



# News Coverage

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## Newspapers (19/1/2012)



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Authors: Abeer Al Morsy

### 12 Advisory Council Terms to Protect Revolution



The Advisory Council is making enormous efforts to meet the demands of revolutionaries before the January 25.

Three of the council members launched an initiative of 12 terms to meet those demands.

Writer Sukaina Fuad, Dr. Salah Fadl and Usama Burhan, syndic of journalists who declared the Advisory Council had approved the initiative that will be referred to the SCAF.

The initiative suggests that the SCAF greet Egyptians for the revolution and apologize for the deaths and regretful violence and anarchy.

The initiative also includes a call to release all the political detainees and those of the revolution who had been referred to military courts.

The initiative also includes trying all the culprits responsible for the transgressions against the revolutionaries at civil courts and a soon declaration of the results of interrogation with the suspects in the cases of attacks against demonstrators.



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Author: Issam Abd al-Karim and Sahar Zahran

## Azhar Grand Imam Elected



Dr. Faiza Abu al-Naja, minister of Planning and International Cooperation, reported that the Cabinet had approved appointing the Azhar Grand Imam through confidential elections. The new Imam, accordingly, will be selected out of three candidates chosen by a corporation of elder scholars.

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Author: Adel al-Alfi and Muhammad Sharabi

## One Flat for Revolution Victim



Only one flat has been granted to revolutionary victims.

Hilmi Abu al-Maati who completely lost his eyes received a flat as compensation. Other victims are to receive their financial compensations today.

A delay in handing out the money created a state of discontentment amongst the victims and their families.

They protested yesterday, at the National Council for the Revolution Victims' Affairs who promised that they would receive their dues in the afternoon.

Four thousand applications had been submitted by the revolution victims eligible for compensation.

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Author: Muhammad Mutawei and others

### Elections Updates in al-Ahram



Reruns started, yesterday, in Sohag's Southern constitution. 15 parties compete for eight seats. Islamists had won the eight seats of Sohag's Northern constitution.

In Qena's reruns 31 polling committees opened late. Security forces heavily spread in the city.

Fierce competition is reported in Qena between the tribes' candidates and Islamists.

While low turnout was reported in cities, polling stations witnessed high turnout in villages.

In Daqahliya, reruns started late in some polling stations due to the delay of the needed documents.

The Administrative Constitutional Court in Daqahliya refused a lawsuit to annul the elections in Banha.

Dr. Safwat al-Alem, lecturer at the Faculty of Mass Communication at Cairo University and head of the committee of monitoring and correcting the media coverage of the elections stated that most of the journalists and broadcasters did not know how to cover the elections.

The Free Egyptian Party disjoined from the Egyptian Bloc. The Bloc is considering the formation of an alliance to face Islamists.

Vice president of I-Wasat party expressed his rejection to handover the presidential authority to the Speaker of the People's Assembly.



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Author: Muhammad Anz

## The Salfist Call Celebrates the Revolution



The Salafist Call decided to participate in the celebrations planned on January 25 to celebrate the revolution.

Dr. Yasser Burhami, vice president of the Salafist Call, declared that the Call will participate in the celebrations in all governorates and will participate in protecting the public facilities from potential transgressions or attacks.

Burhami denounced the calls for riots on the revolution anniversary, describing such calls as means to impose the minority's dictatorship.



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 Author: Hazem Abu Douma

### The Revolution Victims' Coalition



The Revolution Victims Coalition held a press conference to reveal to the public facts on the revolution victims' demands that had not been met yet, stressing that the declarations of the National Council for the Revolution Victims' declarations were not correct.





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Author: Not mentioned

## The Administrative Court Approves Pensions for Revolution Victims



The Administrative Court in Cairo issued a ruling obliging the government to pay special pensions for the revolution victims.

Pensions will vary depending on the degree of harm and regardless of any other income the victim might have.



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Author: Muhammad Hijab

## Minister Abu al-Naja's Project Rejected



Nine Human Rights organizations have rejected Minister Faiza Abu al-Naja's project for NGOs.

Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Faiza Abu al-Naja is considered to be part of Mubarak's regime, and her suggested NGOs project is regarded as much severer than the current law. Abu al-Naja's suggested law allegedly gives the security apparatus the authority to control the functions of NGOs and imposes restrictions on them.



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Author: Muhammad Abd al-Khaliq

## Al-Tayyib Speaks for the Youth and the Parties



The Azhar Grand Imam Ahmad al-Tayyib held a meeting with the revolutionary youth of the different coalitions and political parties. The meeting was the third of its kind held by the Grand Imam as an attempt to reach national agreement.

It was agreed that the Azhar Grand Imam would give a speech on January 25 that includes the youth's demands, on the top of which was the immediate handing over of power to a civil authority.

Similar news was reported in al-Akhbar, p.4

Pages: 1, 6  
Author: Imad al-Fiqi

## Supreme Constitutional Court Calls for a New Law for Presidential Elections



The Supreme Constitutional Court called for drafting an independent law for the coming presidential elections.

The Court declared that a number of the articles of Law 174 of 2005 on presidential elections were not compatible with the constitutional declaration issued on March 11, 2011.

Al-Ahram published the details of the Supreme Constitutional Court's decision and argument.

## Elections Updates



Al-Gomhoreya Newspaper assigned half a page for representatives of the revolution youth and coalitions to give their opinions about the revolution and their plans for the upcoming revolution celebration.

FJP said the demonstrators must trust the Parliament to achieve the revolution aims.

Egyptian Bloc said “We need to cooperate with each other.”

The first Parliament session will be held on Monday January 23rd.

Al-Geel Party Head said MB is the oldest party.

Al-Ahrar Party Head said, the citizens wanted to vote for newly introduced membersEgypt 2000 Party Head said “We boycott the elections as we wanted to draft the constitution first.”

## Spanish Court on Hussein Salem's Daughter Extradition



A Spanish court will hand down its ruling, today, regarding Egypt's request to extradite the daughter of fugitive businessman Hussein Salem, Magda, over corruption and illegally-accumulated wealth.

The extradition lawsuit was lodged by head of Egypt's Illicit Gains Authority Counselor Assem el-Gohari.

In Egypt, Magda will be facing charges of profiteering, unlawful acquisition of public property and squandering public funds.

The Spanish prosecution had approved, a few days ago, the extradition request after Egypt filed all documents and evidence substantiating its accusations against Magda.

## Moussa: I Disagree with Baradei over Egypt's Revolution



Presidential candidate Amr Moussa said he disagreed with Mohamed el-Baradei, a presidential hopeful who withdrew from the electoral race, over his statements regarding the Egyptian revolution.

In his withdrawal statement, Baradei said that no revolution took place in Egypt and that everything remained the same.

The SCAF will hand over power to an elected, national and civilian government on June 30, Moussa said.

### Al-Deib: Mubarak Innocent, Army, Hezbollah and Hamas are Guilty



In an attempt to acquit the defendants, Farid Al-Deib, Mubarak's lawyer, directed charges against everyone. He said the Armed Forces were responsible for running the affairs of the state since Friday January 28. He explained that Mubarak transferred all his powers to the Armed Forces so that they maintain security and stability in the country. Thus, according to him, the military leaders are responsible for issuing orders of this nature, and police forces were completely subordinate to the orders of military rulers alone. According to the law, civil security forces should execute the orders of the Armed Forces and assist them, he said.

Sameh Ashour, Lawyers Syndicate Chief and head of the defense team of the revolution's victims, told Al-Tahrir newspaper that Al-Deib's accusations to the army, if true, do not acquit the ousted president because he is the first person responsible for the country throughout his presidency until he stepped down on February 11. Ashour also confirmed that Mubarak was the head of the Supreme Council of Armed Forces and if the army was involved in giving orders to kill protesters during the first eight days of the revolution, then this proves Mubarak's responsibility.

The court, headed by Senior Judge Ahmed Refaat, decided to adjourn Mubarak's trial, his two sons, Habib Al-Adli, former minister of interior, and six of his senior security officials until the next day, Thursday, to continue listening to their defense.





## اليوم السابع

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Author: Luay Ali, Ali Hassan and Rihab Abd al-Lah

### The MB's and 6 of April's Plans for Jan 25



A number of revolutionary youth and coalitions have called for protests on January 25 first anniversary to mourn the revolution martyrs.

Tareq al-Khuli, member of the Revolution Youth Coalition and spokesman of the Democratic Front of the 6 of April Movement said the movement would install secret cameras in Tahrir Square to detect any violations or attacks.

Meanwhile, well informed sources revealed that the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) would organize a huge celebration in Tahrir Square. People will start flocking to the square on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, a big stage will be installed and guarding communities will be formed. MB members and advocates are supposed to fill the square on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The day will end without protests.

On the other hand, The Coordinative Committee of the Socialist and Public Committee rejected what it called the MB's attempt to control the square.



Pages: 3  
 Author: Ahamd Hassan

### Revolution victim protest



A number of the martyrs' families and revolution victims have reportedly broken into the headquarters of the National Council for the Revolution Victims to protest.

Some hospitals refused to receive the revolutionary injuries. The victims had recommendation letters from the council to be hosted in any hospital to receive medical treatment.

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Author: Ibrahim Badawi and others

### Low turnout in Reruns



Reruns were held in the constituencies where elections had been canceled earlier by court rulings. The reruns were held in five governorates, namely, Assyout, Qalyoubiyam Soth Sinai, Qen, Sharqiya and Daqahliya.

Very low turnout was blamed on the bad weather conditions and the repetition of elections.

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Author: Dina Abd al-Alim and Ibrahim Qasem

## USD Six Million Disappear from Ansar al-Sunna Accounts



Well informed sources have allegedly told al-Yom al-Sabee that investigations into the case of foreign funding of international organizations revealed that USD6mn were donated to the Ansar al-Sunna Association (the Sunna Advocates) in 2011 and do not appear in any of the official expenditure documents of the association. The sum has disappeared from the association's bank accounts.

Former Minister of Social Solidarity Ali al-Musilhi had illegally approved USD223mn donations from three Arab countries to the Ansar al-Sunna Association.

The Association, however, has not presented any documents that prove spending the whole sum.

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Author: Muhamamd al-Bedewi

### Islamists in Exams



Islamists invade the school and university tests.

Elementary pupils in Sharqiya had to write a congratulation letter to the Freedom and Justice Party for winning the Parliamentary elections.

At university, students of political science had questions related to political Islam and the Islamic ideology in politics in Egypt.



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 Author: Mohamed Salem

### Shorouk Election Updates



After 3 months, the longest parliamentary elections the country has ever witnessed ends today. Reruns are to be held in Daqahlia’s first multi-member constituency for 8 seats, Meet Ghamr’s third constituency for 8 seats, Qalyoubia’s first constituency for 4 seats, and Souhag’s second constituency for 8 seats.

The results of Souhag’s first constituency reruns: Nour 4 seats, FJP 3 seats, The Egyptian Bloc 2 seats, Wafd 1 seat, Egyptian citizen 1 seat and Wasat 1 seat.

Yesterday reruns were held for 7 individual seats in Daqahlia’s first constituency, Qalyoubia’s first, Qena’s third constituency and South Sinai governorate. Yesterday’s elections witnessed very intensive security measures, despite the very low turnout.

Yousry Abd El-Kerem, HEC member, said that the Commission has decided to ignore any future court rulings as the HEC will not be able to abide by it due to lack of time before holding the first parliamentary session on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Administrative Court decided to recount the votes in Qalyoubia’s second constituency for both the individual and slate seats to make sure whether or not there are discrepancies in the numbers announced.

### Patterson Meets MB Chairman and General Guide



The US Ambassador to Egypt, Anne Patterson, met yesterday with the Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, Mohamed Badei, at the Brotherhood’s headquarters in Mokattam. The U.S. Ambassador described the economic situation in Egypt as serious. Egypt needs loans from the World Bank, which will contribute to an improved economic situation.

Badei assured the Ambassador that the principles of the Islamic law are the greatest guarantee for private and public freedoms, “because Sharia safeguards freedom of religion, as well as personal freedoms, to all citizens alike,” adding “we have confidence in our Parliament and our Armed Forces.”

Badei stressed that any aid must go through legitimate channels, with the knowledge of the Egyptian government, unconditionally.”

Similar news was reported in Akhbar page 3; Ahram page 3; Dostour page 1



Pages: 1&4  
 Author: Mohamed Basal

**Supreme Court Forces SCAF to Amend Presidential Draft Law**



The Supreme Constitutional Court, headed by Farouk Sultan, handed down a ruling, yesterday, binding the Military Council to introduce 5 amendments to the draft of the Presidential Elections Law. The amendments are obligatory because some articles of the draft Law contradict the constitution declaration.

Similar news was reported in Ahkbar page 11





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Authors: Reham Masoud, Mohamed El-Feqi

### Morning and Anger Week



Fifty eight political parties and movements called for a million-man demonstration under the name ‘Martyrs’ dreams’ in Tahrir, tomorrow, in protest of the lack of retribution from those responsible for the killing of protestors during Mahmoud Mahmoud, Maspero, Ministerial Cabinet Clashes and the 25 January revolution.

Member of Revolution Youth Coalition’s executive office revealed that the demonstrations will mark the beginning of the ‘Morning and Anger Week’. During that week they will be wearing black badges during marches and demonstrations that they will hold all over the country.

## El-Baradei Denies Forming a Political Party



Mohamed El-Baradei, former International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) director, is expected to participate in January 25th demonstrations that call for achieving the demands of the revolution. Through his Twitter account, he called everyone to stand one-minute morning revolution martyrs on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

El-Baradei's media office denied forming a political party after a number of news website reported he plans on forming one with Ayman Nour and Wael Ghonim.



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Author: Not mentioned

### Badawi Quits Advisory Council



Leader of Al-Wafd Party el-Sayyed el-Badawi tendered his resignation from the Advisory Council.

Reason for resignation was not mentioned in al-Akhbar but it quoted Badawi as stating in it that the Egyptians will enter a new political phase in the coming days through the first democratically elected parliament.

Repeated in Al-Shorouk, page 2 and Al-Ahram page 6

Page: 3

Author: Khaled Merri

## Switzerland Probes Suzanne Mubarak's Money-Laundering Ring



The Swiss Prosecution started investigations into allegation that Suzanne Mubarak, the spouse of former president Hosni Mubarak, has been leading a money-laundering gang.

The move comes after Egypt's judicial committee concerned with returning Egypt's stolen money from abroad provided the Swiss prosecution with reports on the ill-gotten wealth of the Mubarak family.

The reports also include the wealth of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement.

Repeated in Al-Shorouk, page 2



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Author: Dina Darwish

## Italian FM in Egypt



Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Terzi will arrive in Egypt today, leading a high-level delegation, for a one-day visit.

During the visit, Terzi will convey a message from the Italian President Giorgio Napolitano to SCAF Head Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

The visit aims to reiterate Italy's support of the democratic transition in Egypt, said Italy's Ambassador in Cairo Claudio Pacifico.



## TV Coverage (18/1/2012)



**Program: Al-Hayat Al-An (News)**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Maha Bahnasy**

HEC insists on holding the first Parliamentary session on Monday and stated they will not take any action regarding any contestations issued after January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cairo reruns in El-Sahel, Roud Al-Farag, and Sharabeya area witness a very low turnout.

**Program: Al-Hayat Al-Yoom (Talk Show)**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat**  
**Host: Lobna Assal and Sherief Amer**

Mohamed Morsy, FJP Head said: The PM was informed that we support his government till June 30<sup>th</sup>.

MB Supreme Guide meets with the US Ambassador to Egypt.

Abdel-Aziz Hegazy, former PM, head of the General Federation of Associations and NGOs, and Advisory Council member said:

I wish that the illiterate don't vote in the upcoming elections.

There is no disagreement between SCAF and MB which is a positive sign.



**Program: Masr Al-Gadeeda (Talk Show)**  
**Channel: Al-Hayat 2**  
**Host: Moataz Al-Demerdash**

Ahmed Harara, political activist, said:

I have nothing against the coming parliament.

We used Molotov and stones against live ammunition to defend ourselves.



**News All Day  
Channel "National TV"**

The Supreme Constitutional Court orders SCAF to amend five articles in the Presidential Elections Law.

Voting continues in Sohag, Sharkeya, and Asyut.

Dakahleya:

Competition for individual seats is taking place in the first constituency.

Competition for slate seats in the first and third constituency.

Citizens vote in first constituency in Qalyobeya.

Medium voters' turnout in the elections of the delayed constituencies in South Sinai.

Voting started in the delayed constituencies in Sohag, Qalyobeya, and Dakahleya.

Reruns are held in Sharkeya's fifth constituency.

Riots took place in Qena to prevent ballot boxes from entering the stations

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

Today voting will be resumed in Cairo reruns.

Today are the reruns in Sohag south constituency.



**Program: Baladna Bel-Masry  
Channel: ON TV  
Host: Reem Maged**

Vote count continues and voting will be resumed in some constituencies tomorrow.



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**Channel: Al-Arabeya**

Some of the political parties represented in the parliament decided to choose from them heads of the specialized committees.

FJP nominates Al-Katatni as speaker of the People's Assembly and Al-Wafd and Al-Nour nominate the two deputies.

Parties represented in the parliament agree on coordinating their efforts to select those who will assume the work of the specialized committees.

Al-Wafd decides to form a separate coalition inside the parliament.

Al-Wafd agrees to coordinate efforts with the FJP to choose members who will assume leading positions inside the parliament.

The MB believes that choosing the new government is the Parliament's responsibility.

The MB and SCAF are at odds regarding the constitutional legislations.





## Radio Coverage (18/1/2012)



**News All Day**

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

Vote count continues in Sohag, Qalyobeya, and Dakahleya.

Today is the run-off round in Sohag's Southern constituency where slate-constituency elections had been annulled by an Administrative Court ruling.



## Internet Coverage (19/1/2012)



### We are all Khaled Saeed

Revolution Chains in Maadi

<http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Dho54fq0C-IA&h=mAQHyIhL2AQGvpi--UG6Nu0qQczgb7qoXfvEK1sd986DXKQ>

Posted on this page, on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011: The page was keen on urging everyone not to destroy property, reminding them that this is not just a demonstration but the beginning of a revolution.

Masrena is an Egyptian movement that aims at creating an establishment for youth to transform their dream for the country into reality.

<https://www.facebook.com/Masrena.org>

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, we found an admirable situation for a police officer who refused to be bribed USD15mn. <https://www.facebook.com/ElShaheed/posts/176268015744672>. We are not against the police.

An image for the revolution chains in Alexandria.

[https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s320x320/409418\\_307500395952578\\_295247683844516\\_806981\\_1001819443\\_n.jpg](https://fbcdn-sphotos-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-ash4/s320x320/409418_307500395952578_295247683844516_806981_1001819443_n.jpg)

### Egyptian Cabinet

Al-Ganzory discusses reports regarding internal and external issues such as, Tantawi's visit to Libya; Ministry of Interior's exerted efforts to end the security chaos, and the results of IMF talks regarding the loan of USD3bn and USD200mn.

The Government is about to issue bonds in USD for expatriate Egyptians. The idea was met with wide acceptance by the expatriate Egyptians as it supports Egypt's economy.



### Asmaa Mahfouz

I am at the Masr El-Gedeida police station to file defamation suit against Hayah Al-Darderi, Tawfik Okasha and Al-Fara'in channel.

I am a bit away from the media but I am always present in campaigns.



There are dozens of young men and women who were not afraid of being arrested and went out to the streets to call on people to mobilize them for January 25.

### Ghonim

An incredible picture for an old lady participating in the “Chains of Revolution” stand in Alexandria:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=307520702617214&set=a.307520129283938.63865.295247683844516&type=1&theater>

“English version of my book is finally released. Now available via Amazon. (Named Revolution 2.0)<http://amzn.to/w3N3ws> #Egypt #Jan25”

Al-Azhar’s Grand Imam Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayyeb said: January 25 should not be a celebration. We have to honor the memory of our martyrs.

### Monasosh

A small group in the square is walking towards the Tahrir Administrative Complex chanting “As free revolutionaries, we will continue our struggle.”

I have left Tahrir Square and I do not know what happened afterwards. Numbers were small and there was nothing worrying.

Revolution is a full time job.

Nawara Negm is fine now after thugs beat her up. Mohanad saw her and he was able to rescue her and Hesham is on his way there.

### Arabist

“New on Arabist: In Translation: Daa Rashwan on Mohamed ElBaradei <http://arb.st/xWORTu>”

“New on Arabist: Links 17-18 January 2012<http://arb.st/zkyMEY>”

“New on Arabist: We're back on <http://arb.st/AfnufT>”

“So MB is backing Mansour Hassan for president. Compromise with the deep state I've been hearing about for a few weeks.”

### Iyad\_elbaghdadi

“Everyone may scream at me for this, but let me say it again. #SCAF isn't the problem. I explain here <http://bit.ly/oMmMz5> #Egypt #ArabSpring”



“Twenty-five men gang up on one woman & beat her up, coz they don't like her political views. Any more sign the revolution isn't over? #Egypt”

My project on Islamic economics: <http://el-baghdadi.com/projects/the-arab-spring-manifesto/49-the-arab-spring-manifesto/101-plan-for-qislamic-economicsq.html>

### Wael abbas

Anyone who undermines the blood of our people, their rights and their suffering just because he is afraid that his fancy life style might be compromised does not deserve to be my friend.

I know right away that anyone who says the Egyptian people are wrong and that they need reform and change belongs to the “Coach Party.” The people do not have power or arms!

### Gsquare86

“Remember Jan28 ppl went to the streets even stronger when they internet & communication were shut/censored, what will Americans do!? #SOPA”

“I am 100% sure if social networks were known that they would be utilized as tools of revolting, they would never 've been made in 1st place”

“Everywhere they are afraid, afraid that capitalism is collapsing and another world is rising #SOPA #CensorshipIsNotTheAnswer”



## ▪ 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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