

Egypt: Protesters Defy Curfew, Demand Regime Change

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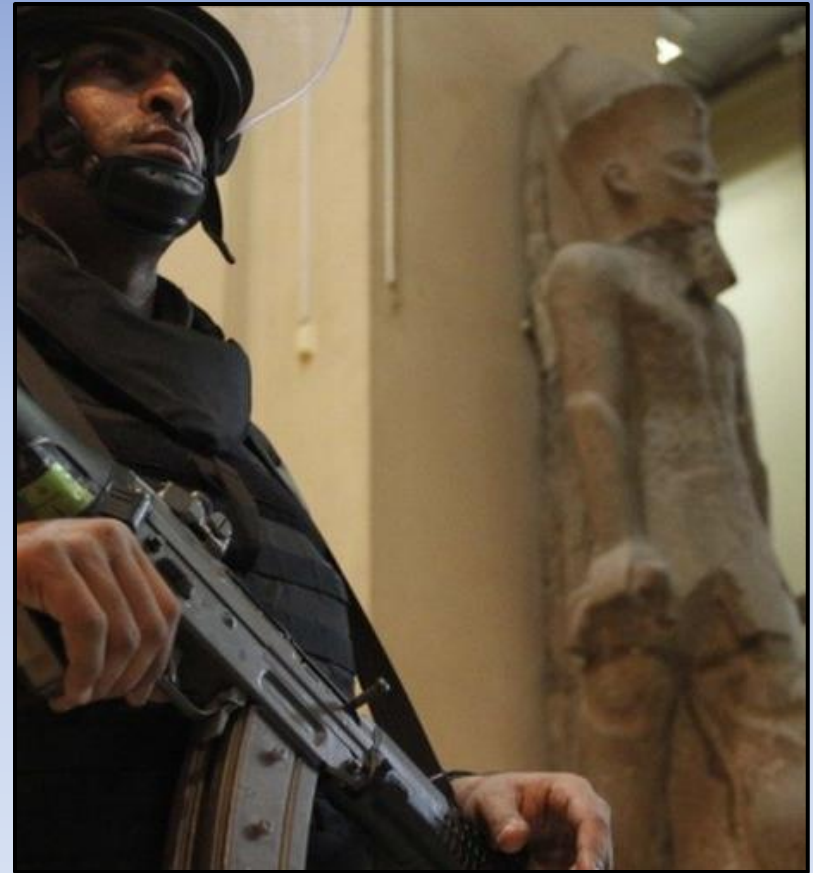
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The Next 48 Hours - Security

- Curfew extended, running from 1500 to 0800
 - Protestors breaking the curfew
 - Various opposition groups calling for “million-man march” and open-ended general strike to begin on Tuesday
- Some Egyptian police have returned to their posts, but many neighborhoods remain unprotected
- Small-scale looting likely to continue throughout the city
- Egyptian military also conducting active patrols to secure neighborhoods
- Reported food and cash shortages



Security forces guard Cairo Museum against looters

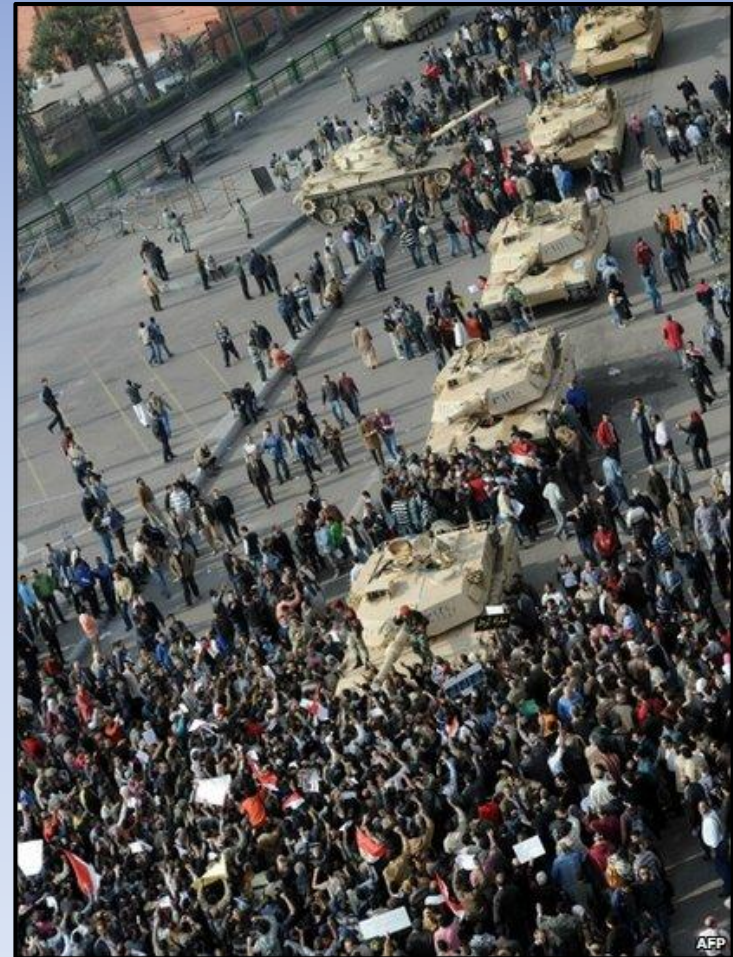
The Next 48 Hours – Politics

- Security situation unlikely to stabilize in near term
- Military has not actively provided its support to either the protestors or the current Egyptian Government
- Political opposition appears willing to compromise on unity government
- Protestors unlikely to accept limited concessions



Weekend Security Update

- Egyptian police largely absent from the streets on Saturday and Sunday
 - Egyptian Government has called for police forces to return to their duties
- Egyptian military remains deployed to key locations and are establishing barricades to prevent future protest activities
 - Military has remained neutral
- Neighborhood watches established to prevent looting; official and unofficial roadblocks prevent travel throughout the city





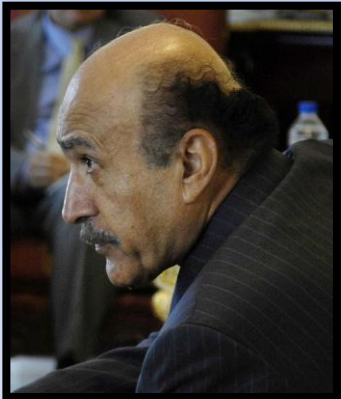
Local Neighborhood Watches

After police largely disappeared on Saturday and Sunday, local citizens set up checkpoints around their neighborhoods to prevent looting

Mubarak's Concessions Fall Flat



Hosni Mubarak,
President



Omar Suleiman,
VP



Ahmed Shafik,
Prime Minister

- Mubarak appoints new cabinet on Jan. 29
 - Egyptian Intelligence Chief Omar Suleiman becomes Vice President
 - Ahmad Shafik, former commander of air force, becomes Prime Minister
- Mubarak's selections likely intended to secure continued support of military and intelligence selections
- Selections do not placate protestors
 - Demonstrations continue throughout weekend
 - Protestors will accept nothing short of Mubarak's resignation

Opposition Demands Mubarak's Exit

- Muhamed El Baradei addressed protestors in Tahrir Square on January 30
 - Appears more willing to take a leadership role in a new Egyptian Government
- In statements to the press, El Baradei has called for the Egyptian military to support the opposition
- Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood continues to take a passive role and has expressed support for protests and El Baradei, likely in the hopes of capitalizing on future elections



“It is loud and clear from everybody in Egypt that Mubarak has to leave today...to be followed by a smooth transition to a national unity government to be followed by all the measures set in place for a free and fair election”

The Military Kingmaker

- Egyptian military continues to be the wildcard in ongoing political events
- Low-level military personnel appear to support the protestors while high-ranking Egyptian military commanders still support Mubarak
- Egyptian military's passive role likely intended to provide Mubarak additional time to provide for a peaceful transition of power
- Military remains deployed in key locations in the city
- On January 30, Egyptian Air Force flew F-16s over protestors in Tahrir Square



Egyptian demonstrators hoist an army officer on their shoulders, hoping to gain the army's support. It's future role remains unclear

Current U.S. Department of State Guidance

- [Travel Warning: Egypt \(issued January 30, 2011\):](#)
 - U.S. Department of State recommends U.S. citizens avoid travel
 - U.S. citizens in Egypt should consider leaving as soon as they can **safely** do so
 - In the event of demonstrations, U.S. citizens should remain in their residences or hotels until the situation stabilizes
- [Warden Message: Egypt, Information on USG-chartered Flights](#)
 - Persons interested in departing Egypt via USG-chartered transportation should contact U.S. Department of State by sending an email to EgyptEmergencyUSC@state.gov or calling 1-202-501-4444. Include *Name, Age, Place of Birth, U.S. Passport #, and Special Medical Needs*
- Enroll in the Smart Travelers Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy

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