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Newspapers (6/5/2012)



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Updates on and Reactions to the Abbasiya Incidents



A state of uneasy calm prevails in Abbasiya area with curfew imposed by SCAF for the second day from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

All women who had been detained during the clashes were released.

The Military Prosecution arrested a number of suspects and jailed them pending further investigations.

The detained are facing charges of assaulting individuals and attacking public and military facilities. They are also facing charges of obtaining unauthorized weapons, hindering the traffic the public and terrorizing the public. 13 women were amongst the detainees.

Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, head of SCAF visited the 148 injured army members at Kubri al-Qubbah Hospital.

Tantawi also visited the clashes area in Abbasiya and took part in the funeral of the soldier who was killed during the clashes. The soldier's father blamed Salafists, the Muslim Brotherhood and the 6 of April Movement for the death of his son.

The ministry of Health announced that the number of injuries reached 430, amongst them 69 officers and soldiers from the Army. Only 82 casualties are still in the hospital.

The normal flow of the traffic was restored in Abbasiya and the surrounding streets. The Abbasiya Metro Station was reopened and schools opened again.



A number of political powers and representatives of public powers declared that the Armed Forces movement on Friday was a strong-worded message to all those who would attempt to touch to the state's n and sovereignty.

Presidential Candidate Ahmad Shafiq described the incidents as an attempt to to spread disorder and warned of postponing the presidential elections.

Presidential Candidate Amr Mussa expressed his bewilderment at some people's attempts to attack the Ministry of Defense, questioning the goals of those people. Mussa alluded to some elements that were provoking demonstrators.

Presidential Candidate Husam Khair Allah said the incidents were conspiracy against the nation and the Armed Forces to tarnish Egypt's image.

11 political and revolutionary movements will organize a demonstration from the High Court of Justice to the People's Assembly headquarters to call for releasing the detained.

The National Council for Human Rights formed a fact-finding committee to investigate into the incidents.

A military judicial source denied what was rumored about decisions to arrest a number of personalities. The source declared that the investigations were still being conducted, asserting that names of those who would be proved guilty would be announced.

Eye witnesses reported that the security forces arrested four suspects who are facing charges of killing four of Abbasiya people.

The general committee at the People's Assembly decided to form a parliamentary committee to negotiate with SCAF about the government crisis.



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Author: many authors

Presidential Race and Abbasiya Violence

Presidential Salim al-Awwa denounced the attacks against the Ministry of Defense sandy any attempts to harm the state's sovereignty.

Presidential Candidate Ahmad Shafiq mourned the army "martyr" and condemned the presidential candidates who supported violence in Abbasiya.

MP al-Badri Farghali blamed the excluded presidential candidate's Hazim Salah Abu Ismail's advocates of Abbaiya violence.



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Author: Ebtessam Talaab and Mohsen Samika

Baradei Calls for Electing Interim President

«البرادعي» يدعو لانتخاب رئيس مؤقت لوضع الدستور.. ثم إجراء الانتخابات

كثيبت، ابتهسام تالاب ومحسن سمكة
قدم الدكتور محمد البرادعي، وكيل لرئيس حزب الدستور «حزب الناس»، مقترحا للخروج من الأزمة السياسية الحالية، والتوجه بالبرادعي، عبر رسالة كتبها على موقع «تويتر» أمس، انتخاب رئيس مؤقت بمصاحبة تشكيل لجنة توافقية، من أصحاب الفكر، تمثل جميع الأطراف لوضع دستور لكل المصريين، يعقبه إجراء انتخابات برلمانية رئاسية. وقال البرادعي، في رسالته إنه في ظل غياب الدستور سيكون انتخاب رئيس الجمهورية القادم بمصاحبات سيحدثها المجلس العسكري، من خلال إشراك ديموقراطي لم يوافق عليه الشجعان بتجديد انتخابه من العظم، بل لا يفرجا عما نحن فيه. في سياق متصل، عقد مؤتمرا حزب الدستور اجتماعات متتالية، خلال الأسبوع الماضي للتجهيز لمؤتمرا جماهيري يوم ١٨ مايو الجاري لاستقبال الراغبين في الانضمام للحزب، ومن المتوقع عدده في اسناد القاهرة، أو في مدينة الأزهر، لتسعى لعدد المشاركين المتوقع أن يكون كبيرا، والفق المؤسسون على تشكيل عدد من اللجان المختصة لتسلم استمارات العضوية والبيانات الخاصة بالتوكيلات، عبر الموقع الإلكتروني الرسمي للحزب الذي يستقبل مشاركات المهتمين بشأن تصميم الشعار الخاص به، فيما كشف جهاد سمير، عضو الهيئة العليا للحزب الرعي، عن نتائج بيانات حزبه، وبيانات «الدستور» على دمج الحزبين في كيان واحد، وقال له المصري السيد: «ناقلنا مشروع الاندماج، بعد إجراء استطلاع عبر الصفحة الرسمية للحزب على موقع (فيس بوك)، وأكد أن 7٨٪ من المشاركين يؤيدون فكرة الاندماج، وأوضح أن هناك شبه إجماع من قبل الشباب والمؤسسين والشاعرا الحزبية في المحافظات على توحيد الصف الحزبي، وإعلان مصلحة الوطن فوق أي مصالح شخصية أو حزبية».

Former chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency and political activist Mohamed el-Baradei suggested the election of an interim president to form a consensus commission to write the constitution as a way to get out of the current crisis.

Baradei, the founder of the “Constitution Party”, said the parliamentary and presidential elections can take place afterward.



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Author: Not mentioned

Tantawi visits Abbassiya Injured Officers in Hospital

المشير طنطاوي يطمئن على مصابي العباسية بمستشفى كوبري القبة العسكري

قام المشير حسين طنطاوي القائد العام ورئيس المجلس الأعلى للقوات المسلحة بزيارة إلى الجرحى والطبى للقوات المسلحة بكوبرى القبة للاطمئنان على الحالة الصحية والتأكد من الخدمة الطبية المتكاملة المقدمة لمصابى أحداث العباسية من المدنيين والعسكريين والتي تتج عليها إصابة ضابط وسبعة ضباط وطه و 11 جندياً.

استمع المشير طنطاوي المشرح من الاطعم الطبية واستشارى الجميع عن طبيعة الإصابة لعدد من الحالات والحسن على سرعة استجابتهم للعلاج.

وأصدر الأوامر بتوفير كافة سبل الرعاية الطبية وإجراء التحاليل والأشعة التشخيصية والجراحات اللازمة لجميع المصابين على نفقة القوات المسلحة واستمرار متابعة حالتهم الصحية لمنع شللهم للشفاء.

صالح المشير طنطاوي عدداً من المصابين وإدار حواراً معهم وأكد لهم إن القوات المسلحة ستقدم كافة الإجراءات الطبية والعلاجية لهم باعتبارها جزءاً لا يتجزأ من شعب محاصر العتقم وأنها مستتار دائماً على الوفاء ببهمتها في الدفاع عن الوطن وحماية إنجازات شعبية في هذه المرحلة الدقيقة من تاريخ مصر، وأعرب المصابين من أفراد القوات المسلحة عن عميق امتنانهم وشكرهم لمخبرين سرعة الشفا للعودة لمعلمهم من أجل الدفاع والقتن عن هذا الوطن. كما رار المشير طنطاوي مصابي الأحداث من المدنيين المغمضين ببيدات العباسية والذين يخضعون للعلاج بمستشفى كوبري القبة العسكري على نفقة القوات المسلحة والحسان عليهم. وإدار معهم حواراً حول الأحداث.

Head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi visited Armed Forces personnel, who were injured during Al-Abbasiya clashes, in Kobri Al-Qobba Hospital.

About 148 Armed Forces officers were injured in the events.

Political Parties Hold a Meeting



10 political parties held a meeting to demand SCAF to end the investigation in Abbaseya incidents and reveal the results of this investigation to the public. They also demanded SCAF to issue a Constitutional Declaration that shows the responsibilities of the Parliament and the upcoming president.

Some of these parties are: Peaceful Democratic, Al-Tagamou, Al-Thawra, Egypt Arab Communist, and Al-Geel.

The parties condemned the violent acts that took place in Abbaseya and demanded to leave PM Kamal Al-Ganzory government in office till the end of the transitional period.

Pages: 1
Author: Sherief Al-Dawakhly and others

Salafis Seized With Guns in Abbaseya



The Armed Forces in coordination with security forces in Cairo arrested 150 salafis, inside Al-Nour Mosque in Abbaseya area, with guns and Molotov cocktails in their possession.

The security forces also seized a car loaded with 50 guns heading to Abbaseya. The car turned out to be stolen.

The Military Prosecution decided to detain 300 suspects involved in the Abbaseya incidents.

Pages: 1
Author: Ahmed Zaki

Anti-Military Militias



A group called “The Egyptian Revolution Guards”, anti-military forces militias, said in a statement on its Facebook page that they attacked an Armed Forces officer and stole his weapon near Al-Nour Mosque in Abbaseya.

They also announced that clashes took part between them and a group of Armed Forces officers.

In its statement on Facebook, the group said that its forces were intensively present in the areas of Tahrir Square, the Ministry of Interior and Maspero and would start retaliation against the Armed Forces if they try to violently encounter the protesters.

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Author: Mahmoud Al-Emary

Revolution Youth Comments on Abbaseya Incidents



Al-Jamaaa' Al-Islameya (Islamic Group) MP Assem Abdel-Maged said that the Armed Forces have taught the protestors a lesson.

But the revolution youth totally disagreed with what Abdel-Maged's statements and said using violence against the protestors during the Ministry of Defense protest was a pre-arranged plan by the Armed Forces.

April 6 Youth Movement spokesman also differed with the MP's opinion and said that the Movement was with the protestors in Abbaseya.

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Author: Dalia Al-Hamshary.

Saudi Embassy and Consulates in Egypt are Open



Saudi Ambassador arrived in Egypt yesterday and Saudi Arabia embassy in Cairo and its consulates in Alexandria and Suez resumed their work today. They said they will double their efforts in the coming days to make up for the period in which they remained closed.

The Saudi ambassador said the past crisis that took place between the two countries is a misunderstanding and the relation between the two countries can't be affected.



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Authors: Hani Yassin, Mahmoud Sha'ban (and others).

Islamists: SCAF is Manipulating the Revolution

الإسلاميون: «العسكري» يلوى ذراع الثورة
 < **الإخوان: العسكر يريد التهام الرئاسة.. والجماعة الإسلامية: أحداث العباسية مفتعلة لتأجيل الانتخابات**

كتب: هاني ياسين ومحمود شعبان ويومى وصالح الجن
 رغم اختلاف الإسلاميين وشبههم، في دعم مرشح
 العسكري حظز التحول إلى أسس، في ميدان العباسية
 ومجيد وزارة الدفاع والشؤون الأزبية إليها، إثر
 الاشتباكات الدامية التي اندلعت بين قوات الجيش
 والمتظاهرين، أول من أمس، بعد مؤشرا خطيرا تنبأ
 العسكري، تأجيل الانتخابات الرئاسية المقبلة، وفي ذراع
 القوى السياسية، وإسلا، شروطه السياسية عليها في
 الدستور الجديد.
 النائب عن حزب الحرية والعدالة، النزاع السياسية
 لجماعة الإخوان المسلمين، محمد جمال حشمت، ظل إن
 ما يحدث، يدع الجميع ليظن السوء في المجلس العسكري،
 معتبرا أن مواجهات العباسية ومجيد وزارة الدفاع تكشف
 عن نوات المجلس العسكري التهام الانتخابات الرئاسية.
 والتسعى إلى إنقاذها أو تأجيلها والنقذ في الحكم فترة

طويلة.. حذرت شدد على تسلك الإخوان والقوى
 السياسية، والشراع المصري، بالموعد المحدد لتسليم
 السلطة في 30 يونيو المقبل، معتبرا أن هذا الموعد خط
 أحمر، لا يجوز الإقتراب منه من جانب المجلس العسكري،
 ولا يجب التمسك به على الإطلاق، معتبرا من ثورة أهلية
 في حال السعي إلى تأجيل الانتخابات الرئاسية، من جانب.
 قال مدير المكتب الإعلامي باسم الجماعة الإسلامية،
 محمد حسنين، إن الجماعة مع المطالب العادلة للتعيب
 المصري، وإن حق الاضطلاع ستكون للجميع، إلا أن
 المعتصمين اختاروا -من وجهة نظره- المكان الخطأ
 محملا في الوقت ذاته، المجلس العسكري مسؤولية ما
 يحدث، لأنه منى بحماية المتظاهرين، ولم يتدخل لمنع
 القتل والإصابات، التي لحقت بهم، معتبرا أن ما حدث
 هي العباسية مفتعلة لإحداث صدام، ومن ثم تأخير
 تسليم السلطة وتأجيل الانتخابات، مما سيمثل كارثة على
 مصر..

Although Islamists largely disagreed on giving their support to a single presidential candidate, they found a room for agreement that SCAF might have intentions to postpone presidential elections.

Following the clashes that erupted in Al-Abbasiya Square on Friday, SCAF imposed a curfew in the square and surrounding streets, some considered this to be a pretext for dominating all political powers and imposing their decisions.

FJP/MP Mohamed Gamal Hishmat said that all the clashes that took place in Al-Abbasiya Square might indicate SCAF's intentions to remain longer in power. He said that June 30 will mark the end of the transitional period and warned from a second revolution if SCAF did not hand over power before the scheduled date.



Page: 3.
 Author: Mohamed Abu Zeid.

Tantawi Meets El-Katatni Today



The People’s Assembly decided to form a special committee today which includes Speaker of People’s Assembly Dr. Saad El-Katatni, two of his deputies and seven Members of Parliament. The committee will discuss with Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, Head of SCAF, and four main issues: Al-Abbasiya clashes, issuing a new Constitutional Declaration ahead of presidential elections, the Constituent Assembly formation and the future of El-Ganzouri’s government.

SCAF declared its intentions to issue another Constitutional Declaration that determines the power of Egypt’s new president.

MP Essam El-Erian said the only solution for the political crisis in the country is to open a dialogue with SCAF generals.

Page: 3.
Author: Nada Al-Khouli.

Military Police Disperse a Protest for Families of Al-Abbasiya Detainees



Military Police used violence to disperse a protest for the families of protesters who were detained in Al-Abbasiya clashes and a number of their supporters.

Al-Shorouk's photographer Mohamed Nouhan was beaten by the Military Police and his camera was smashed. Other activists and members of the detainees' families were also injured as a result of the attack. Military Police also arrested some of the political activists.



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Author: Dandarawi al-Hawari and others

The Armed Forces' Counter Attack



Military sources revealed that the Military Prosecution was preparing a list of 59 names of the provokers of Abbasiya incidents. Amongst those suspects are: the excluded presidential candidate Hazim Salah Abu Ismail, the Islamic preachers Hasan Abu al-Ashbal, Ahmad al-Sisi, in addition to Sheik Murjan Salim and Nawwarah Najm.

Meanwhile a number of presidential candidates denounced the attacks against the Ministry of Defense.

The Military Prosecution detained 300 suspects for 15 days pending further investigations.

Clashes took place between the military police forces and the detained families.

Meanwhile Field Marshal Husseins Tantawi and leading SCAF members participated in the funeral of the soldier who was killed during the classes.

[Al-yom al-Sabei provided detailed report on the issue on pages 4 and 5]



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Author: Ibrahim Qasim and Rihab Abd Al-Lah

Contestation against the Annulment of Parliamentary Elections



The Supreme Constitutional Court’s College of Commissioners starts today the preparatory session to examine the parliamentary elections consistency with the Constitution.

Sources reported that there might be more than one preparatory session before the college issues its final report to the court.

Pages: 1, 6
 Author: Abd al-Halim Salim

Two Soldiers Injured in Sinai



Violence seems to be escalating in Sinai. “Extremist groups” attacked the army and police forces with RBG and machine guns. Two soldiers were injured in the attack.

The Army could control the entrances and exits of Sheikh Abu Zweid town in North Sinai and the international highway.

The United States voiced concerns about the escalation of violence in Sinai.

Pages: 1, 8-9

Author: Khalid Salah and Amin Salah (interviewers)

Interview with Amr Mussa



Al-Yom al-Sabei interviewed Presidential Candidate Amr Mussa. The following headlines were covered:

Amr Mussa said he was sure of winning the first round of the presidential elections. Mussa, however, expected that a potential runoff would be with an Islamist candidate.

Mussa said candidates Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh, Muhammad Mursi and Salim al-Awwa represented the Islamist project in Egypt, and warned people who could not believe that. [Many people believe that Abu al-Futouh is not Islamist regardless of his 36-year membership in the Muslim Brotherhood.]

Reflecting on the crisis between the Parliament and the Government, Mussa wondered why withdrawing the confidence from the government in spite of the soon end of the transitional period.

Mussa also believes that Camp David treaty between Egypt and Israel is old-fashioned and dead.



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Author: Mohamed el-Bahnasawi

319 Arrested over Abbassiya Events



As many as 319 were arrested for their involvement in Al-Abbassiya events, said deputy head of the military police Major General Ibrahim el-Damati.

The detainees are facing charges of assaulting Armed Forces personnel and threatening a military facility, Damati said during a conference organized by the State Information Service.

The military prosecution decided to release all girls arrested during the events, said head of the military judicial authority Major General Adel el-Morsi.



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Author: Ashraf Sharaf

Complaint Accuses Abul-Fotouh of Inciting Abbasiya Events



A lawyer in Alexandria filed a complaint with Prosecutor General Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud against presidential candidate Abdel-Moneim Abul-Fotouh accusing him of inciting the recent bloody events of Al-Abbasiya.

According to the complaint, Abul-Fotouh headed to the protesters near the premises of the Defense Ministry and delivered an inciting address.

Abul-Fotouh blamed the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces for the deaths that took place in the area, the lawyer said.



TV Coverage (04/05/2012)



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

Military Prosecution decided to arrest 300 suspects in Abbaseya incidents and to search for the people who incited the suspects.

Similar news was reported in:

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

Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1 "State TV"

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



Program: Masr Tantikheb Al-Raees
Channel: CBC
Host: Dina Abdel-Rahman and Adel Hamoda

Guest Khaled Ali, presidential candidate said: "I'm a benefit to Egypt as I will build new economy. With regard to the foreign affairs I will realize balance."

Parliament General Committee decides to form a 10-member committee to discuss with SCAF Abbaseya incidents and drafting the constitution.

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



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

Violence in Abbaseya and Tahrir Square protestors maintain the peaceful pace of the demonstrations.

SCAF source said the constitution might be drafted before the beginning of July.

The Muslim Brotherhood is drafting a law to form The Constituent Assembly.



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

Military Prosecution decided to free all the women who were detained in Abbaseya incidents.

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

The curfew imposed from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM in Abbaseya is resumed.

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Program: Al-Hayat Al-An, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Maha Bahnasy
Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda, Channel: Al-Hayat 2, Host: Moataz Al-Dermedash
Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"
Program: 24 Hours News, Channel 1"State TV"

Calm in Abbaseya Square and the traffic flow is back to normal.

Similar news was reported in Program: Yesed Sabahak , Channel 2"State TV", Host: Dina Hejazy and Hany Tawfik

Saudi Arabia Ambassador arrives in Cairo and will resume his work tomorrow.

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Program: Al-Hayat Al-An, Channel: Al-Hayat, Host: Maha Bahnasy
Program: Akhbar Masr, Channel 1"State TV"
Program: 24 Hours News, Channel 1"State TV"

A junior Parliament committee is formed to hold a meeting with SCAF to discuss Abbaseya incidents.



Program: Yesed Sabahak
Channel 2"State TV"
Host: Dina Hejazy and Hany Tawfik

Saudi Arabia declared that the Saudi Ambassador would arrive in CVairo within 48 hours.

Ministry of Health declared that an armed forces soldier died and 373 were injured in Abbaseya incidents.



Radio Coverage (04/05/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

The curfew imposed from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM in Abbaseya is resumed. 18:00:00

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

Military Prosecution decided to arrest 300 suspects in Abbaseya incidents and to search for the people who incited the suspects. 18:00:00

Saudi Arabia declared that the Saudi Ambassador would arrive in Cairo within 48 hours. 18:00:00

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

Military Prosecution decided to free all the women who were arrested in Abbaseya incidents. 25:00:00

Parliament General Committee decides to form a 10-member committee to discuss with SCAF the Abbaseya incidents and drafting the constitution. 25:00:00



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Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

Calm in Abbaseya Square and the traffic flow is back to normal. 23:00:00

Similar news was reported in:
Channel: State Radio, Time: 17:00:00

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Presidential Elections Commission denied all media reports about preventing Hazem Abu Ismail appearing in the media. 25:00:00



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Channel: State Radio
Time: 17:00:00

Al-Ifta House urges all parties to maintain self-restraint.



Internet Coverage (5/5/2012)

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We Are All Khaled Saeed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQVVnXFxEq8>

Stances by the revolution's youth have preceded those taken by experienced political parties and powers. Do you remember this video? One of the revolution's youths, Mostafa el-Nagar, told People's Assembly Speaker Saad el-Katatni: The parliament cannot withdraw confidence from the government.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWh2fQppSHo&fb_source=message



Arabawy:

CSF Conscripts on Munity:

Central Security Forces in Obour are now on munity, following the death of one of their colleagues, reportedly tortured by an officer. The conscripts have stormed the gates of their camp, and cut the Cairo - Ismailia road. In the video above, they are even chanting a famous UWK anti-police song!

There are reports also that army units have been sent to crush the mutiny, but I can't confirm any, though it's expected.

This is not the first time such munity occurs following the outbreak of the revolution. Several mutinies occurred on the Friday of Anger 28 January 2011. On the following day, the guy next to me in Mohamed Mahmoud Street while marching on the interior ministry was a CSF conscript who escaped from his camp and joined the protesters. Repeated mutinies were reported in Cairo, Alexandria and elsewhere over the course of the following months, over ill treatment from the officers, long working hours, bad food.

The CSF is the interior ministry's army, and its central arm in crushing street dissent. Those conscripts are poorly paid, poorly fed, tortured, and made to do the state's most dirty job. The last time they went on a full scale mutiny was in 1986, crushed brutally by Mubarak who sent in the army.

Even if Tantawi manages to crush this rebellion and prevent it from spreading, the objective conditions for another 1986-style mass scale mutiny are still there. Those new waves of conscripts are not just the sons of poor peasants and workers, who have no love for their officers, but also we are going through a revolution in case you forgot. And those new conscripts have seen it, and could well have participated in it prior to their conscription.



The interior ministry will not be able to restructure its CSF. There is not the political will; the current police generals who belong to Habib el-Adly's clique are more than happy to see the status army of slaves remains unchanged. SCAF's generals too would love to see Mubarak's CSF revived in full force and take charge of crushing protests instead of having to involve the military police.

I wholeheartedly support the CSF mutiny, and I have no doubt that we will be seeing similar acts in the army barracks in the future...

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



Muslim Brotherhood:

FJP Women Committee: Military Council Bears Consequences of Women Arbitrary Arrest, Detention

Hoda Abdel Moneim, lawyer and Chairwoman of the Women's Affairs Committee of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) in east Cairo, called for quick release of all detainees held by military police, and especially females.

"We call on the military judiciary to be fair and release them immediately. We warn against any delay by the military prosecutor. If those ladies are not released soon, the Egyptian People's response may be totally unpredictable and tremendously overwhelming, as they are already angry for not really winning their long lost freedom even after the revolution, and for the recent escalation against them, and now this violence and detention."

Hoda Abdel Moneim denounced the random arrest of these women, especially as they are simply Egyptian citizens with no political orientation, many of whom are physicians who happened to be helping treat the wounded in the field hospital and sought shelter in Nour Mosque under a barrage of bullets in the street.

She added that the escalation by military police towards women is both unjustified and unprecedented, which demonstrates how the powers that be are challenging the will of the people.

She further regretted that the appeal in military trials is submitted before the same prosecutor, who beats the purpose, since it almost certainly leads to the same verdict. She therefore appealed to all political forces to work together until those women are released, denouncing the way this crisis is being dealt with, the escalation and the violence and repression, adding: "By contrast, not a single thug has been arrested".

"Also the media, judging by their totally unprofessional performance over the past couple of days, are corrupt to the core. They seem determined to tarnish the image of the



detainees, the same approach they took during the first days of the revolution and in the days of the just as corrupt former regime.”

Muslim Brotherhood Statement on Latest Abbasiya Events, Atrocities and Arrests

The Muslim Brotherhood, shocked and dismayed at the Abbasiya clashes, would like to clarify their position in the following points:

- The sanctity of blood in Islam is greater than the sanctity of the most sacred Kaaba. Hence, we condemn the brutal killing of dozens of martyrs and the atrocious wounding of hundreds of protesters.
- The responsibility for these dead and wounded falls on the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) as the military ruler currently managing the affairs of the country and therefore has the duty of protecting citizens. Sharing this responsibility also is the Interior Ministry which has duties of public security, since security apparatus know the thugs and are equipped to face them in accordance with law.
- While dozens of protesters were arrested, brought to military trials, sentenced and jailed in less than 24 hours, not a single thug has been arrested for killing peaceful protesters in the past two days, which is baffling and shocking.
- We affirm the right of citizens to peaceful protest and sit-ins without attacking people or public or private property or government institutions whether civilian or military.
- The arrest of women is a reprehensible and abhorrent action. It is unreasonable to hold them responsible for attacking individuals or institutions. Hence, we demand the immediate release of all female detainees.
- We strongly condemn aggression and atrocities against journalists and media personnel who were detained and referred to the military prosecutor while engaged in their professional duty. Hence, we demand their immediate release.
- We further condemn brutality and attacks on medical workers in the field hospital where doctors and their assistants were performing noble humanitarian acts rescuing the injured. They deserve to be honored, not arrested, interrogated and imprisoned.
- We also condemn the aggression against the house of God (Nour Mosque) and the arrest of people from within, especially the great Sheikh Hafiz Salama, the popular resistance hero of Suez, who at ninety years of age was not released except after lengthy and arduous mediation efforts.



- We denounce the referral of civilians to the military prosecutor. Most of those arrested were in the streets and mosques out and away from military institutions. Hence, we demand that they should at least be quickly transferred to the Public Prosecution.

- We make a clear distinction between the Egyptian army on the one hand, and SCAF on the other. For the latter is responsible for managing the affairs of the country in this period of transition. The political dispute with SCAF does not at all mean any disagreement with the armed forces. Those are the people's army, their sons, their brothers and protectors. The people value and appreciate and support them by all means physical and moral.

- Finally, we reaffirm that Egyptian blood is a red line that all officials and citizens must respect as inviolable. "Whoever kills a human being, except as punishment for murder or for causing turmoil in the land, so it shall be as if he had killed all mankind; and whoever saves the life of one person, is as if he had saved the life of all mankind", Holy Quran (5:32).

- To the great Egyptian people: Persist with resolve and determination to achieve victory for the great revolution and to attain its goals. Commit to protect it from any counter coup.

- To all Egypt's national parties, forces and stakeholders: We must all unite and close ranks, and to put principles high above personal or partisan interests, for the sake of advancement of the country and in order to achieve the goals agreed upon by the great people of this homeland.

- To the media: Do investigate the truthfulness of the news you publish or broadcast. Do commit to objectivity in the handling of the issues you report. Do respect the will of the people and the professional ethics of journalism.

- To the ruling Military Council: The people have given their trust to you, as you announced a speedy transfer of power to freely elected civilians in accordance with a clear timetable, according to your pledge to them to strengthen their unity and protect their revolution and reaffirm their dignity during the transitional period. That is your responsibility before God and also before the people and history. That means you must reveal all the facts in all the events that took place recently, and to achieve the goals and the demands of the revolution, and to block any attempts to reproduce the former regime with all clarity, transparency and integrity.

May God protect Egypt from all evil, guide its people to good fortunes, and remove all crises and distress.

Urgent Statement from MP Hoda Ghaneya Against Arrest of Women in Abbassiya Clashes

Dr. Hoda Ghaneya, member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Affairs at the Egyptian People's Assembly and member of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) Parliamentary Commission, submitted an urgent statement about the imprisonment by the military prosecutor of 15 women who were arrested at random from Nour Mosque in



Abbasiya, Cairo and detained for 15 days pending investigations on charges of sabotage of public facilities and assaulting army officers. They were first detained by the military police inside Nour Mosque for several hours. Then, officers opened the mosque's doors and arrested the women.

The investigations were carried out with the women, at two o'clock in the morning. The ladies were then transferred to Qanatir prison, at six o'clock in the morning.

The lawmaker condemned the arrest and detention of the women, and called for their release immediately, especially as most of them are doctors who were in the Abbasiya field hospital helping treat the wounded and sought shelter in Nour Mosque when the events occurred.

MP Ghaneya was baffled at the arrest of such a large number of female doctors and journalists, while on Wednesday only 7 thugs were arrested, of whom 3 were released shortly afterwards, according to the Assistant Minister of Interior's statement in the joint meeting of the four Committees on Defense, National Security, youth and Human Rights.



Twitter

@AsmaaMahfouz

No one can break Egypt's female revolutionaries!

Now that female protesters were released, we are waiting for the release of all male protesters arrested on Friday.

@Monasosh

We had a stand in front of C28 yesterday and Military Police arrested 6 of us!

We need volunteers who can work on providing media substance, follow up with families of detained revolutionaries, provide food for detainees, and all the aspects related to the military trials of more than 400 protesters.

@Arabist

"New on Arabist: Links 30 April - May 5 2012 <http://bit.ly/Iyt8TV>"

"The Aboul Fotouh Bandwagon: <http://bit.ly/J22ZNG> Baheyya likes."

"As always in moments of crisis, radio cairo is playing nationalist songs nonstop."

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



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

@Iyad_ElBaghdadi

"I can't reconcile with the objectification of women. It disgusts me. Even if it's in a comedy, for fucks."

"Name me one country in which private sector education is worse than public sector education."

"Although public investment in infrastructure is vital to put a poor population on the first rung of economic development."

"Once again, my seminal vlog introducing the #ArabSpringManifesto:<http://bit.ly/oMmMz5>"

"I have to say that I'm impressed with the #Egypt MB's economic plans. Although we're yet to see it in full."

"May those who try to ride this, end up trampled by it. #ArabSpring"

"Once again, there's no such thing as a free lunch. For a country to provide subsidies for the poor it must take resources from elsewhere."

"The last three decades, esp. in China and India, show us which system is best for lifting millions out of poverty. Free markets."

@Gsquare86

"CSF are conscripts who are used to fight protesters now they are protesting against the killing of one of them by police officers #Egypt"

"CSF officers are chanting against police officers protesting over the killing of one of them by a police officer #Egypt"

"This is how "oppressed" women liberate themselves #Palestine#MonaElTahawy "

"I would love to know what Mona El Tahawy thinks of this "oppressed" woman ? #MonaHatesUs"



▪ 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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