

# Egypt: Demonstrations Continue

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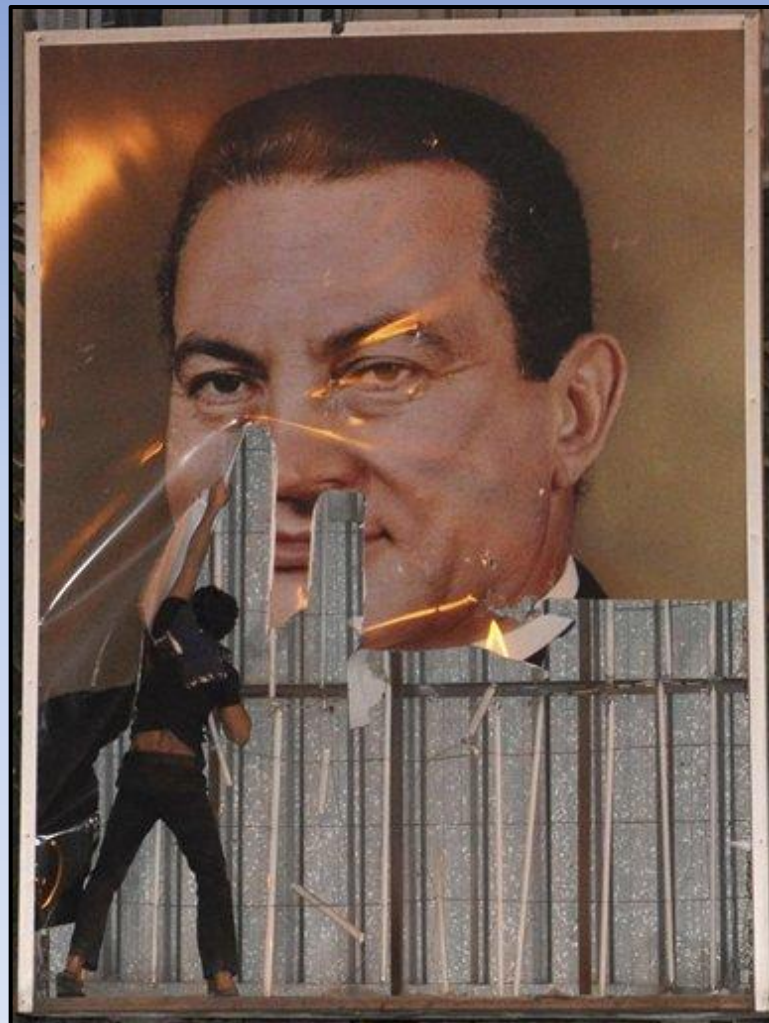
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- Protestors Assemble in Tahrir Square on January 26
  - Current protest size estimated at approximately 850
- Protest Violence Kills One, Injures Three
- Egyptian Police Presence Heavy Around Key Locations
- Protestors Utilizing Social Network Websites to Organize Protests
  - Access to Facebook and Twitter currently blocked by Egyptian Government





# Review of Previous Protest Activities

- Protests Organized to Coincide with “Police Day” Holiday, on January 25
  - Protest organizers utilized social media websites; participants protest rising inflation, unemployment, police brutality, government corruption, and unfair political processes
- Protests Commence During Morning Hours and Quickly Spread to Other Locations Within the Country
- Largest Demonstration Occurs in Cairo’s Tahrir Square; Protestors Dispersed by Early Morning Hours



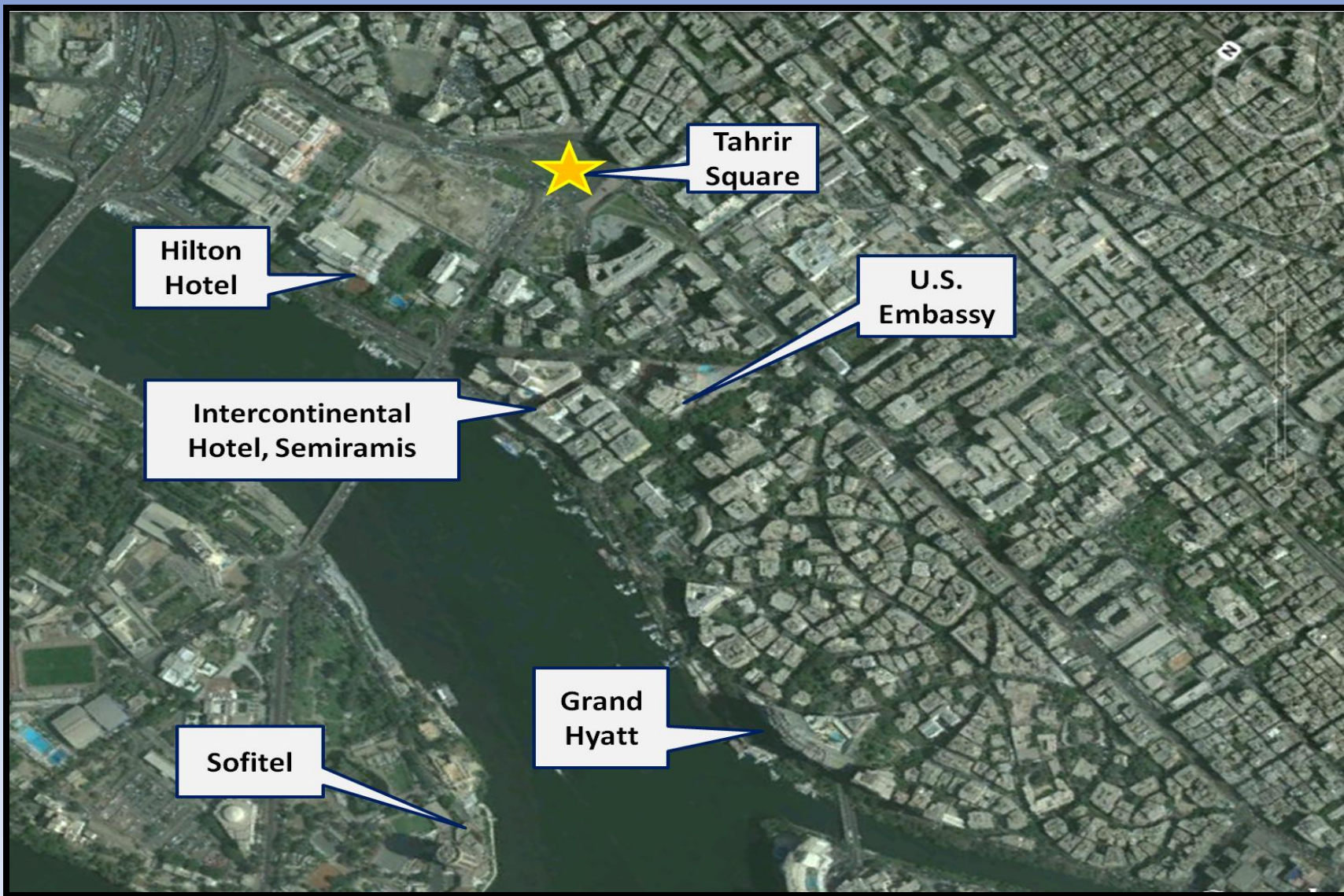


## **Tahrir Square, Cairo – Jan. 25, ~2100 hrs.**

Thousands of protesters gathered in Tahrir Square on the night of January 25. Tahrir Square is located in downtown Cairo in close proximity to a number of tourist destinations and Western hotels. More protests are scheduled for the evening of January 26.



# Protest Locations and Western Interests



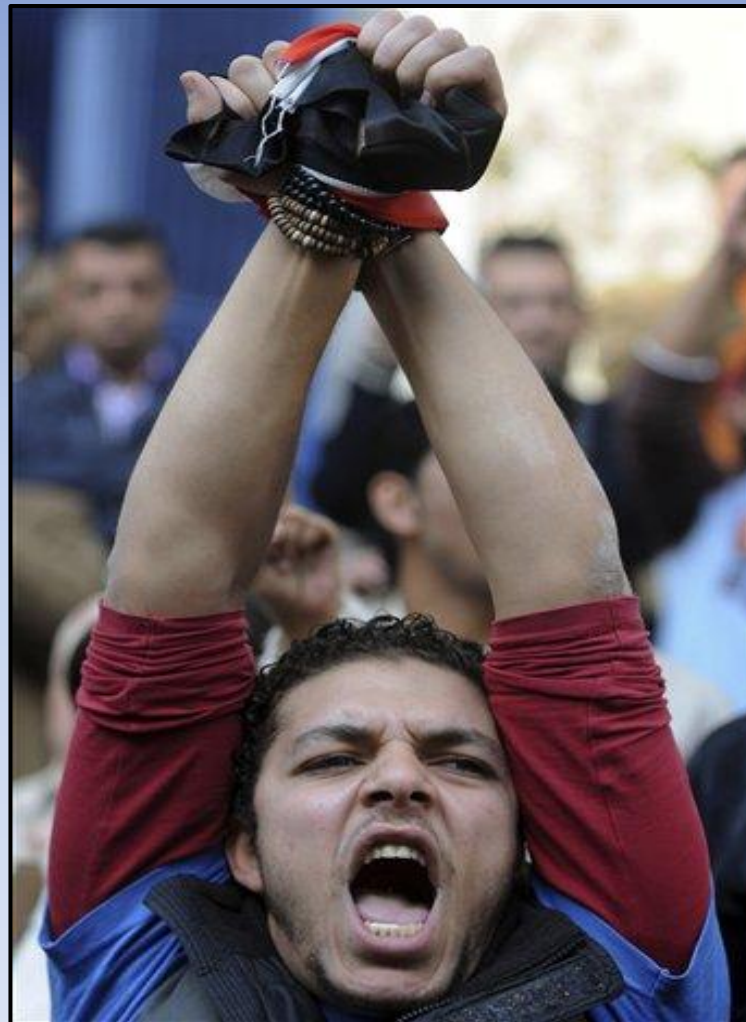
# Egyptian Government Response

- Interior Ministry Bans Additional Protests, Expands Security Measures
  - Security forces dispatched around key locations, including Tahrir Square, government facilities, and major intersections
  - Uniform and plainclothes security personnel use non-lethal force to disperse protestors: water cannons, batons, tear gas, rubber bullets
  - Social media websites report escalating tactics by security forces





- U.S. Private Sector Best Security Practices
  - Americans are encouraged to review their personal plans and avoid demonstrations areas
  - Monitor local news reports and ask tour guides and hotel officials about planned demonstrations in the areas in which you intend to travel
  - Avoid taking photographs or videos of protest activities and demonstrations
  - Additional protests called for January 28, after the conclusion of Friday prayers



# For Additional Information

- Sign up for the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) in order to receive embassy notices
- Review the latest U.S. Embassy Cairo [Warden Message](#)
- Monitor [www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov) for additional security updates
- Email the [OSAC Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa](#) or call 571-345-7746

