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14 Officials Acquitted



Headed by Judge Hamid Hassanain, Cairo Criminal Court acquitted yesterday 7 police officers and 7 officers from the Armed Forces.

The 14 officers were facing charges of killing and injuring demonstrators at Marg and Shubra police stations during the Jan 25 revolution.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk, p. 1; al-Yom al-Sabei, p. 1



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Author: Muhammad Jamal and others

Anan Denies Giving a Time limits



Lieutenant Sami Anan, vice president of SCAF denied what was rumored about an alleged 2-day time limit given by Field Marshal Tantawi to the political parties and power to form the Constituent Assembly that will draft the constitution.

Annan said the Constituent Assembly was in the hands of the People's Assembly.

In a related context, Dr. Wahid Abd al-Majid, member of the mediation committee formed to end the crisis of the Constituent Assembly reported on a closed meeting that resulted in a semi-final agreement between the Freedom and Justice Party, al-Nour Party and other parties on the criteria that would be adopted to form the Constituent Assembly.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk, p. 1

The Armed Forces Fully Support Authentic Elections



Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, head of SCAF held a meeting with PM Kamal Ganzouri and the ministers of Justice, Interior, Information and National Development.

In the meeting, Field Marshal promised to offer the Armed Forces full support to the presidential elections, confirming the Armed Forces neutral stance towards all candidates.

Field Marshal Tantawi called on the different players involved in the electoral process to do their best to guarantee authentic and decent elections.

Similar news was reported in al-Shurouk, p. 1; al-Dustout, p. 1

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Author: not mentioned

3 Soldiers proved Innocent



The Military Court acquitted three soldiers who were facing charges of killing demonstrators in Maspero incidents [October 2011]. The ruling was based on the pretext that the soldiers were in a legal self-defense situation.

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Author: MENA

Al-Ahram's Updates' on Presidential Elections



MP Hamdi al-Fakharani filed a claim at the State Council, calling for the exclusion of presidential candidate Muhammad Mursi from the presidential race because of his sons' American nationality.

Al-Fakharni said Mursi should be treated like Hazim Salah Abu Ismail who was excluded because of the American nationality of his mother, adding that the sons' influence is greater than that of the mother.

Secretary of Salafi al-Nour Party in Alexandria said that the Muslim Brotherhood broke the national unity in Egypt, criticizing the Muslim Brotherhood's human chains in and between the Egyptian governorates.

The Armed force s will secure the 3349 polling centers in Alexandria.

The High Presidential Elections Commission declared that the ballots would be distributed on polling centers in collective volumes.

Spokesman of the Muslim Brotherhood Mahmoud Ghizlan said the elections would be forged in favor of Ahmd Shafiq.

Candidate Abu al-Futouh's campaign comes to an end and the Salafi Call organizes supportive marches for him.

Candidate al-Awwa said it was against the Islamic law to deem any Muslim unbeliever because he did not support a particular candidate.

Candidate Ahmad Shafiq said he had relations with the Revolution youth and that he was sure of their support.

Dar al-Ifta issued a fatwa considering electoral bribes "haram" [against the Islamic law].

Egypt Revolutions Alliance will vote for Abu al-Furiuoh.

Similar news about the lawsuit against Mursi was reported in al-Dustour, p. 1

SCAF to Issue Complementary Constitutional Declaration on Monday



Informed sources told Al-Masry Al-Youm that SCAF will issue a complementary constitutional declaration next Monday; two days ahead of the presidential elections. The constitutional declaration will determine the powers and jurisdictions of Egypt's coming president until the new constitution is drafted.

Seven political parties held a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the steps they will take in case SCAF unilaterally issued a complementary constitutional declaration.

MP Dr. Wahid Abdel Megid said that the outcome of the meeting was an agreement that these political parties draft their ideas and present their proposal to SCAF to be included in the constitutional declaration. The parties were divided during the meeting between those who supported issuing the complementary declaration and others who said that Article 56 of the March 2011 Constitutional Declaration provide for the powers of the president. Eventually, they agreed on presenting their proposal to SCAF.

Constitutional law experts expressed their fear that the new constitutional declaration creates "another Mubarak" through reviving the president's powers that existed in the 1971 Constitution.



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 Author: Mohsen Semika.

MP Accuses Government of Possible Election Fraud



Al-Wasat Member of Parliament Essam Soltan demanded Speaker of the People’s Assembly Dr. Saad El-Katatni to hold an emergency parliament session tomorrow (Saturday) to call for hearing Prime Minister Dr. Kamal El-Ganzouri and Minister of Interior. Soltan accused the government of planning to rig the upcoming presidential elections in favor of Ahmed Shafik, who belongs to the former Mubarak regime.

“Using state-owned media, including TV channels, newspapers and magazines, to campaign for Shafik and portray him as a national hero is enough reason to call the Prime Minister and his cabinet for a hearing before the parliament. The government worked hard to cover up Shafik’s crimes when he was a Prime Minister, particularly those related to wasting public funds, overlooking the Camel Battle, and smuggling millions of stolen funds outside Egypt,” Soltan said.

Soltan also pointed out that the Ministry of Interior is assigning many security forces to guard Shafik’s electoral conferences, while the rest of the country suffers from a serious lack of security.



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 Author: Tariq Rushdi

Financial Times and the Presidential Race in Egypt



Al-Dustour reported on a Financial Times report on the presidential elections on Egypt. The Financial Times reported on a survey where Shafiq was on the top of the candidates preceding Amr Musa.

The newspaper attributed the big popularity of Musa and Shafiq to their political experience and to people’s fear from an Islamist president.

The report also referred to the strong boost of candidate Hamadain Sabahi, stating that Sabbahi’s platform was one of the best, referring to Sabbahi’s long political experience which increases his popularity amongst Egyptians.



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 Author: not mentioned

A Lawsuit against the Muslim Brotherhood



A number of Parliament members are signing a petition against the Freedom and Justice Party and its members, accusing them “intellectual plagiarism” by using other MPs’ ideas and referring them to themselves.

MP Hamdi al-Fakharani said he would file a claim at the High Presidential Elections Commission accusing the Freedom and Justice MPs of misleading people and stealing the effort of the People’s Assembly to support their presidential candidate.

Al-Fakharani called the Freedom and Justice MPs and Speaker Saad al-Katatni to explain the reasons for discussing ripping of Muhammad Mursi’s posters in the Parliament, refusing to use the Parliament to support or advocate a particular presidential candidate. Al-Katatni rejected the call and refused to give al-Fakharani the permission to give a speech in this response.

In another context, al-Fakharani and MP Wael Hamdi filed a claim at the Administrative Court calling to close the headquarters of the Muslim Brotherhood. The group’s main office in Miqattam in Cairo and the branches spread in different places over Egypt have not been authorized. The main office has become a destination for European Union and the International funds representatives.



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 Author: many authors

Al-Dustour's Updates on Presidential Elections



Abu al-Futouh's and Mussa's statements reflect their military and political ignorance.

Abu al-Futouh declared that he would open the paths between Egypt and Gaza Strip, ignoring Egypt's the national security. Al-Dustour's author reported on an alleged Israeli wish for Egypt to open the paths to take it as a pretext to occupy Sinai again.

The Muslim Brotherhood's Muhamamd Mursi declared that if he became president he would establish the "United Islamic States" and its capital Jerusalem.

Al-Dustour attributed the declaration of a Unity Government in Israel to consideration to Mursi's declarations.

Al-Dustiur also reported on a survey conducted by The Center for Public Opinion Surveys and Researches that showed that 85% of Egyptians preferred and independent nonpartisan president. For the majority of Egyptians Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is the ideal president.

Pastor Rifaat Fikri of the Evangelical Church in Egypt denied rumors about alleged church's attempt to poll voters by convincing them to vote for a particular candidate.

Al-Dustour's Ahmad Jamal al-Din reported on an alleged Muslim Brotherhood's intention to dominate the Egyptian media. The journalistic milieus are discontent about the Muslim Brotherhood's declarations about the media.



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Author: Eman Abdel Moneim

Morsi: Rigging Elections Will Set Egypt on Fire



Mohamed Morsi, Muslim Brotherhood’s presidential candidate, warned for the second time against rigging the presidential elections in favor of a candidate backed by the military junta.

In a meeting with a group of businessmen and heads of professional syndicates, Morsi said, “If elections were rigged, this will be a call for people to return to the streets and this will set the country on fire.”

Morsi confirmed during the meeting that his electoral platform represents a strategic framework for a collective national action. He reaffirmed that the Muslim Brotherhood refused to put the Armed Forces above the constitution. “The Armed Forces are in the heart of every Egyptian. We respect the army and all its members and we support them with everything we can; however, no one should be put above the constitution,” he said.

Martyrs Families in Pain after Acquittal of Police Officers



It has become an ordinary scene to see one of the judges of the Criminal Court sitting on his platform and announcing the acquittal of police officers accused of killing peaceful protesters on the Friday of Rage (January 28, 2011).

Families of the revolution's martyrs cried hysterically once the verdict was announced. Senior Judge Hamed Hassanin acquitted 15 higher and lower-ranking police officers from charges of killing protesters in front of Shoubra and Marg police stations.

Security forces prevented the families of martyrs from attending the trial session, while permitting police officers and their families to attend and support their colleagues.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Masry Al-Youm: Page 3.



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Author: Hatim al-Jahmi

Al-Shurouk Publishes the Details of the Investigations into the Maspero Incidents ii



Al-Shurouk published the details of the investigations in Maspero incidents that took place in October 2011. Copts were protesting against the arson in a church. Muslim activists supported the Copts' protesters.

Clashes took place and 29 Christians were killed, including 3 Muslim members of the armed forces, while 350 injured in clashes between the protesters and the troops. Coptic Protesters were attacked by a military tank and many of them died under its wheels.

Investigations were conducted by Judges Tharwat Hammad, Adil a-Ghaweet, Diyaa Hassanain and Ahmad Ismail.

The investigations ended by announcing an "unidentified" culprit and the case was classified. Only 2 out of the 53 suspects are to be tried and face charges of "stealing armed forces-owned arms.

Police officers' claimed that the demonstration started peaceful until Father Philopatere joined them.

A Dean in the Military Police said that the demonstrators chanted against SCAF and hurled them with stones and petrol bombs.

The General Security denied the infiltrating of some unidentified elements amongst the Coptic demonstrators.



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Author: Saniya Mahmoud

Vote Counting Started at the Egyptian Embassies



Egyptian embassies in 166 countries over the world start the vote counting today.

Preliminary indications of the vote counts in Australia show a lead for Amr Mussa with 36%, while Hamadain Sabbahi came second with 30%, Abd al-Munim Abu al-Futouh came third with 28%.

Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs Muhammad Kamil Amr said 224 thousand and 448 Egyptian expatriates voted in the Egyptian Embassies. He added that Saudi Arabia's Riyadh came first with the number of voters, 60 thousand. Kuwait came second with 43 thousand voters; Jidda came third with 42 thousand.

The "bar code" technique was adopted for the first time in the Egyptian embassies in the Arab Gulf countries to avoid double voting. Out of 225 thousand voters 25 double votes were detected.

A New Political Party in Egypt

تدشين «الشعب الجمهوري» بـ «مبايعة لوسى»
رجال أعمال وسياسيون وشخصيات عامة يعلنون ميلاد الحزب الجديد.. والكشراوى، هطلع فوق البرج وأقول أنا مع موسى



كتب محمد عثمان
أعلن عدد من رجال الأعمال، وبعض الرموز السياسية، أمس، عن تأسيس حزب سياسي جديد تحت اسم «الشعب الجمهوري»، وذلك خلال مؤتمر صحفي، عقد، بإحدى الفنادق الشهيرة بمرسى مطرية.

وقال وكيل مؤسسي الحزب طارق نصر خلال المؤتمر الصحفي، إن الحزب يضم مجموعة من رجال الأعمال والسياسيين المشهورين، وعدد من الشخصيات العامة، الذين همروا تأسيس هذا الحزب لتبني الديمقراطية، وتحقيق العدالة الاجتماعية، وتحقيق دور الدولة المسار والتمثيل والقيادة الاقتصادية لعموم مصر.

وأضاف نصر أن حزبه سيكون حزبا للأغلبية في وقت قريب جدا، من خلال برامج للتنمية في مختلف المجالات الاقتصادية والتنموية والخدمية والاجتماعية.

كما أعلن وكيل مؤسسي حزب الشعب الجمهوري عن تشكيله ودعم المرشح المرشح للرئاسة من رجال الأعمال والسياسيين إلى تقديم جميع سبل الدعم والتأييد لوسى في الانتخابات الرئاسية المقبلة.

وأوضح نصر أن الحزب قد دعم موسى لمرئسية لأنه الأنسب لقيادة التنمية الاقتصادية الديمقراطية والأوسع في مصر، تأليا ما تردد في بعض وسائل الإعلام عن انضمام عدد من رموز الوسط للنيل إلى الترشح الجديد، من جانبه رحب المرشح الرئاسي عمرو موسى بالأحزاب السياسية والقوى الوطنية في

خلال المؤتمر، تأييد حزب الشعب الجمهوري له في الانتخابات الرئاسية، وأشفا الحزب، بأنه سيكون معبرا عن الشكل الأنسب للأحزاب السياسية على الساحة المصرية.

وتعهد موسى على مجموعة مشتركة جمع الأحزاب السياسية والقوى الوطنية في

وزير الإسكان الأسبق المهندس محمد عبد الله الكهرزلي، الذي كان أحد المحضين للتحول، أكد أن الشعب المصري لديه أمل كبير في تحقيق أهدافه ومطالبه لدرجة ٢٤ يناير مؤكدا أنه سيؤيد عمرو موسى في الانتخابات الرئاسية، وقال: «ماطلع فوق برج القاهرة وأقول أنت سارتح جوسى بكراشمة لأنه شخص فيه قدرات وخمسة طرية، تمكنه من قيادة مصر لير الأمان القوي لقطيف».

ومن بين الشخصيات العامة التي حضرت المؤتمر التأسيس لحزب الشعب الجمهوري، نائب رئيس الوزراء الأسبق الدكتور يحيى الجمل، وعدد من الفنانين النوبية والأقوات، الذين أخطروا تأييدهم لوسى.

تصوير: مصعب حسين

موسى في مؤتمر إطلاق الحزب المنعقد على كورنيش في الركنية

In a five-star hotel in Zamalik, a number of Egyptian businessmen and politicians declared yesterday the foundation of al-Shaab al-Jumhuri [Republican People] Party.

Presidential Candidate Amr Mussa was present in the celebration and declared that the Party decided to vote for him in the presidential race.

Protests against Israeli Products



Giza resident Ragab Rawash filed a claim to the Attorney General calling for an urgent investigation into the distribution of some Israeli dairy and frozen meat products in the Egyptian markets. The Israeli products are sold for half the price of similar Egyptian products.

Israeli dairy and meat products are found in Areesh city markets in Sinai.

Investigation into a Torture Incident



Usama Kamal Muhammad Ahmad was tortured on the hands of Muslim Brotherhood leaders like Muhammad al-Biltagui, Dr. Hazim Farouq, Safwat Hijazi and Muhsin Radi.

A claim was filed at the general prosecution on April 17, 2012, and the investigations were delayed for undeclared “pressure.”

The Prosecution in Downtown Cairo will call the victim Usama Kamal next week to interrogate him about the torture he was subjected to.

Kama’s lawyer Abd al-Hamid Nassar applied documents including a CD that shows photos and videos that show the torture committed inside Safir Tourist Agency in Tahrir Square.

Similar news was reported in al-Dustour, p. 3

Tahrir Square and Disorder



“Excessive disorder,” this is how the authors describe the condition of Thrir Square.

After the protests and sit-ins had ended in Tahrir Square, the place turned out into a semi-market in the day time and a dangerous are at night.

Street vendors dominate the entrances and exits of the square. Inhabitants of the area cannot go out at night because of thieves and thugs who dominate the area.



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 Authors: Diya' About Safa.

Dar Al-Iftaa: Buying Votes is prohibited

الافتاء تتصدى للظاهرة
شراء أصوات الناخبين بالمال والسلع.. رشوة
التصويت للمرشح بغير حق.. نفاق وباطل

كتب- محمد زين العابدين
وعن عبد الجواد

وردت دار الإفتاء في ما يتروك عن لسان بعض القراء السياسية لفتحة مقابل ما هي لتأخير لضمان التصويت لهم في انتخابات رئاسة الجمهورية.

أكدت أسئلة القضاة عدم جواز استخدام أحد المرشحين في الانتخابات الرئاسية الأثرية حارة أو عملية للتأثير على إرادة الناخب، وطالبت الأمانة التابعة لدار الإفتاء جميع المرشحين بالصدق في وعدهم، ولا شرطاً فيما لا يمكن أو يظنون على تحقيقه حتى يتكفوا من الراد، بما وعمرو التماس به أثناء العملية الانتخابية حتى لا يوهنوا بالمال.

كما أوضحت جريدة قول الناخب هذه الأسوال ومصفحتها بالرشوة المنهي عنها تحريماً كافي لمن رسول الله من إيماناً ومصفحة الإله بالصدق في الانتخابات بأنه نوع من الشهادة، أوجب الله تعالى عند كتمها سواء بالانتفاع أو تكتمان الحق وإخفائه وإظهار باطل.

أشارت أمانة الفتوى ان لشباب من وقع المال القوي أو الهدي تصديق للأمانة بما يصل معلومة من ملامح السماع أسماعت في تالي الأمر غير اقله بوسيلة الفسار والكتب والرشوة ومخسبات الأضلال التي تستغل حاجات الناس وتكبح بها علماء الدين أكثر فقيهم للمسرحات الإلهية، حول عرضوا الانتقائية معلين أنه لا حد لتأثير رايهم بنا، على رشواي الانتخابية قامت الإمامة بمسورين تمام الشاعة بأنه تسيير المنوع لفته على الزور إرادة أياته، فالتين ليتمكن القاتب حكمة أن المسكة تفسد من رأسها.

يقول: - الأصحى أبو القور - وزير الأوقاف الأسبق وعقد مسع المنوت الإسلامية - ان الناخب مطالب بمختيار الرشح الذي توافر فيه الصفات المطلوبة في ريس الدولة ويستغنى قلبه في هذا تيار باي إقراره ساقى أو ساقى ويصح أنه مسئول أمام الله عن إعطاء صوته، فإذا أدى بصوته لشخص وهناك من هو أراي منه فإنه لثم، أن اختيار المرشح أمته.

أشار إلى أن ما يقدم لشراء الأصوات رشوة مقلنة ومزعومة وهي لا تخل من حقيقتها ولا من الأخط لها وتضار عينا ولم شعار الرجل المناسب في المكان المناسب، وقد حدث رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أنه إذا صويت له الإمامة فاستطروا السامعة قالوا يا رسول الله، وكيف يكون ذلك، قال: إذا وصت الأمر إلى غير أنه فاستطروا السامعة، والسامعة هنا لكل مجتمع بمسحه فقد يترش تمهين للشيخ يتولى غير الكلف، والفكر صحيح فقد يتوقف تقدم المنوع وساء، وكانوا على تولية الأية، ويشتركون قول سيدنا يوسف عليه السلام عندما قال له ملك مصر: -أنا اليوم أعتبتك أميناً،- فكل شخص عليه ان يشتر العبد الذي يمكن أن يقدم فيه مسر، فقد رأى سيدنا يوسف أن يقدم مسر في الشان الذي يختار المرشح مسر، -اجلسي على خزائن الأرض إني حطت عليه، والسطر رمز للأمانة وبهاارة للفقير واليد، والعامر رمز القسوة فيما يتولى الإنسان من مسئولية إدارة الأمر في الدولة.

أوضح الشيخ على أبو الحسن رئيس لجنة الفتوى بالأزهر مسافراً: ان ما يقدم به بعض المرشحين المنتمين إلى التيارات المختلفة بتوزيع بعض السلع بآثر تأتيا سلبيا وبشلف منح الإسلام في اختيار الحاكم الذي يبت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم في قوله من يولي أو أعلى حل الخبار الحاكم -قولي عليهم رجل وأدهم من هو أراي لله من تسلط خسان الله برسوله وصماعة المسلمين، فالصحة هنا خدمة دينية ووطنية، والرسول يؤكد ان الهوية للحاكم رشوة وعيد القاضي كفر وكذا الهوية للناخب عدم رشوة وتزوير إرادته الشخصية واستغلال حاجته الضرورية.

أشارت ما يقدمه المرشحون الناخبين في هذا الوقت بفسد كسب أصواتهم بعد رشوة تتسببها الأمن للرئيس والمرش والرسول بهما، فعلى كل المرشحين ومواعظ الله في إيمانهم وأن يجعلوا مصححة فقوم وفق وعظمتهم، وإعلم الناخب ان المسكة تعتمد من رايها فإذا كان أعلى سلطة في الدولة وصل إلى منصبه من خلال الرشوة والمقايسة الانتخابية فيسكين حال حياته، أنهم فاسدون بيوتهم على منجزة كآله على دين طيله، وفرعين اللهه فان.

Egypt's Dar Al-Iftaa issued a statement confirming that presidential candidates do not have the right to use their influence or money to affect the decision of voters.

The religious institution called on Egyptians to be honest with them and vote for the candidate they think will be best for the country. It also called on presidential candidates to respect their promises and adopt their electoral platforms if they came to power.

“Money used to buy votes is prohibited according to Islamic Shari’a because it is a form of bribery. Prophet Muhammad’s anecdotes are clear on this matter as they all curse those who receive bribes,” said the statement.

The statement also reaffirmed that Islam obliges Muslims to be honest and select the best person to lead them, and prohibits all forms of ethical corruption.



Radio Coverage (17/5/2012)



Program: Montaha El-Saraha
Channel: Al-Hayat 2
Host: Mostafa Bakry

Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lieutenant General Samy Anan said the main goal of SCAF's meeting with political parties is to set criteria for choosing members of the Constituent Assembly.

SCAF Head Field Marshal Tantawi, Lieutenant General Samy Anan, and Prime Minister Kamal Al-Ganzory discuss the final preparations for the upcoming presidential elections.



Program: Masr Tantikheb Al-Raees
Channel: CBC
Host: Lamis Al-Hadidy and Khairy Ramadan

Guest: Mohamed Selim Al-Awa, a presidential candidate, said the Salafists chose the candidate with the largest number of votes, and Al-Jamaa' Al-Islameya (Islamic Group) gave their members a chance to choose any candidate they want.

Al-Awa said the current MPs do not have enough experience.



Program: Akhbar Masr
Channel 1 "State TV"

Egyptian expatriates' voting ended today.

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

Field Marshal Tantawi holds a meeting to discuss the security plan for the elections.

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



The Public Prosecution demands delegating a judge in MP Essam Sulatn's lawsuit against presidential candidate Ahmed Shafik.

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

Al-Nour Party accuses the Freedom and Justice Party of hindering the formation of the Constituent Assembly.



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

Minister of Foreign Affairs said the High Presidential Elections Commission will announce Egyptian expatriates' voting results.

Lieutenant General Samy Anan denies that Field Marshal Tantawi gave political parties a deadline to set the criteria for choosing members of the Constituent Assembly.

Program: Yesed Sabahak
Channel 2"State TV"
Host: Sarah Al-Helaly and Ahmed Al-Sawy

Field Marshal Tantawi said the presidential elections will be historic.

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

The Supreme Constitutional Court General Assembly rejects a bill presented by parliament on its reform.



Radio Coverage (17/5/2012)



News

Channel: Radio Masr

Time: 25:00:00

Egyptian expatriates' voting period ended yesterday.

The Public Prosecution demands delegating a judge in MP Essam Sultan's lawsuit against presidential candidate Ahmed Shafik.



News

Channel: Al-Shark Al-Awsat

Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lieutenant General Samy Anan denied that SCAF Head Field Marshal Tantawi set a deadline for political parties to set the criteria for choosing members of the Constituent Assembly. 23:00:00

Similar news was reported in:

Channel: State Radio, Time: 23:00:00

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

Channel: Al-Shabab W Al-Reyada, Time: 23:15:00

Minister of Foreign Affairs said the High Presidential Elections Commission will announce Egyptian expatriates' voting results. 25:00:00



News

Channel: Al-Shabab w Al-Reyada

Time: 23:15:00

Egyptians expatriates' voting ended today.



Internet Coverage (18/5/2012)

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We are all Khaled Saeed

Message number one to Egyptian expatriates during the vote in the presidential elections: The revolution continues, the revolution will win.

<http://www.almasryalyoum.com/node/84796>

We will win: https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/580055_411585495557987_104224996294040_960605_1225166443_n.jpg

A group of Egyptian campaigns decided to face sexual harassment in Egyptian streets by forming human shields. The first campaign took place on May 16 in the Arab League Street. Egypt's girls have the right to walk safely in the street. https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/s720x720/559641_389435864440626_369509439766602_1209146_1675877042_n.jpg

Egyptian Cabinet:

The manpower minister: Unionist freedoms in Egypt are an important achievement of the revolution. Measures were taken to promote the rights of workers, including the issuance of the trade union freedom law.



The Muslim Brotherhood:

Muslim Brotherhood, Freedom and Justice Party Statement on Presidential Elections

After the great revolution has watered the tree of liberty in Egypt with the pure blood of honorable martyrs, and just hours before another major step that should determine the future of our nation by choosing the first President of the Republic to be put in office by the will of the people in free and fair elections, we address this statement to you, confident in your awareness, patriotism and sincere desire to elevate and advance your nation.

Casting your electoral ballot is a national duty, even an Islamic responsibility you are entrusted with..

Choosing the person most qualified for office is of paramount importance "Truly, the best of men to employ is the strong and trustworthy" (Quran 28:26).

The nation is in dire need of a comprehensive rejuvenation project, and our candidate, Dr.



Mohamed Morsi, has Nahda project for a real renaissance of Egypt, based on two pillars:

First: It is based on the Egyptian citizen as the builder of the renaissance and the first beneficiary of it, in accordance with clear Islamic reference that creates the good individual who has a deep and moral conscience and a sense of patriotism and believes in the rights and freedoms and principles of justice. That kind of citizen can indeed help implement Nahda Project.

Second: This project is also based on the promotion of education, scientific research, industry, agriculture, energy, telecommunications, etc. It is the sum of experiences of hundreds of scientists and scholars from the Muslim Brotherhood as well as other Egyptians. It also is the sum of the experiences of more than twenty countries that have achieved significant rejuvenation success.

Members of the Brotherhood and the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) fully support their candidate, Dr. Mohamed Morsi. In fact, the Muslim Brotherhood has hundreds of thousands of members across the homeland that will do their utmost for the success of Nahda Project.

Furthermore, the character of the candidate does matter. Our candidate boasts great parliamentary, partisan and political experiences extending back for decades. Amongst many positions he held, he was a university professor teaching in an American university, and has gained experience from living and working in several countries.

We seek to provide and safeguard security throughout the country.

We seek to cleanse the country of the remnants of the former regime and to cleanse all state facilities and institutions of corruption.

We endeavor to employ the right person in the right place, based on his or her competence, qualifications and abilities.

We seek to achieve equality among citizens.

We strive to provide a decent standard of living for all people.

We are working to recover the people's money and wealth looted by the former president and his chums and cronies, and to use that in the service of people and to increase production.

We learn from previous experiences and others' mistakes. We recognize that the people have suffered tremendously at the hands of corrupt officials of the former regime.

We know that stability and rejuvenation of the homeland cannot be entrusted to persons associated with the corrupt former regime.



Hence, it is the duty of the whole nation to stand firmly in the face of attempts to replicate the old system of governance.

This must be done by protecting the election against any attempts of fraud aimed at hijacking the people's revolution, stifling their State ambitions, and dragging the people and the homeland back into poverty, ignorance, unemployment and sickness.

Such fraud attempts may well include bribing people to buy their votes, and pressuring or threatening their business, financial or career interests. We must prove to everyone that Egyptians do not sell their freedom or their conscience no matter what the price and do not yield to pressure or intimidation.

For all that, we urge you to elect the candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Freedom and Justice Party Dr. Mohamed Morsi...

The Muslim Brotherhood & the Freedom and Justice Party

Dr. Morsi '90 Minutes' Interview - Tuesday, May 15

In a live interview with TV presenter Amr Laithi, in the program '90 Minutes' on the satellite channel 'al-Mehwar', Tuesday (15 May), Dr. Mohamed Morsi, Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood's frontrunner in the presidential elections, said: "Egypt needs everyone's efforts, in all fields and specializations.

"Egypt also needs that we hold the interests of the country above all else", he added, pointing out that if developments on the scene call for sacrifice for the homeland, every individual, every citizen has to meet the call."

Dr. Morsi, further reiterated that Christians are partners in the homeland, just as Egyptian as the whole nation.

"They have the same rights, established by the law for all Egyptians, including the right of belief and worship. Also, Islam commands us to protect churches just as we protect mosques.

"The contrived crisis about church construction was setup like a time-bomb by the former regime. But there will be no problem for building churches in modern Egypt, if I emerge the winner of the presidential race."

Dr. Morsi said that he did not seek any executive positions, and that all positions he held thus far were purely portals through which he contributed to his community, and society at large.



“I was elected as a Member of Parliament, a member of university teaching staff and a member of the Brotherhood's Guidance Bureau, and then I was chosen to lead the Brotherhood's new political wing, the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP).

“As a rule, I do not pay attention to any criticism directed at me personally. But I believe criticism should be constructive, so as to enrich democracy.”

The FJP Chairman added, “What I find perturbing is criticism that hammers the higher interests of Egypt. Indeed, it is ludicrous to criticize, argue and provoke controversy only to pour abuse on someone or to vilify some organization.

“People should be objective, and positively try to show the pros and cons, the good points and the bad ones, with an eye to resolving issues and supporting collaborative endeavors.”

Furthermore, Dr. Morsi reiterated that Islamic reference means a modern State in which the nation is the source of authority, and the people choose who represents or governs them.

“The principles of Sharia do not conflict with the modern civil State, which is built on the rule of law, and educating young people to moral virtue.”



Twitter

Wael Abbas:

Dear Israel, can you release Abdullah al-Barghouthi and imprison instead Marid al-Barghouthi.

To donate for Khaled Ali's campaign, send an empty SMS to 95528 and EGP 5 will be deducted from your credit. #KhaledAli

Can anyone find this episode when Hamdeen Sabahi told Hala Sarhan he supports military trials?

I'm at Continental Garden Reef Resort Sharm el-Sheikh.

Iyad elbaghdadi:

Thinking about doing a few tweets about the history of modern #Syria and how it got under #Assad rule.

#Syria was briefly independent in 1920 before the French occupied it and placed it under their mandate.



The French sought to divide #Syria, which for centuries was multi-ethnic & multi-religious, into six "minority" states.

In 1946 #Syria became independent, under the same elected constitutional government it had during the mandate.

For just three years, #Syria had parties, free press, and a vibrant public life. And then the military coups started.

#Syria had 11 military coups between 1949 and 1970 (unless I missed a few)

The military coup in 1949 was the first-ever in modern Arab history. #Syria

#Syria has been ruled under emergency law since 1963.

I keep meaning to tweet about the origins of the Sunni-Shia schism. But then I think of the potential blowback.

Imagine if all your life you've prepared to climb a mountain. You thought it'll take you 20 years. Suddenly, you're there. Now what?

All the pain and all the courage, but the tyrants aren't our real enemy. The enemy is the political culture that keeps creating new ones.

I have 14 notebooks full of notes dated from 2001 till 2011. I should start plodding through them.

Sometimes I feel I'm on a mission of historical importance. But then I call myself a jerk for being so full of it.

But I can't deny it. I do believe I'm on a mission of historical importance. I'm just afraid I'll be a weak messenger to a strong message.

Aalam Wassef:

Ahmed Shafik's campaigners got drunk and produced this spot –
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vnaBziKEZM> #egypt #elections #fuckscaf

Donna Summer died.

Gsquare86:

The best democracy money can buy <http://is.gd/0ekjCj>

Don't you worry, SCAF will take care of your votes just like they did with civilians
<http://is.gd/7iduUt>



1st we “voted” on 8 articles & got 41 bonus articles frm SCAF on 1st constitutional declaration,now we get a whole new one w/out any vote?

SCAF to issue new constitutional declaration <http://is.gd/4zWP1T> ..and the circus continues, why did we have a referendum again? **#Egypt**

So two days before the presidential elections in **#Egypt** , we will know what the powers of the president are without having any say **#Circus**

The budget is even set before the president is elected and no puppet will change it <http://is.gd/6roXuF>

People will get disillusioned so fast after the president, which ever, fails on every level to achieve goals needed. **#Egypt** under SCAF

This is our BEST asset as of right now <http://is.gd/vL1zMp> **#Egypt #Hopeless**

I wouldn't want to be in this hotel <http://is.gd/ggfN5J> **#Thailand**



▪ 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**

Are 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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