

Egypt: Government Measures Fail to Quell Protests

Updated January 28, 2011

Inside This Report:

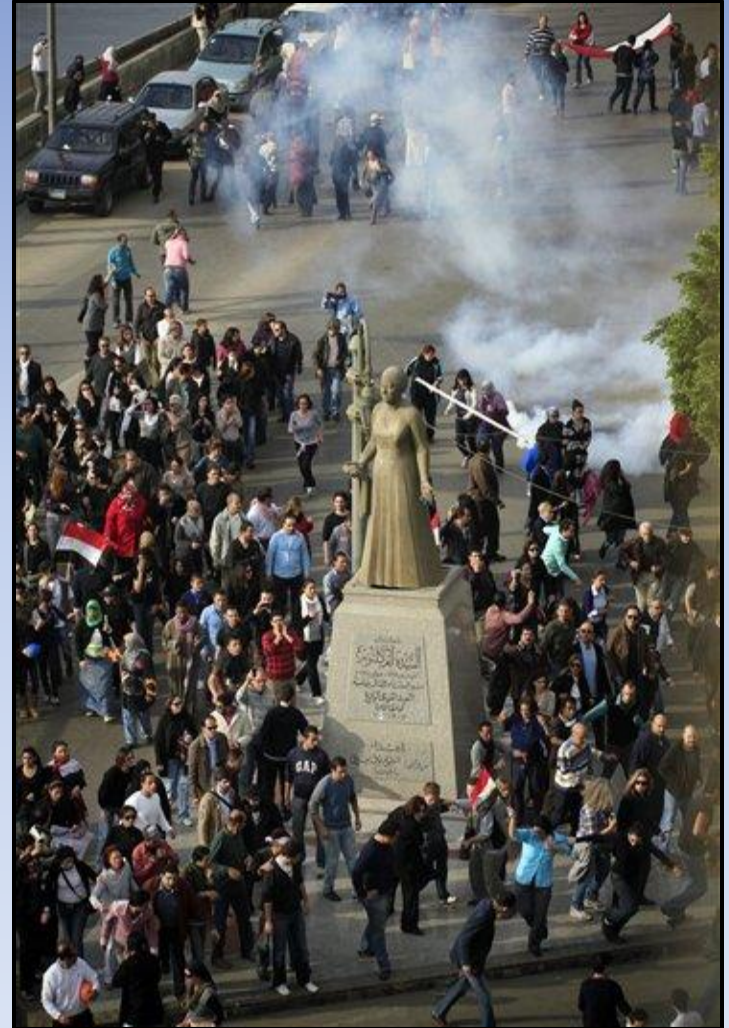
- 1) "Friday of Discontent"
- 2) New Developments
- 3) Possible Scenarios
- 4) OSAC Recommendations
- 5) Additional Information



The contents of this unclassified report in no way represent the policies, views, or attitudes of the United States Department of State, or the United States Government, except as otherwise noted (e.g., travel advisories, public statements). The presentation was compiled from various open sources and unclassified embassy reporting. Please note that all OSAC products are for internal U.S. private sector security purposes only. Publishing or otherwise distributing OSAC-derived information in a manner inconsistent with this policy may result in the discontinuation of OSAC support.

Friday of Discontent

- Tens of Thousands of Protests Gather for Friday of Discontent; Congregate Outside of Abdin Presidential Palace
 - Protestors call for resignation of President Mubarak
 - Protest sizes vary; approximately 40,000 reported in El Mansura, 20,000 near Kasr al-Nile Bridge, 80,000 Port Said, 50,000 Beni Suef
- Egyptian Police Detain Opposition Leader Mohammed El-Baradei While Attending Noon Prayers



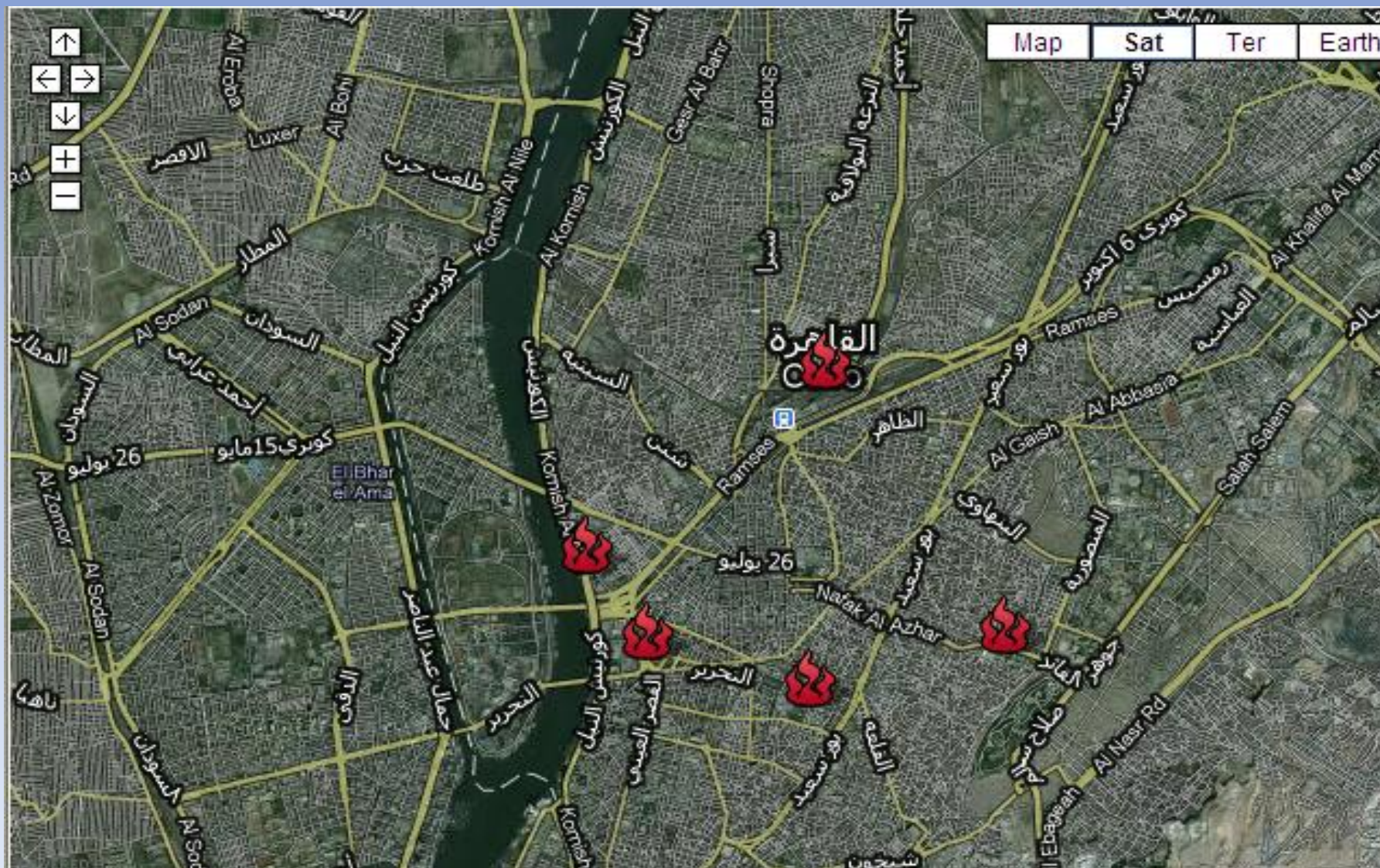
Egyptian Government Escalates Tactics

- Egyptian Government Imposes 6:00 p.m. Curfew Throughout Country; Disables Internet, Cell Phones, and Social Media Websites
- Egyptian Military Forces Sent in to Enforce Curfew
 - Effectiveness and loyalty of military remains unclear
 - Protestors cheering military in Cairo, Suez and Alexandria
 - Unconfirmed reports indicate violent clashes between protestors and military have occurred in Port Said
- Protestors Overrun Police Stations in Suez and Release Prisoners
- Protestors Reportedly Control Streets of Alexandria
- Thousands of Protestors Overrun Foreign Ministry
- Mubarak's Political Party Headquarters Set Ablaze

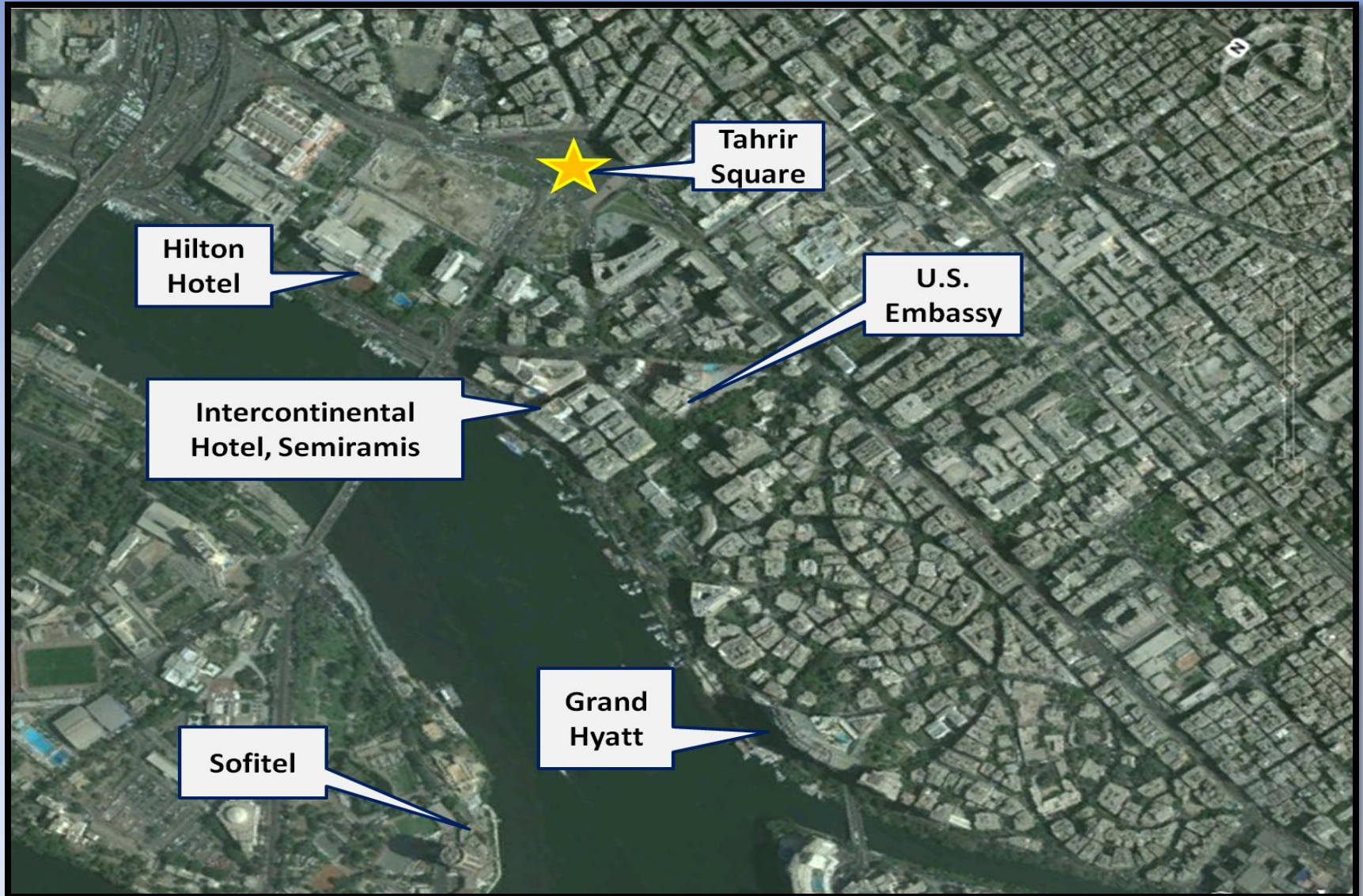
Reported Protest Sites in Egypt



Reported Protest Sites in Cairo



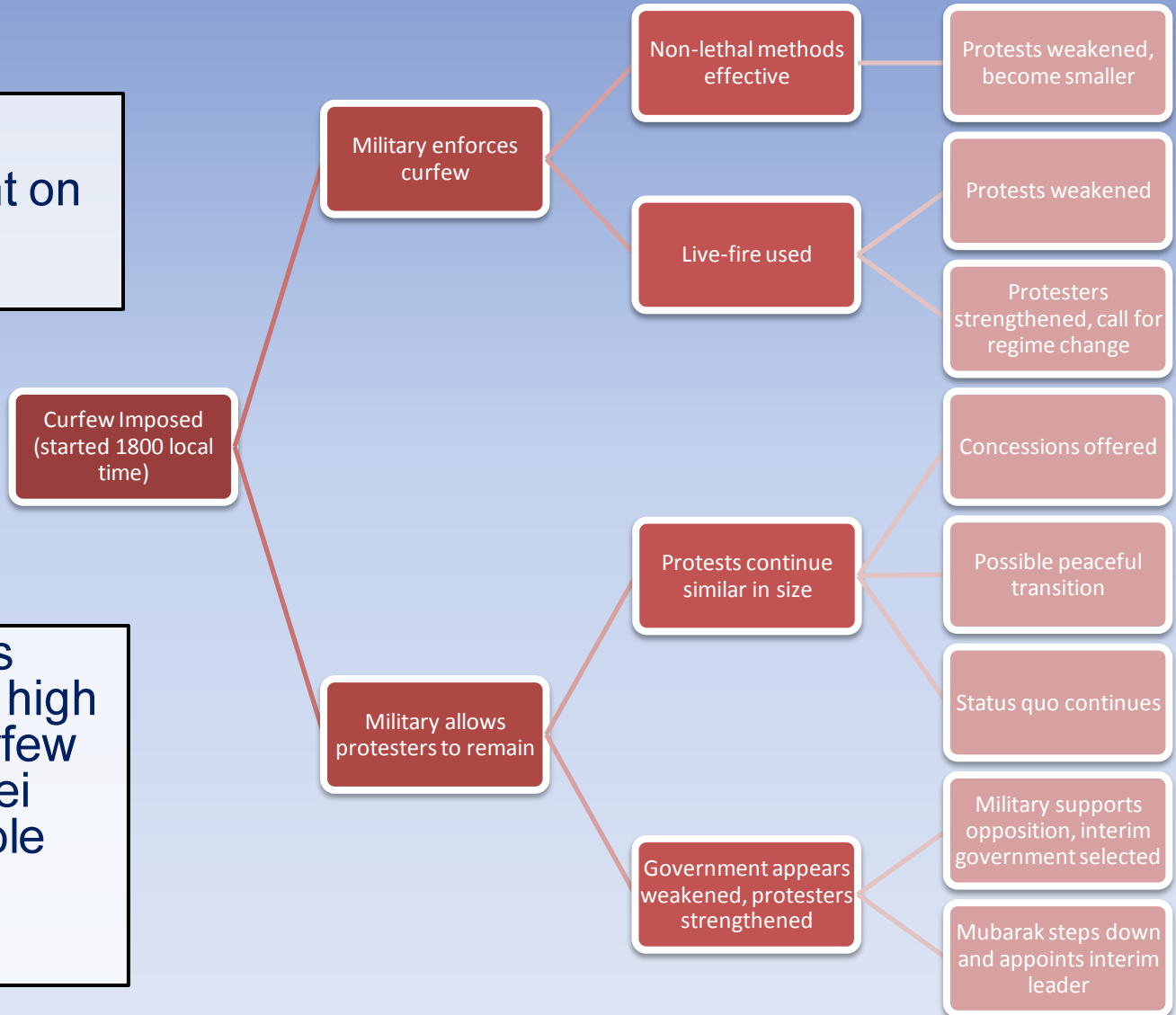
Proximity to Western Interests



Possible Scenarios

Regime stability appears contingent on military's support

Numerous tripwires crossed on Friday; high protest turnout, curfew imposed, El-Baradei arrested, military role increased, media repression



- **Travel Alert: Egypt**
 - U.S. Department of State urges American citizens to defer non-essential travel
 - American citizens currently in Egypt should defer non-essential movements; remain in residences or hotels until situation stabilizes
 - American citizens should not attempt to come to the U.S. Embassy when Egyptian security forces have it blocked off
 - American citizens should have identification and working cell phone on their persons



Secretary Clinton's Statement

“As a partner we strongly believe that the Egyptian government needs to engage immediately with the Egyptian people in implementing political, social and economic reforms... We are deeply concerned about the use of violence by Egyptian police and security forces against protestors. We call on the Egyptian government to do everything in its power to restrain security forces. At the same time, protestors should also refrain from violence and express themselves peacefully....”

- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
January 28, 2011

For Additional Information

- Sign up for the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) in order to receive embassy notices
- Monitor www.osac.gov for additional security updates
- Standby for full text release of Egypt Travel Alert
- Email the [OSAC Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa](#) or call 571-345-7746

