



# News Coverage

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# Newspapers (19/05/2012)



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Authors: Al-Ahram correspondents

## Egypt's Embassies Begin Declaring Results of Expatriates Votes



Amid the heat of presidential race, indicators from the results announced by 17 embassies and consulates have shown a progress for Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh followed by Hamdeen Sabbahi, in addition to a fierce competition between Amr Moussa and Mohamed Morsi. Meanwhile, Ahmed Shafik came in the fifth position.

These indicators still await the confirmation of the biggest bloc of expatriate voters in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Representatives of presidential candidates praised the integrity of the process of voting and counting votes.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed that the Presidential Elections Commission granted embassies the right to declare the results and present written documents of the detailed results to representatives of presidential candidates.

Al-Azhar considered voting in elections a religious and a national duty. The religious institution called on all Egyptians to refuse to accept any forms of bribes and confirmed that buying votes is prohibited.

Presidential candidates intensified their campaigns in the remaining 48 hours before the pre-election silence.

Pages: 1, 4

Authors: Sameh Lashin and Emad Al-Din Saber

## “Catch a Remnant” Campaign Protests against Shafik and Moussa



A small number of citizens demonstrated in Tahrir Square yesterday holding signs of the campaign titled “Catch a Remnant,” which was created to demand the exclusion of former figures of the Mubarak regime from Egypt’s political life.

Protesters chanted against Ahmed Shafik and Amr Moussa and accused them of using bribes to mobilize their supporters. Protesters also warned against attempts to rig the presidential elections.

Tahrir protesters demanded the new president to fulfill all the demands of the January 25 revolution; particularly releasing all political prisoners and purging the state institutions from corrupt officials.



## MB and Al-Nour Agree on Issuing a Complementary Constitutional Declaration



The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party and Al-Nour Salafi Party both agreed that SCAF issues a complementary constitutional declaration that determines the powers of the new president. Other political forces were divided between those who supported the step and those who stood against it.

The Freedom and Justice Party's executive bureau held a meeting yesterday to discuss the outcome of their previous meeting with other political parties and determine their position from the complementary constitutional declaration. FJP Deputy Head Dr. Farid Ismail said his party reached an agreement with other political parties that they present their proposal to SCAF to ensure that constitutional amendments will create a balance between the powers of the president and of the parliament.

MP Gamal Hanafi, member of the Parliament's Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, said that SCAF can only issue a constitutional declaration by presenting a draft of the declaration to the parliament to discuss and approve it.

Dr. Tareq Al-Sahri, member of Al-Nour's supreme committee and deputy head of the Shoura Council, said deliberations are underway between Al-Nour and other political parties to determine the powers of the president.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Ahram: Page 1; Al-Tahrir: Page 2; Al-Gomhoria: Page 3



Pages: 1, 8  
 Author: Yosri Al-Badri

## Judges to Visit UK to Discuss Return of Egypt's Stolen Funds



Assistant Minister of Justice for Illicit Gains Senior Judge Assem Al-Gohari said a judicial delegation will head to the UK on May 27 to follow up on the legal efforts taken to return public funds stolen by former president Hosni Mubarak and his cronies. Stolen funds smuggled to the UK are estimated at EGP390 million.

“Negotiations with the British officials resulted in a decision to form a judicial delegation that will attend a meeting on May 27 in London to discuss two major demands; the return of stolen funds and handing over fugitive former figures of the Mubarak regime including Yousef Boutros Ghali, former minister of finance, and Rashid Mohamed Rashid, former minister of industry and trade,” said Al-Gohari.

The UK has frozen assets worth £40 million which belong to Mubarak and 39 officials in his former regime.



Page: 5  
 Authors: Yasser Imam, Ashraf Abd Al-Zaher (and others)

## Governors Prepare for Presidential Elections

**طوارئ بالمحافظات استعدادا للانتخابات الرئاسية**

بمناسبة الانتخابات الرئاسية المقررة في 23 يونيو 2014، تشهد المحافظات استعدادات مكثفة من قبل المحافظين وأجهزة الأمن للحفاظ على الأمن والنظام، وذلك في إطار خطة العمل التي أعدتها وزارة الداخلية بالتعاون مع أجهزة الأمن والمحافظات.

أكد المحافظون على التزامهم بالحياد التام والشفافية في العملية الانتخابية، مؤكدين على ضرورة مشاركة جميع المواطنين في الانتخابات بحرية وأمن.

تتضمن الإجراءات المتخذة:

- تعزيز الدوريات الأمنية في الشوارع والميادين العامة.
- إجراء عمليات تفتيشية على المنشآت التجارية والمؤسسات التعليمية.
- تنفيذ حملات توعية للمواطنين حول أهمية الانتخابات.
- مراقبة وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي لمنع نشر الشائعات.

يأتي هذا في إطار الجهود المبذولة لضمان نزاهة العملية الانتخابية وتحقيق إرادة الشعب المصرية.

Governorates around the country witness a state of alert as preparations are underway for holding presidential elections next Wednesday and Thursday.

Governors, executive officials and heads of security held several meetings to discuss all the procedures necessary to ensure transparent and free elections.

Governors stressed on their complete neutrality towards all presidential candidates and confirmed that their goal is to hold elections in the best ways possible.

## Sufis Support Shafik and Sabbahi in Presidential Race



Several groups of Sufis declared supporting Ahmed Shafik for presidency and said he represents a shield that will protect Egypt from the surrounding dangers. Sheikh Alaa Aboul Azayem, leader of Al-Azmiya Sufi Order, said Egypt needs an experienced military leader to help the country pass this critical phase. He called on Egyptians not to give their votes to the Muslim Brotherhood because they will turn Egypt to another Afghanistan.

Al-Nasr Sufi Party also declared giving its support to Shafik. Meanwhile, the General Coalition of Sufi Orders declared supporting Hamdeen Sabbahi for presidency. They said he is the most suitable presidential candidate because he does not belong to the Muslim Brotherhood or to Salafi parties and he was not a part of the former regime.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Shorouk: Page 9





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 Author: Mamdouh Hassan

### Securing Presidential Elections



Security sources told Al-Shorouk newspaper that the Ministry of Interior will undertake 30% of security operations needed during presidential elections, while the Armed Forces will be responsible for providing security in the majority of areas around the country.

Army forces have already taken measures to prepare for assuming responsibility of polling stations and sub-stations.

Sources also explained that policemen will not be allowed to enter polling stations or transfer ballot boxes and their role will be limited to preventing campaigns outside polling stations and dispersing protests or gatherings which might hinder the process of elections.

Similar news was reported in: Al-Akhbar: Page 4



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 Authors: Rami Nawar, Mahmoud Hussein (and others)

## El-Baradei: SCAF Will Determine President's Powers Unilaterally



Representatives of various political parties and movements will hold an emergency meeting today at the headquarters of Al-Wafd Party to discuss the powers of the new president.

Dr. Ayman Nour, head of Ghad Al-Thawra Party, said a group of 15 political parties is preparing a proposal and they will present it to SCAF to add it to the Constitutional Declaration. It will be effective for a period that ranges between six months to a full year until the new constitution is drafted.

Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei, co-founder of Al-Dostour Party and former head of the IAEA, attacked the role played by SCAF generals. "How will SCAF determine the powers of Egypt's coming president without holding a referendum before presidential elections begin?" asked El-Baradei. "The revolution broke out to build a new Egypt and what we see now is a crude attempt to restore and revive the former political regime with its figures, policies and ideas," he stressed



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Authors: Mina Sami, Mostafa Wahish (and others)

## Presidential Race Heats Up in Governorates

### الصراع على رئاسة الجمهورية يشتعل في المحافظات



Minor clashes took place yesterday between supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood's candidate Dr. Mohamed Morsi and supporters of Dr. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh as they exchanged insults and threw rocks at each other.

Supporters of Dr. Mohamed Morsi accused Aboul Fotouh's campaign coordinator of planning an attack against the human chain organized by the Freedom and Justice Party to support their candidate. They accused Aboul Fotouh's supporters of hiring thugs to attack them in the city of Al-Minya in Upper Egypt.

Dr. Aboul Fotouh's campaign completely denied these allegations and confirmed that their role is to campaign for their presidential candidate without attacking supporters of other candidates.

In addition, Hamdeen Sabbahi's campaign filed a complaint against supporters of Dr. Morsi accusing them of tearing down Sabbahi's banners in various cities. Morsi's campaign denied saying that over 200 banners of their candidate were torn down.

A new version of the incident in which former US President George W. Bush, was thrown with a shoe by an Iraqi during a press conference, appeared in Egypt. One of the members of the Revolution Youth Coalition, Ahmed Hazem, hurled his shoe at Ahmed Shafik, presidential candidate and former prime minister, during a press conference held in Aswan, to protest against his presidential bid. Participants attacked and beat up Hazem right after he threw his shoe. Revolution Youth Coalition in Aswan organized a stand in front of the conference and minor clashes took place between the coalition's members and Shafik's supporters.



## TV Coverage (18/5/2012)



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

Presidential candidate Abdel-Moneim Aboul Fotouh held an electoral conference attended by various public figures.



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

Initial indicators for Egyptian expatriates' votes show Aboul Fotouh, Sabbahi, Morsi, Moussa, and Shafik are the top candidates.

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



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

Field Marshal Tantawi said we will punish anyone who tries to hinder the elections process. Initial reports indicated that Amr Moussa and Hamdeen Sabahy gained the majority of votes in Australia.

**Program: Akhbar Masr**  
**Channel 1 "State TV"**

Egyptian expatriates voting ended and the vote counting began in the majority of the embassies.

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

Presidential Elections Commission will hold a press conference on Saturday to review the preparations for the presidential elections.

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



**Program: Yesed Sabahak**

**Channel 2"State TV"**

**Host: Sarah Al-Helaly and Ahmed Al-Sawy**

Egyptian expatriates voting turnout was less than 50%.



## Radio Coverage (18/5/2012)



### **News**

**Channel: Al-Shabab W Al-Reyada**

**Time: 23:15:00**

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Similar news was reported in Channel: Radio Masr , Time: 25:00:00

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Similar news was reported in Channel: Radio Masr , Time: 25:00:00

Arab League announces that it will take part in monitoring the Egyptian presidential elections through a team of 50 observers.



## Internet Coverage (19/5/2012)

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### We are all Khaled Saeed:

Why do they hate the internet? [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/s720x720/535789\\_412218088828061\\_104224996294040\\_962160\\_1888318725\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/s720x720/535789_412218088828061_104224996294040_962160_1888318725_n.jpg)

A group of Egyptian campaigns decided to face sexual harassment in Egyptian streets by forming human shields. The first campaign took place successfully 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/s720x720/556748\\_389450014439211\\_369509439766602\\_1209171\\_1837127365\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash3/s720x720/556748_389450014439211_369509439766602_1209171_1837127365_n.jpg)

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has cooperated with a number of local organizations to offer the elections commissions with several tools, including phosphorus ink, lock pads and seals.

<http://www.almasryalyoum.com/node/850786>

Post revolution genes: [https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s720x720/301869\\_304752169604069\\_265946943484592\\_682943\\_1115779322\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s720x720/301869_304752169604069_265946943484592_682943_1115779322_n.jpg)

News flash: The military prosecution releases 20 defendants over the Abbassiya events while 89 remained detained.

### Egyptian Cabinet:

Four days to go for the presidential elections. Know your voting venue:

<http://www.elections.eg/>



Twitter

### Wael Abbas:

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

We carry the Tiger King for Egypt.

Supporters of Ahmed Shafiq storm the Syndicate of Journalists premises and assault its security men to prevent a conference by head of the pilots syndicate from taking place, which was aimed to expose "the corruption

Of the ministry under Shafiq." <http://elbadil.com/egypt-news/2012/05/19/46421>

Abu-Treka is supporting Mohamed Morsi?

I'm at Sharm El-Sheikh International Airport (Nabq Bay, Sharm El-Sheikh)



I'm at Cairo International Airport – Terminal 3 with two others.

**Iyad elbaghdadi:**

I can't believe the "debt is good/debt is irrelevant" line is still floating around. Do we need another debunk?

A few days left to the first post-#Jan25 #Egypt presidential elections. I say elect anyone at all except ex-regime figures.

Elect someone who can stand up to SCAF & the MOI and ensure an independent judiciary. Everything else is small potatoes. #Egypt  
Having said that, please don't elect an old-school socialist? #Egypt cannot afford more economic irrationality.

Do not look at history as a progression of events along a baseline of time, but as a progression of ideas along a baseline of principles.  
I'm going to tweet this only once. Whoever wants to join the #ArabSpringManifesto taskforce, mention me?

I hereby declare that I seek the truth about #Syria, so if you want to present your evidence about armed Salafi gangs, go ahead.  
And if you wish to present your evidence that the recent explosions in #Syria are the work of Salafi gangs, go ahead.

You cannot fill a cup that's already full. You need to get rid of the old stuff to make space for new stuff.

Too many people walk around their entire lives with full cups, swilling them around and never getting anything new in there.

If you already think you're free, there's no hope of liberation for you.  
If I had some extra money, I would have shorted Facebook.

Getting really irritated by "economists" peddling that "debt doesn't matter" line again. This "debt doesn't matter" line comes in three flavors: "We had even higher debt before"; "look at Scandinavia"; "look at Iceland".  
As for "we had even higher debt before" - factually true but totally different situation.

**Arabist:**

France's Ayrault Creates Anatomical Challenge for Arab Press - Bloomberg:  
<http://bloom.bg/L6iPHt>



Algeria's election was a fraud - Opinion - Al Jazeera English: <http://aje.me/JDVEcI> Jeremy Keenan

AP: Egypt's mindboggling first time choosing a leader: <http://bit.ly/Kn1Kro>

AFP: Legendary singer Warda dies in Cairo aged 72: <http://bit.ly/JFlxsF>

**Gsquare86:**

HAAHAHA : Citizen throws his shoe at Shafiq in Aswan <http://is.gd/EpwWF7>

#Pulloverba2a

Thousands of Shia Muslims protest over Gulf union plans <http://is.gd/2YpExX> #Bahrain

Russian police detain protest leader, five others <http://is.gd/4FuKj5>



## ▪ 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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