



News Coverage

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Newspapers (11/5/2012)



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Curfew Continues in Abbasiya



Curfew was imposed for the seventh day in Abbasiya and the surrounding of the Ministry of Defense from midnight to 6 a.m.



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Author: not mentioned

No Mass Demonstrations Today

Different political players of different trends in Egypt announced that they would not participate in demonstrations this Friday.

Excluded presidential candidate Salafist Hazim Salahs Abu Ismail also declared postponing the mass demonstration he had called for in Tahrir Square this Friday.

Abu Ismail said the decision to postpone the demonstration today followed “highly important communications.”

I received calls of high importance about the updates of the incidents and the current way of dealing with them. Meetings were held yesterday, and depending on the meetings my calls to a mass demonstration have been postponed.

Political players also criticized the Muslim Brotherhood’s and Salafists’ performance in the parliament and troubles they deliberately incited crisis with Ganzouri government before the presidential elections.

On the other hand 12 political movements amongst who was al-Mushir [the Field Marshal] Campaign, al-Aghlabiya al-Samita [The Silent Majority] and Ana al-Masry [I, the Egyptian] declared organizing demonstrations today advocating the Egyptian Army.

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Author: Muhammad al-Shadhili and Ayman Farouq

Heavy Weapons Confiscated on the Way to Upper Egypt



The Egyptian authorities confiscated a shipment of heavy weapons between Matrouh and Alexandria. The shipment was on its way to Upper Egypt and contained heavy weapons, including forty 260 km surface missiles and 17 Rocket-propelled grenades and other arms and heavy ammunition.

The three smugglers were arrested in the three charged cars that were heading to Upper Egypt.

Similar news was reported in Dustour, p. 1; al-Yom al-Sabei, p. 3 + the arms came from Libya.



المصري اليوم

www.almasryalyom.com

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Author: Hamdi Dabsh

Abu-Ismael Says Protest Postponed

«أبو إسماعيل»: «أجلت» المليونية الأخيرة» بعد وعود «مسؤولين» بالإصلاح السياسي

كتب - حمدي دوش
قال حازم صلاح أبو إسماعيل، المرشح المستبعد من انتخابات الرئاسة، إنه قرر تأجيل المليونية التي دعا إليها اليوم، التي تحمل اسم «المليونية الأخيرة»، بعد أن عقد اجتماعاً أمس الأول، مع مسؤولين في الدولة - رفض ذكر أسمائهم - وحصل منهم على وعود بإجراء إصلاحات سياسية. وأنهم سيردون على مطالبه بعد غد، وفي حالة عدم تنفيذ الوعود، سيحدد موعداً آخر للمليونية، وسيحشد فيها كل القوى السياسية. وأضاف أبو إسماعيل، في تصريحات خاصة له المصري اليوم، أنه يعمل على تأسيس حزب أو ائتلاف ضخم يضم عدداً من الأحزاب والقوى السياسية، للمشاركة بقوة في الحياة السياسية الفترة المقبلة. وأنه سيعمل غداً عن تفاصيل هذا الائتلاف أو الحزب في مؤتمر بمسجد

أسد بن الفراء، وقال إن الحزب سيكون الأول في مصر خلال فترة قصيرة، وسيضم إليه آلاف الأعضاء بمجرد تأسيسه، كما سيعمل في المؤتمر نفسه، المرشح الذي سيدعمه في انتخابات الرئاسة، وسيدعو جميع النصارى لدعمه.
وقال جمال صابر، مسؤول حملة «لازم حازم»، إن الآلاف من أنصار أبو إسماعيل ينتظرون قراره بدعم المرشح الذي سيحدده، مشيراً إلى وجود اتجاه لتأييد الدكتور محمد مرسي، مرشح الإخوان المسلمين، لأنه «الوحيد الذي يطالب بتطبيق الشريعة».
وأضاف «صابر» أنهم التزموا بقراره وتراجعوا عن المشاركة في المليونية اليوم، وينتظرون الموعد الجديد الذي سيحدده لهم، في حالة رفض مطالبه، وعلى رأسها عدم إحالة المدنيين إلى محاكم عسكرية، والإفراج عن المتهمين في أحداث الغيابة.

Disqualified presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu-Ismael said he decided to postpone a million-people protest he had called for after having a meeting with officials.

The officials, who he did not name, vowed to carry out political reform measures, Abul-Ismael said.

He said he was working on establishing a political party or a large coalition to group several movements.



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Author: Gomaa Hamdallah, Mohamed el-Sanhouri, Heba el-Qodsi, Nagaty Badr and Fathi Samir

Egyptian Expatriates Start Voting in Presidential Polls



As many as 586,000 Egyptian nationals living abroad will cast their ballots in the presidential elections held in the period between May 11 and 17.

Only those registered on the website of the High Presidential Elections Commission will be eligible to vote in the polls.

The largest number of voters is present in Saudi Arabia (261,924), Kuwait (119,234), the UAE (61,427), Qatar (32,836) and the US (27,318).



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Author: Fathi el-Serawi and Ahmed Mourad

Port Said Defendants Say They Were Tortured



The defendants, who are being tried over the Port Said massacre, said they were tortured in prison by other inmates.

During a trial hearing on Thursday, the defendants said other inmates have been torturing and mistreating them.

The defendants' families called for a fair treatment of their relatives in prison.

The defendants are being tried over the football-related riots that occurred following a match between Al-Ahly and Al-Masry clubs. More than 72 people were killed and hundreds were injured.

Several videos of the day, February 1, showed thugs or unidentified people attacking football fans with cold weapons and swords. Some showed other fans being thrown off the top of the stadium steps.



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Author: Ahmad Ishari

Abu al-Futouh Promised Salafists of Leading Positions



Salafist al-Nour Party held a secret private meeting in Kafr al-Shaikh. Only invited people could attend the meeting that was held to discuss the reasons behind supporting Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh in the presidential elections.

MP Muhammad Ibrahim Mansour and member of the legislating committee at al-Nour Party, and member of the Board of the Salafi Call was the speaker in the meeting. 300 of the Salafi Call and its political arm al-Nour Party leaders were in the meeting. Mansour said the Salafi Call and al-Nour supported Abu al-Futouh after the latest political updates.

A leader in al-Nour [party said Abu al-Futouh promised the Salafi Call of leading positions.

Salafists also seem to be aware of the deteriorating popularity of the Muslim Brotherhood due to their comporments in the past period. Al-Nour also criticized the Muslim Brotherhood's attitude in the parliamentary elections where they obliged Salafi fully veiled voters to reveal their faces to the judges of the polling stations.

Pages: 1, 4
Author: Muhammad al-Sayyid

The Defense Withdraws in Port Said Case



The defense of the suspects in Port Said stadium case resigned yesterday, protesting the torture against 10 of the suspects after the court session.

The defense filed claims against the torture of 10 of the suspects who are jailed in Tora.

The direct examination of the suspects proved the torture acts on them. The claims were thus referred to the Attorney General for investigations.

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



Pages: 1, 4
 Author: not mentioned

Abu al-Futouh and the Jihadis in Afghanistan



Al-Dutour reported on a YouTube video that shows Presidential Candidate Abu al-Futouh in one of the Afghani camps.

As member of the Muslim Brotherhood on the one hand and the Egyptian Medical Syndicate, Abu al-Futouh participated in collecting huge donations for Jihadis in Afghanistan.



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Author: el-Shimaa Abdel-Latif

Azhar Imam Refuses to Support MB Candidate



Al-Azhar Grand Ahmed el-Tayyeb refused to support the presidential candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood group, Mohamed Morsi.

Al-Azhar will be neutral in the presidential polls and would not support a certain candidate, Tayyeb said.



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Author: Khalid Mussa

An Azhar Document Supporting Women



The Azhar Grand Imam declared that the Azhar would soon issue a statement in favor of women.

The statement will be to protect women against fundamentalists and extremists.

The Grand Imam said Egypt could pass the transitional period with the least losses.



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Author: Muhammad Khayal

Badei against Rigging in Presidential Elections



General Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood Muhammad Badei called on the political players in Egypt to revive the revolution spirits that prevailed in Egypt with the beginning of the Jan 25 revolution.

He also called for resisting any attempts to forge the presidential elections, reiterating the necessity to draft a constitution that reflects the public will.



Pages: 1, 6
 Author: Samar al-Jamal

Behind the Coullisse of the First Presidential Debate



Al-Shurouk presented a detailed report about the TV debate between presidential candidates Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh and Amr Mussa.

The report highlighted the details that preceded the debate behind the coulisse, presenting the preparations and the detailed actions of the two candidates and their comportment before going on air. The report also presented people reactions and people’s comments on the social media.

Al-Shurouk announced that it would publish the debate in its issue of tomorrow; Saturday.

Pages: 3
Author: Mustafa Eid

Suspects of Maspero Attacks Tried



Headed by Judge Abd al-Muizz Ibrahim, Cairo Court of Appeal, declared that the suspects in Maspero attacks that took place on October 9, 2011 would be tried July 2, 2012 at Cairo Criminal Court.

Judge Salih Rushdi will head the court session will be held in New Cairo.



Pages: 1, 3, 7

Author: Muhammad Basal and others

Presidential Elections Have Started



586 thousand and 801 eligible Egyptian expatriate voters start voting for a president today in the Egypt’s embassies and consulates around the world.

The presidential elections started regardless of two Administrative Court rulings; the first annuls the reference of the political isolation law to the Supreme Constitutional Council and the annulment of presidential elections.

Al-Shurouk published the ballot for expatriate voters. The ballots include the presidential candidates’ photos next to their full names and their symbols in an unprecedented step in the history of Egypt.

The slogan of the High Presidential Elections Commission appears on the top of the ballot. Voters cast the ballots in the assigned space and put it in a sealed envelope that is put in a bigger envelop with a copy of their personal official documents, a photocopy of the passports , the personal registration number in the elections, and a signed certified statement that guarantee that they won’t cast more than one ballot. The envelope is then sealed and handed or sent to the embassy or Consulate.

139 sub presidential elections commissions have been established in 139 countries out of 166.

A new electronic technique; “the bar code” will be adopted to accelerate the vote counting. Every voting statement will have a bar code that will be electronically recognized by special machines.

The bar code technique will be adopted in Arab Gulf countries only where 80% of the expatriate Egyptian voters are.



Pages: 1, 4
 Author: many authors

Ganzouri's Oblation to the Parliament



In the ministerial change implemented by PM Kamal al-Ganzouri four new ministers were assigned: Umar Muhammad Salim, minister of the Shura Council and the People's Assembly affairs; Muhammad Abd al-Hamid al-Nashar, minister of higher education; Rifaat Muhammad Hassan, minister of labor power and Muhammad Arab, minister of culture.

The four ministers delivered oath before Field Marshal Tantawi yesterday.

Political powers' reactions to the ministerial changes varied. A number of the political players considered the changes to be an attempt to resolve the escalating crisis between the parliament and the government.

The Muslim Brotherhood's political arm, Freedom and Justice Party described the changes as "limited and insufficient." However, the group declared that the Freedom and Justice party would accept the changes.

Meanwhile, cabinet sources declared that the changes were to frustrate the way before the Muslim Brotherhood's attempts to hinder the International Monetary Fund \$ 3.2 billion loan.

Similar news was reported in al-Ahram, pp. 1, 10; al-Shurouk, p. 1, 4; al-Dustour, p. 3.



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 Author: Not Mentioned

New Ministers Sworn In



Following a limited cabinet reshuffle, the new ministers took the constitutional oath before head of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

The new ministers are: Higher Education Minister Mohamed Abdel-Hamid el-Nashar, Culture Minister Mohamed Saber Arab, Manpower Minister Refaat Mohamed Hassan and People's Assembly and Shura Council Affairs Minister Omar Mohamed Salem.



TV Coverage (10/5/2012)



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

A National Human Right Council arrives to Tora Prison to visit the suspects in Abbasiya incidents.

Channel: al-Hayah
Program: Shaab wa Ra'ees [People and President]

Guest: Presidential Candidate Hamadain Sabbahi: I will cut off gas from Israel and lift the siege imposed on Gaza. I will also support the Palestinian resistance.



Channel: CBC
Program: Masr Tantakhib
Presenter: Kairi Ramadan

Guest: Presidential Candidate Muhammad Mursi: "I consider criticism against the Muslim Brotherhood to be positive, and we deal with them seriously. Our goal is Egypt's welfare."

"In Egypt religion strengthens the national belonging," said Muhammad Mursi, the Muslim Brotherhood's presidential candidate.

"I respect the General Guide, but during my mandate he will be an Egyptian citizen only," said Muhammad Mursi.



Channel: CH 1
Program: Sabah al-Khair ya Masr

The Administrative Court triggers legal and political controversy about the High Presidential Elections Commission's authorities. A judicial source, however, asserted that the commission's decisions were immune by article 28 of the Constitutional Declaration and cannot be contested.



PM Ganzouri approves a ministerial change to resolve the crisis with the Parliament. Ministers of the Shura Council and People's Assembly, culture, Labor and Higher education were dismissed.

The political players refuse Abu Ismail's and the Muslim Brotherhood's calls for mass demonstrations.

Channel: CH 1
Program: news
Time: 27:00:00

Expatriate Egyptians cast their ballots today in the presidential elections.
Issam Sultan demands the exclusion of Ahmad Shafiq.

The Supreme Administrative Court



Channel: CH 2
Program: Yeseid Sabahak
Presenter: Hind Rashad and Ahmad al-Sawi

SCAF voice appreciation to the High Presidential Elections Commission and reiterates its commitment to handing over the power on time.

Partial ministerial changes will be declared on Thursday.

Channel: CH 2
Program: news
Time: 26:00:00

Four new ministers deliver oath in front of Field Marshal Tantawi.



Radio Coverage (10/5/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

(23:00:00)

Four new ministers deliver oath in front of Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

The Supreme Administrative Court considers tomorrow the contestation files against suspending the presidential elections.



News

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

Time: 23:00:00

Egyptian expatriates start voting in presidential elections tomorrow.



Internet Coverage (11/5/2012)

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We are all Khaled Saeed

The winner is today's debate is: the Egyptian people.

<https://www.facebook.com/questions/406153346101202/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQ0UKRopGJw&feature=share>

How to help the detainees of military trials?

<https://nadimx.wordpress.com/2012/05/05/%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%B1%D9%83%D8%A9-%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%B9%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%B1%D9%83%D8%A9/>

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Democracy is a daily exercise. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/295005_406766142706589_104224996294040_950733_2048706577_n.jpg

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Testimony of Halim Hanish, a 24-year-old student, after his release pending investigation. Halim, a law student at Helwan University, was arrested on May 4 in connection with the Defense Ministry events at the Ain Shams University. He was beaten up by the hospital's security men and turned to the Army. The trip of torture and insults went on until his release. Hundreds of detainees are still held and the torture is still on.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_QIU0RWWVw

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg7tJ4qSkE4&feature=youtu.be>

This photo was taken a week during the arrest of Ahmed Sabri on Saturday when he took to the street to show solidarity with the arrested youth. Ahmed Sabri was arrested without any charges and is still locked behind bars. Ahmed is a graduate of the Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University. He is a computer genius. He used to work for Microsoft until he established his own company. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/534458_406987382684465_104224996294040_950991_854831124_n.jpg



Egyptian Cabinet:

The Egyptian embassy in Algeria started today receiving voters' ballots for the presidential elections. As many as 1,014 Egyptians in Algeria have registered on the website of the High Presidential Elections Commission.

Egyptian expatriates' voting: Egyptian nationals living abroad started casting their ballots today in nearly 166 countries. The number of registered one is 586,000. The voting process will continue until Thursday. The vote counting will be conducted in the presence of representatives of candidates, a number of community members and civil society organization. The voting starts daily at 8am until 8pm according to the local time of each country.



Arabawy

The MOD sit-in: Sometimes with the Islamists, Never with the State.

During the Monday march in solidarity with the Abbasiya detainees, a young comrade I know from Cairo University, a medical student who was among the field hospital doctors during the MOD sit-in, approached me, and told me the story of a Salafi woman in niqab, who kept on kissing the Revolutionary Socialists red flag during the sit-in, while shouting: "Forgive me I didn't know about you before!"

I replied back with the story of another comrade, who was entering the MOD sit-in and was being searched by a Salafi sheikh. When the latter found in the student's bag the flag of the Revolutionary Socialists, Marxist books, as well as issues from The Socialist newspaper, he told the young student: "Come in son, May God be with you!"

These were just two stories, among many, witnessed by our comrades during the controversial MOD sit-in which lasted for a week, during which it was subject to attacks by knives, swords, firearms, machine guns, fired by plainclothes thugs working closely with the army, and was finally suspended by a crackdown by the military police and army's special forces last Friday, resulting in the arrest and torture of hundreds.

The sit-in started by a group of supporters of the disqualified Salafi presidential candidate Hazem Salah Abu Ismail, who marched on the Ministry of Defense Friday night, 27 April, and decided to stage a sit-in calling for the dissolution of the Presidential Electoral Committee, which they blamed for the disqualification of their candidate, but the SCAF-controlled committee has also been the target of the revolutionaries' wrath from all shades of the political spectrum.

If you think Islamophobia is on a worrying rise in Europe, you should have seen the Egyptian twittersphere during that week of sit-in, with liberals and leftists reacting in the most disgustingly way..



There are those who by default will stand against anything Islamist, anything with a beard or niqab, and will avoid them like a plague. Hence their position varied from neutrality, as if this fight between the Islamists and the army is happening on another planet; or praying that the two sides by some miracle will finish one another off; or support the army's crackdown on those Islamists.

And of course you got the usual "مش وقته" chorus, which always comes up whenever there are clashes with the police and the army, shouting "It's not the time for this, we have other important matters." And usually those "important matters" are elections, or another SCAF-sponsored milestone in the political process.

But the "Islamists" are NOT a unified homogenous block. We are talking about millions of Egyptians from different backgrounds and provinces who are part of the Muslim Brotherhood and the different Salfist groups. It's even wrong to lump "Salafists" all in one basket. Let's remember that young Salafis took part in the January 2011 uprising contrary to virtually all the Salafi celebrity sheikhs' pro-Mubarak position. Many of the workers I have been bumping into during strikes from 2007 onwards have beards that almost reach their bellies and are followers of Salafi sheikhs. The latter had prohibited strikes and demonstrations, yet their poor followers obviously were moving in a different direction. Already the salafi movement is splintered, and the dismal performance of Abu Ismail in the crisis, including disowning repeatedly his supporters, is bound to create a disillusioned base. Isn't there a critical mass that could be won to the side of revolution? Of course there is, and the revolutionary socialists have to play a role in influencing this base as much as they can, according to their capabilities and political weight.

There is nothing more farcical than the notion that the Muslim Brotherhood is an iron fist organization whose members are following the Supreme Guide's orders blindly. The organization has been marred with factions and splits for years along generational and class lines. Despite refraining from mobilizing an entire year following February 2011, there is not a single time a serious clash happened with the state without stumbling on a group of young MB members who attended the protests or the clashes contrary to the group's line. And I personally witnessed that on several occasions.

What do you do as a revolutionary socialist in the midst of this? One should not stop exposing the hypocrisy and the counterrevolutionary politics of the MB leadership, but we should not give up on trying to attract the youth and those in the MB who are sincerely pro-revolution once again to the revolutionary camp and even winning them to socialist politics, something that I'm also increasingly witnessing. And that's not going to happen by sitting on Twitter and ranting about the MBs like many leftists are doing, but by physically being present on the ground in the events they organize, and continuously argue and debate with their young members. And when a fight breaks out with the state, you don't withdraw and say may God burn them both, you have to take sides. But you take sides, while still maintaining your organizational independence and fight under your own red banner and shout your own chants.



The MOD sit-in presented a step forward for the revolution, not a regress, despite the army's onslaught that saw several comrades detained, and brutally tortured. We have taken the fight to a new level, breaking a great taboo, which is staging sit-ins and direct actions in front of the headquarters of the counterrevolution itself; as well as reaching out to and earning the respect of the most revolutionary wing of the Salafist movement. I salute the bravery of all the comrades who took part in the sit in and in resisting the army's crackdown.

All Revolutionary Socialist activists and sympathizers are now out of prison, but there are hundreds of Islamists, independent activists and ordinary citizens who are still languishing in custody and await military prosecution. We must do our best to stand by them and secure their release. We will continue to organize against SCAF and we should be more than keen to reach out to the Islamist cadres who are willing to join this fight. The polarization within the Islamist movement will only increase with every betrayal and compromise the Islamist leadership brokers with SCAF, with every confrontation with the state, with the growth of a revolutionary left that could provide an alternative for the disillusioned youth, and more importantly with the escalation of the strike wave... But in all cases, we must be vigilant enough to remain organizationally independent, move under our own banners, with our own literature, and compromise none... Sometimes with the Islamists, never with the state...



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/s320x320/564330_306007742810924_134198286658538_646911_24569316_n.jpg

Okasha was too afraid to go to Hadaye' El-Kobba, so he sent the women out.
https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-snc6/s720x720/148720_311708995576165_105468476200219_785395_182119118_n.jpg

Is it true that there is a silent military coup led by Lieutenant General Mohab Mohamed Hussein, head of the Navy Forces???

Breaking news: Morsi arrested in Saudi Arabia. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/s320x320/545565_382539105130628_246289305422276_1118621_266342667_n.jpg

The daughter of Lieutenant General Mohab denied the news of the Navy forces coup.



Iyad elbaghdadi:

Abdulfutouh playing on his ability to unite everyone behind the revolution; Mousa playing on his past experience. #Monazarat

Amr Mousa supported Mubarak's reelection to stop Gamal? Supported Mubarak, didn't mention Gamal: <http://bit.ly/KJf5B3> #Monazarat

Given that Mubarak was never going to run vs. his own son, Mousa's justification is moot. <http://bit.ly/KJf5B3> #pt #Monazarat #Factcheck

It's heating up. #Monazarat

Mousa attacking Abulfutouh on his past Islamist connections, Abulfutouh attacking Mousa on his past Mubarak connections. #Monazarat

37% of Egyptian put security as first priority? Possible, given only 47% feel safe at night: <http://bit.ly/J3QjF6> #Monazarat #Factcheck

Amr Mousa established closer relations with Iran? No, he left the foreign ministry in 2001, relations were still bad. #Monazarat

Amr Mousa called for closer ties with Iran? Yes, but as Arab League SG, not foreign minister: <http://bit.ly/IMDvU1> #Monazarat #Factcheck

Leave it to a politician to talk for 2 minutes and say nothing. #Monazarat

Amr Mousa opposed the Iraq war? Yes, he called for a diplomatic rather than a military solution. #Monazarat #Factcheck

Does Abulfutouh have additional health problems? Unlikely given that he's putting his latest checkup to the public. #Monazarat #Factcheck

Did Egypt-Africa relations deteriorate under Mousa? They generally did but Mousa probably not directly responsible. #Monazarat #Factcheck

Need someone to help storify the #monazarat #factcheck tweets.

Back on. And I'm struggling to stay awake. #Monazarat

Statists, all. Where are the Arab libertarians? #Monazarat

Polling my followers if I should switch from fact checking to live tweeting. #Monazarat

Not much data/facts to check any more. #Monazarat #Factcheck

It's past 3 AM here, so you must all know I'm doing this out of love :) #Monazarat



How long do I have to live to hear the words "shrink government" at an Arab presidential debate? #Monazarat

Abulfutouh calls any woman who was subjected to a "virginity test" to press charges. #Monazarat

Abulfutouh: No person or institution should be above the law, including the president. #Monazarat

Does Mousa have a problem turning his neck? #Monazarat

Amr Mousa had a role in gas export deal to Israel? "Agreed" to it as foreign minister in 1993. <http://bit.ly/JDJ5fp> #Monazarat #Factcheck

Amr Mousa had a role in brokering the gas export deal to Israel? No reference or evidence of that. #Monazarat #Factcheck

Abulfutouh: Israel is definitely an enemy and a rogue state. #Monazarat

Abulfutouh: I call for normalizing relations with Iran but oppose Shia proselytizing. #Monazarat

Mousa: I call for reviewing our treaty with Israel, but insist on a two-state solution. #Monazarat

Mousa: Iran is an Arab country. #Fail #Facepalm #Factcheck #Monazarat

Mousa: I am against any attack on Iran, but we must stand firm on UAE's islands, Syria, etc. #Monazarat

Abulfutouh grilling Mousa now again on his stance towards Israel. #Monazarat

Mousa seems to be on the defensive. #Monazarat

Mousa accuses Abulfutouh of inaccuracies and contradictions. #Monazarat

Abulfutouh mentions that he was jailed, tortured, banned from traveling during the time Mousa was in the regime. #Monazarat

Mousa basically saying the Abulfutouh was jailed, yes, but didn't suffer so much in jail. Makes it all better. #Monazarat

Is this a debate where whoever gets tired of standing up for 4 hours wins? #Monazarat

Mousa is pissed, defending his record as foreign minister under Mubarak but somehow independent from Mubarak? #Monazarat



So it seems I'm going to pray Fajr and then sleep. Question is whether the debate will be done by then. #Monazarat

Tip to Mousa: Why don't you tell us why you should be president, not why you dislike Abulfutouh? #Monazarat

Debatathon. #Monazarat

Closing statements now. #Monazarat

Mousa accuses Abulfutouh of endorsing violence. Bad move, anyone who knows him knows it ain't so. #Monazarat

Abulfutouh: Our revolution is a step forward to the future, let's not bring back a figure from the past. #Monazarat

We expected a debate like a soccer match and we ended up with more like cricket. #Monazarat

Debate just ended. #Monazarat

Arabist:

Transcript of round 1: Mousa vs Fotouh Debate #monazarat | <http://moftasa.net:8080/bit.ly/JnvgQM>

Aalam Wassef:

Over 18 months SCAF successfully destroyed the best and most dangerous aspect of #jan25, the sentiment of national reconciliation and unity.

Gsquare86:

Food and nutrition crisis in Sahel region of Africa
http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2012/05/food_and_nutrition_crisis_in_s.html
#Poverty #Photography

The "first Arab presidential debate". Not true. The first was in Mauritania in 2008.
<http://is.gd/ZGsgkP> #Monazarat #presdebate

Timelaps of London's Olympic tower rise <http://is.gd/PKGtiY> #London

Warm waters blamed for at least 5,000 pelican deaths on Peru's coast
<http://edition.cnn.com/2012/05/11/world/americas/peru-pelicans/index.html> 100s of dolphins also have died in past month.



▪ 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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