed by the whole world, vouch for the transparency of SCAF.

To ensure an international observation of the elections, the High Presidential Elections Commission (HPEC) asked the Foreign Ministry to invite representatives of polling stations in 45 countries to monitor the elections in Egypt, Assar said.

All accredited embassies in Egypt were asked to dispatch representatives to follow up the polls and three foreign NGOs, including the Carter Center, were permitted to join the monitoring process, Assar said.

He denied rumors that the HPEC turned down the requests of eight foreign NGOs to monitor the polls. The current situation in the country took its toll on the economy with the stock exchange losing EGP 4 billion on Wednesday, he said.

He urged men of the cloth to go to Abbassiya Square and convince the sitters-in to move to Tahrir or at least open the streets, which they have blocked, so life can return to normal.

The Armed Forces do not want to use any form of violence with the protesters and wish the transitional period to end safely, he said.

SCAF chief Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi has called for four meetings in the past period with political powers to resolve the crisis of the Constituent Assembly, he noted.



He criticized statements made by several presidential candidates about a meeting that took place with political party leaders on Wednesday. The candidates alleged the meeting was an attempt to extend the transitional period, which is far from true, he said.

For his part, SCAF member Major General Mokhtar el-Mulla said no one will be able to scupper the road map under which SCAF is running the transitional period.

As for calls on Facebook by some political activists for starting an armed struggle, Mulla urged the people to recall what happened on November 15 when some persons tried to storm the Interior Ministry premises. Their main aim then was to foil the parliamentary elections, he said. The same is taking place now in Abbasiya Square, he said.

He criticized calls for amending Article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration, saying the parliamentary elections were held based on this article, so was the presidential candidacy application.

Armed Forces personnel were deployed in Al-Khalifa Al-Mamoun Street to prevent sitters-in from reaching the premises of the Defense Ministry.

The Armed Forces have the right to self-defense if anyone approaches the Defense Ministry, he warned.

The Constitutional Declaration did not land Egypt in trouble as alleged, said SCAF member Major General Mamdouh Shahin.

Before issuing the Constitutional Declaration, the Armed Forces invited all legal experts to take part in drawing up the declaration, Shahin said.

SCAF had in mind that the constitution would be drafted before the end of the transitional period, but problems, unfortunately, led to a delay, he said.

As soon as the Constituent Assembly writes the constitution, before the presidential elections, SCAF will call for a public referendum to be held in accordance with Article 56 of the Constitutional Declaration, he said.

The prosecutor general has referred many suspects for investigation over the Maspero, Mohamed Mahmoud and Cabinet events, he said, adding that the prosecutor general asked the police to identify the culprits, so a proper probe can be conducted into the Abbasiya events.

There is no crisis between the parliament and the government, he said, adding SCAF alone has the power to sack the government.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 4 and 5), Al-Dostor (page 1 and 5) and Al-Tahrir (page 3)



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Authors: Farouk el-Dessouki

## State Commissioners Say Political Isolation Law Unconstitutional



Vice Chairman of the Supreme Constitutional Court Counselor Maher Sami denied statements by an MP claiming that the State Commissioner's Authority has ruled that the political isolation law was constitutional.

On the contrary, the authority believes the amendments introduced to the law governing the exercise of political rights were unconstitutional, Sami said.

The bill was passed by parliament a few weeks ago and was submitted to the Supreme Council for the Armed Forces (SCAF) for ratification.

SCAF, in turn, referred the bill to the Supreme Constitutional Court, which ruled that the case falls outside its jurisdiction and sent it to the State Commissioner's Authority, which only gives recommendations.

The authority will once again refer the bill to the Supreme Constitutional Court, which is expected to start deliberations on the bill at the start of the week, a judicial source said.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 3)

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Authors: Hisham Abu-Hadid

### Mali Army Secures Egypt's Ahly Team to Airport



An Egyptian military aircraft carrying members of Al-Ahly football mission from the tension hit Mali capital of Bamako has taken off for Nigeria en route to Egypt.

The team has been stranded in Bamako since their match against Stade Malien de Bamako, on Sunday, April 29, due to the renewed violence between the pro- and anti-junta forces.

Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi had ordered the dispatch of the military aircraft C-130 to fly home Al Ahly soccer team and the media delegation accompanying it from the fighting in Mali.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 3)

## Al-Azhar Scholars Separate between Protesters and Thugs in Abbasiya



A delegation of Al-Azhar scholars are exerting efforts to separate between the protesters and thugs in the Cairo district of Abbasiya.

The delegation, including 50 preachers, is undertaking the job in response to a demand by Azhar Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayyeb.

Tayyeb has taken the initiative in a bid to defuse the crisis in Abbasiya, said Director General of Azhar Information Sector Mohammed Gemeia. He added that Azhar is taking the same distance from all powers in Egypt.

Similar news was reported in Al-Akhbar (page 7) and Al-Dostor (page 5)



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 Author: Amira Saleh

### Moussa and Abul-Fotouh Take Lead in Presidential Race – Poll

**أول استطلاع لـ «معلومات مجلس الوزراء» عن الانتخابات: «موسى» و«أبو الفتوح» يتبادلان المركز الأول.. و«شفيق» يصارع على الثالث**

**١٤٤ «عبدالمعتم» يتقدم بين المسلمين والحضر والأغنياء.. و«عمرو» على رأس اختيارات الأقباط والإناث والفقراء**

المرشح	أبو الفتوح	موسى
الزمن	١١	١١
٢٠١٥	١١	١١
٢٠١٥	١١	١١
٢٠١٥	١١	١١
٢٠١٥	١١	١١

تحت إشراف مركز معلومات ودعم اتخاذ القرار التابع لمجلس الوزراء، أجري استطلاع للرأي بين 1,209 شخصاً من المصريين، من 18 إلى 30 عاماً، في 11 يونيو 2014. شارك في الاستطلاع 51% من الرجال و49% من النساء. أجري الاستطلاع في 11 محافظة: القاهرة، الجيزة، الدقهلية، الفيفاء، المنيا، بني سويف، أسيوط، سوهاج، الأقصر، وأسوان. أجري الاستطلاع على هامش برنامج «معلومات مجلس الوزراء» على قناة «الأنباء» الفضائية. أجري الاستطلاع على هامش برنامج «معلومات مجلس الوزراء» على قناة «الأنباء» الفضائية. أجري الاستطلاع على هامش برنامج «معلومات مجلس الوزراء» على قناة «الأنباء» الفضائية.

**١٤٤ من العينة قررت التصويت.. و١٩ لم تحدد موقفها.. و٧١ تقاطع**

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An opinion poll held by the Cabinet’s Information and Decision Support Centre indicated that presidential candidates Abdel Monem ABoul Fotouh and Amr Moussa are ranked in a leading position among other candidates.

Both got 11 percent of the votes of the sample covered by the poll, which indicated that up to 42 percent of Egyptians did not make up their mind regarding whom they will choose for president.

Ahmed Shaifq, former prime minister, got six percent of the votes while Mohamed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood candidate, got two percent.

Around seven percent of Egyptians said they are not planning to cast their vote in the presidential elections that will take place on May 23-24, while 16 others said they have not made up their mind yet.

The poll covered over 1,209 persons of the 18-30 age category in the various Egyptian governorates

Similar news was reported in Al-Dostor (page 1 and 4)



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Author: not mentioned

## The Parliament Calls on Protesters to Go Back to Tahrir



Speaker of the People’s Assembly Saad al-Katatni and Head of the Shura Council Ahmad Fahmi called on protesters in front of the Ministry of Defense in Abbasiya to go back to Tahrir Square sin order to avoid any escalation in the situation.

Fahmi and al-Katatni warned the protesters of the perils of stranger violent elements that might sneak amongst them to cause troubles. They also stressed the symbolic value of Tahrir Square, asserting that demands can be voiced from any places.



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الإخباري

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Author: Tareq Roshdi

## Calm in Abbassiya Square



Calm returned Thursday to Abbasiya Square and the Defense Ministry surroundings where a number of Islamic and revolutionary forces have staged a sit-in for six days in a row.

Calm was restored in less than 24 hours following fierce clashes in which dozens of people were killed and injured.

Traffic returned to normal and shops reopened.

### Fire Erupts At Chain Store Branch in Heliopolis



A fire broke out at a branch of the iconic department store chain Omar Effendi in the upscale Cairo district of Heliopolis.

Four fire trucks rushed to the scene and firemen are now trying to contain the blaze.

Fire consumed the basement's contents of electrical appliances, house utensils and mattresses.



## Israel Starts Suing Egypt over Gas Termination



Shareholders in East Mediterranean Gas (EMG), the company in charge of exporting Egyptian natural gas to Israel, has decided on Thursday to sue the Egyptian government over violating three bilateral investment treaties.

“Thursday’s announcement came after months of unsuccessful attempts to resolve the issue through negotiation,” one of the shareholders, Ampal-American Israel Corp, said in a press release cited by Israeli newspaper Maariv.

EMG’s shareholders’ decision to sue Egypt under treaties with the United States, Poland and Germany is the strongest move so far by the group, which will try to resolve this crisis diplomatically and not just commercially.

Egyptian state-owned oil and gas companies announced on April 22 the termination of gas sales to Israel, which come after year of sabotage and pipeline attacks that had already disrupted supplies, the announced reason to cut supplies was back to a business dispute according to the Egyptian government.

The investors, suing the Egyptian oil and gas companies are seeking up to \$8 billion in damages.

“The investors’ disputes with Egypt arise out of a series of acts and failures by the government of Egypt that have seriously undermined the value of the investors’ investments in EMG,” Ampal said in a statement.



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Author: Muhammad Khayyal and Asma Badawai

### Dismissing the Government is SCAF's Responsibility



Speaker of the People's Assembly Saad al-Katni said the authority of the People's Assembly towards the government is limited to rejecting the government statement.

Al-Katni added that dismissing the government is a SCAF's exclusive authority.

The Muslim Brotherhood's MPs blamed SCAF members for the Abbasiyah incidents and threatened to imprison them.

Similar news was reported in al-Yom al-Sabej, p. 1; Gmohouriyah, p. 3



Pages: 1, 5  
 Author: many authors

## A Half-Islamist Half-Revolutionary Mass Demonstration



A number, but not all, revolutionary powers with a number of Islamist players are to organize a mass demonstration to protest the bloodshed in Abbasiyah.

Al-Nour Party will boycott the demonstration to avoid more bloodshed. Tagammu Party did the same, considering the demonstrations to be almost nonsense.

Al-Wafd Party, Free Egyptians Party and The Socialist Egyptian Party have not decided whether or not to join the protests. However, individual members of the three parties showed tendency not to participate.

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Author: Mustafa Hashim and Ahmad Uwais

### The Ghost of Jihadi Groups in Abbasiya



Amidst the bloody clashes that took place in Abbasiya Salafist protest welcomed Muhammad al-Zawahiri, Chief of Qaida Ayman al-Zawahiri’s elder brother, and Sheik Mustafa Murgan, a Jihadi Group leader who were accompanied with Salafist Preacher Muhammad Hussein Yacoub.

Protesters chanted Salafi slogans. The ambiance triggered a public fear of the return of Jihadi groups and a series of violence and counter violence amongst Salafist groups, especially when a Salafi protester was slaughtered on the hands of unidentified killers.

Pages: 3  
Author: Saniyah Mahmoud and wires

### The Saudi Ambassador Back in Cairo Soon



An Mp from the Egyptian delegation in Saudi Arabia told al-Shurouk that the Saudi Ambassador would come back with the delegation of King Abd al-Aziz of Saudi Arabia permitted.

The Egyptian delegation that was headed by Speaker of the People’s Assembly Saad al-Katatni met influential Saudi officials and was invited to a banquet.

Al-Katatni expressed the Egyptian people’s admiration for Saudi Arabia and the deep-rooted ties between the two countries.

On the Saudi part, the Saudi Ambassador to Cairo Ahmad al-Qattan said that the withdrawal of the ambassador was triggered by his country’s keenness on maintaining the relations with Egypt and to avoid any potential degradation in the relations between the two countries.

Saudi Arabia also announced that it would send the first portion of its promised financial support to Egypt by sending US \$ 500 million by the end of this month.

Prince Saud al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia said the Saudi Ambassador Ahmad Qattan would be back in Cairo very soon.

In another article, al-Shurouq reported that Ahmad al-Gizawi admitted having banned Xanax drugs.

Similar news was reported in al-Yom al-Sabei, p. 3



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Author: Jamal Girgis al-Mizahim

## Coptic Organizations in Europe Rejects Censorship on Presidential Elections



Coptic Organizations in Europe rejected the High Presidential Elections Commission's conditions on observing the presidential elections.

The organizations declared that the same conditions were also adopted under Mubarak's rule and were exploited in rigging and forgery.



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Author: Not mentioned

## Egypt Denounces New Settlement Construction Plans in E. Jerusalem

### الخارجية تجذر من مواصلة الاستيطان

اعرب محمد عمرو وزير الخارجية عن استنكار مصر لموافقة الحكومة الإسرائيلية على بناء ١١٠٠ وحدة سكنية استيطانية جنوب القدس الشرقية، واصفاً القرار بأنه دليل إضافي على عدم جدية الحكومة الإسرائيلية في السعي إلى التوصل إلى حل للنزاع مع الفلسطينيين يرتكز على إنشاء دولة فلسطينية مستقلة ومتواصلة جغرافياً.. وقال إن إسرائيل - كما يتضح من سياساتها الاستيطانية الجائرة والتي تجاوزت كل الحدود في الفترة الأخيرة - تسعى إلى فرض أمر واقع على الأرض يفضي في النهاية إلى محاصرة الفلسطينيين في بلداتهم بطوقان من المستوطنات.

Egypt has denounced Israel's approval of plans to build 1,100 new hotel rooms in a settlement neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem.

This decision proves Israel's insincerity towards efforts to reach a solution to the conflict with Palestinians, based on the establishment of an independent and geographically viable Palestinian state, Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr said Thursday .

Israel has crossed all lines lately, he said.

It tries to impose a status quo that would lead at the end of encircling the Palestinians in their towns with a swarm of settlements, he added.

The hotel rooms are to be constructed in the neighborhood of Givat HaMatos, south of East Jerusalem, near the West Bank city of Bethlehem.



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Author: Ahmed Magdi

### SCAF Vowed to Hand over Power - Kerry



Egypt has to focus on the upcoming presidential elections so that power can be transferred to a civilian authority, said visiting Chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator John Kerry.

The recent violent incidents in Egypt were a source of concern, Kerry said in a press conference on Thursday.

The US administration and Congress reject the use of violence and reiterate the right of citizens to stage protests, Kerry said.

He said he had meetings with Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, People's Assembly Speaker Saad el-Katatni, Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr, presidential candidate Amr Moussa, businesspeople and civil society representatives.

He also had a phone call with Muslim Brotherhood presidential candidate Mohamed Morsi.

The economic challenges remain the biggest to Egypt, he noted.

The US is giving special attention to the upcoming presidential elections in Egypt because Washington believes that transferring power to a civilian authority was Egypt's best shot for progress, he said.

The US is focusing on the electoral process itself and its legitimacy rather than on who will win, Kerry said.

Kerry said he would do all he can to support Egypt's bid for a loan at the International Monetary Fund.



Asked why he met only presidential candidate Amr Moussa and whether this was an indication of Washington's support to him, Kerry said a schedule conflict and his short visit has prevented meetings with other candidates from taking place.

He said he had a phone call with MB candidate Mohamed Morsi.

As for his meeting with SCAF chief Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, Kerry said Tantawi has made it clear that SCAF will hand over power immediately after the presidential elections.

Asked whether the meeting took up the resumption of gas exports to Israel, he said the US wants Egyptian-Israeli relations to continue but the gas issue would be resolved after the presidential elections.

Similar news was reported in Al-Masry Al-Yom (page 7)



## TV Coverage (03/05/2012)



**Channel: al-Hayah**  
**Program: al-Hayah al-Yom**  
**Presenter: Lubna Assal**

SCAF holds a press conference to discuss the current situation and the Abbasiyah crisis.



**Channel: CH 1**  
**Program: news in 24 hours**

SCAF confirms its intention to hand over power according to the timetable.



**Channel: CH 2**  
**Program: Egypt news**

A public and parliamentary delegation heads to Saudi Arabia to assert the strong ties between Cairo and Riyadh.



**Channel: ON TV**  
**Program: Baladna bi al-Masry**  
**Presenter: Reem Maged**

Speaker of the People's Assembly Saad al-Katatni heads an urgent meeting of four committees in the People's Assembly and blames SCAF and the government for the Abasiya incidents.



## Radio Coverage (03/05/2012)



**News**

**Channel: Radio Masr**

A Parliamentary and public delegation leaves to Saudi Arabia to assert the strong ties between Cairo and Riyadh. (25:00:00)

SCAF holds a press conference to discuss the current situation and the Abbasiya crisis. (18:00:00)



**News**

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

SCAF confirms its commitment to handing over the power on the assigned time. (23:15:00)



## Internet Coverage (4/5/2012)



### We are all Khaled Saeed

Media man Osama Kamal talks about the information minister's interference to prevent the appearance of disqualified presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael on his show!! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChAONWp2Iyc&feature=g-all-lik>

The page's stance was clear against any attacks on peaceful protests. The page also rejects completely the abduction of any Egyptian who has nothing to do with the ongoing events. The abduction of an Armed Forces Major would only smear the protesters and the sit-in. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deG55NYlBgc>

A march from Mohamed Mahmoud Mosque. [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/523931\\_400666293316574\\_104224996294040\\_940925\\_239478579\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/523931_400666293316574_104224996294040_940925_239478579_n.jpg)

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces announced a curfew in all areas around Abbasiya from Friday 11 pm to Saturday 7 am.

### Egyptian Cabinet:

Cabinet statement on Abbasiya events: The Cabinet has been following the situation in Abbasiya area and the Defense Ministry with great concern. It truly regrets attempts to storm the Defense Ministry premises, which is an icon for Egypt's sovereignty. The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces has announced on several occasions it would hand over power to a civilian authority elected by the people before June 30. The Cabinet urges all revolutionary and religious powers, political parties, the Parliament and the people to put state interests first.



### **Muslim Brotherhood:**

#### **Highlights of "Morsi for President" Campaign**

The "Morsi for President" campaign announced 25 Goals for the FJP and Brotherhood presidential contender.

The most important goals of the campaign can be summarized as entrenching values of democracy and Shura (consultation) so that elections become the sole means of selecting most governorate and local district leaders.



The campaign further aims to promote and protect political rights, freedom of expression, right to form parties, and to end political arrests and detention and exceptional trials, to guarantee citizens the right to civilian trials.

The campaign underscored the importance of working towards a judicial system completely independent from the executive authority and the political system, so as to ensure its integrity and ability to achieve justice for all citizens regardless of their affiliations.

The campaign stated that Dr. Morsi's top priorities are the restructuring and development of the security system, its independence from the political system, and reassessing staff remuneration to provide a dignified life for security employees, as an incentive to ensure they fulfill their valued and vital role in protecting the lives and possessions of Egyptians.

The campaign underscored the necessity of reassessing the governorates' special funds and subjecting them to monitorial authorities and directing their credit towards development projects under the state's budget.

The campaign further referred to the importance of increasing the number of families benefitting from social security and retirement pensions from half a million to three million families.

The campaign further announced its effort to cancel debts of farmers who are incapable of paying them off and to provide more than 1.25 million job opportunities at all levels matching different qualifications and capabilities of these individuals and hence reducing unemployment rates by 15% annually.

Moreover, Dr. Morsi's campaign also emphasized the goal of developing financial and monetary policies to address the budget deficit and ensure fair assessment of the Egyptian Pound to confront the general debt inflation in addition to implementing a program for restructuring government salaries.

The campaign called for the development of all elements of the healthcare system. It aims to develop treatment, medical research, funding, and required laws, as well as first and precautionary aid, hospital and ambulance treatment.

Moreover, the campaign aims at increasing the healthcare budget gradually, to provide necessary medicine at affordable prices for patients, to build an integrated health insurance system and to pass a health insurance law that would save 11% of the family's annual budget usually spent on medical treatment.

The goals further include the advancement of the tourist sector through an integrated plan based on diversity. The plan's target is 2 million tourists by the end of 2016, providing 220 million tourist nights.



They also include an increase in resources in the tourism industry at cumulative rates reaching 25 billion dollars and providing around 300,000 job opportunities daily.

The campaign affirmed the importance of technical and professional training and of tying it with the job market while reforming the current system and benefitting from university graduates in scientific research and creativity, and adopting new models for the educational process.



Twitter

**Wael Abbas:**

April 6 Youth Movement walks out of Abbasiya Square.

A curfew imposed in Abbasiya.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiXWP4Le-SE&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiXWP4Le-SE&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

This is Mubarak's birthday gift.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=359948030730590&set=a.150914138300648.30360.136754776383251&type=1>

**Iyad elbaghdadi:**

A rape victim has not lost her honor. A society that considers her to be expendable has no honor to speak of.

Only in #Egypt does a photoshop soldier fire photoshop bullets from a photoshop gun at a demonstrator, and actually kill him dead. #SCAF

Retweet if you support cutting off all US financial aid to #SCAF. #Egypt

Jim Rogers: We have inflation in the US, and it's going to get worse: <http://bit.ly/KvnVMG>

#Egypt: Bad to worse.

#SCAF declares a curfew in Abbasiya in Cairo, where the #MOD sit-in is.

As happened before, #SCAF claims that the protesters were armed and that two #Egypt army soldiers died.

Serious question: Whose army is this? Is it #Egypt's army or #SCAF's army?

Overhead map of the Abbasiya/#MOD area: <http://twitpic.com/9gdubj> #Egypt #MOD



The rhetoric on both sides in #Egypt really scares me. May God preserve Egypt and its people?

I think we can agree that if someone throws a rock at you, you can't shoot him in the face with a shotgun and then say he started it.

I hope next week's first-ever presidential debate doesn't get postponed again. #Egypt

List of #Egypt presidential candidates, with background & platform: <http://bit.ly/L88Fut> #Monazarat

#Egypt: So many rumors, so many on both sides that we are unable to get informed enough to form an opinion.

Whatever the case, one thing I know is that these events showed that the current cabinet is totally useless. A third wheel. #Egypt

#### **Arabist:**

New on Arabist: Remember how the Brotherhood were supposed to be the moderates? <http://arb.st/J44Vsc>

Egypt's unlikely front-runner - <http://Salon.com>: <http://bit.ly/IJOsZg> On About Fotouh.

I'm in Beirut flying back to Cairo in one hour. Seems rather Nast at Abbasiya. See @liamstack timeline, he just got out of there.

As always in moments of crisis, Radio Cairo is playing nationalist songs nonstop.

#### **Gsquare86:**

May you rot in hell #Mubarak.

#FreeAll freedom to all detainees. #FuckSCAF

Can someone send me the ONTV Live stream online?

At least 4 #RevSoc comrades are detained along with at least 170 others #FuckSCAF #nomiltials #Egypt

Clashes have started in #Suez between protesters against violence in #Abbasyia and military personals

#SCAF's army men attacking a protester brutally #Abbasyia #MOD ..look at the gun with the general <http://twitpic.com/9hax2s>



Military police officers beating a protester who is not even resisting , #SCAF #Pigs #MOD #Abbasiya <http://twitpic.com/9haxny>

High rank military officer using a gone at a peaceful protester #FuckSCAF #Pig #Egypt <http://twitpic.com/9haz0g>

#SCAF 's army and military police having a brutality festival on Egyptian youth. May u all red-hat torturers burn alive <http://twitpic.com/9hb9cb>

A protester protecting his head from army men brutality and the high rank officer is still wanting to beat him #SCAF <http://twitpic.com/9hba50>

There are at least 11 girls detained at c28 from #MOD & they are denying entry to Ragia Omran, a lawyer, at this hour because she's a woman?

Okasha is showing my video from July 23rd at Abbasyia.



## ▪ 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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