

Egypt: Protesters Clash with Mubarak Supporters

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Security Expected to Worsen

- Violent clashes between Mubarak supporters and Mubarak detractors occurred in Tahrir Square on the evening of Wednesday, February 2
- Mubarak supporters reportedly use against clubs, stones, and Molotov cocktails against anti-Mubarak protestors
- Anti-Mubarak protestors accuse National Democratic Party (NDP) of organizing attacks on demonstrators
- Military remains neutral
- Clashes between both parties will likely continue and possibly worsen
- Anti-government protest size will likely decrease until Friday, due to concerns or personal safety and property



Impact of Ongoing Protest Activities

- OSAC constituent reports indicate that food, water, and cash shortages are becoming increasingly problematic throughout the city
- Lack of basic foodstuffs and other consumer staples could provoke additional looting
- Communications remain difficult; Internet and cell phone coverage remains limited but landlines have experienced no disruptions
- Road travel remains difficult; constituent reports indicate that travel to the Cairo International Airport (CAI) can take upwards of 4 hours

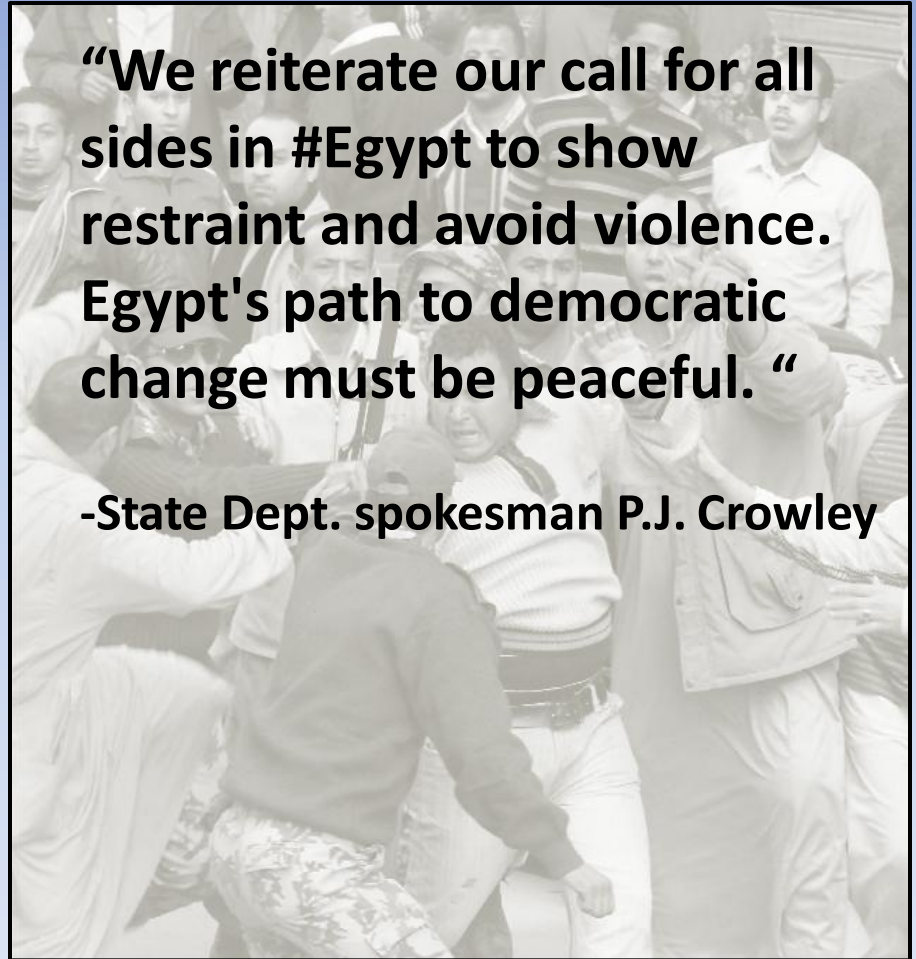


Continued Political Uncertainty

- Egyptian military has asked protesters to return home, saying their “message has been heard”
- Political opposition parties appear unwilling to accept Mubarak’s limited concessions
- Calls by foreign governments for Mubarak and Egyptian military to prevent violence continues to increase
- Military possibly negotiating with Mubarak government to end demonstrations
- Opposition attendance at Friday’s planned demonstrations will better indicate the overall support for anti-Mubarak protestors

“We reiterate our call for all sides in #Egypt to show restraint and avoid violence. Egypt's path to democratic change must be peaceful. “

-State Dept. spokesman P.J. Crowley



Recent Protest Activity

- “Million Man March” becomes large sit-in in Tahrir Square; an estimated 1-2 million demonstrators participated in the event
- Demonstration concluded with few reports of violence between protestors and Egyptian military forces
- Mubarak responds by stating he will not run for re-election, but refuses step down until scheduled elections in September
- U.S. Department of State orders departure of non-essential Embassy personnel
- American citizens depart Egypt using commercial, USG, and privately chartered airplanes

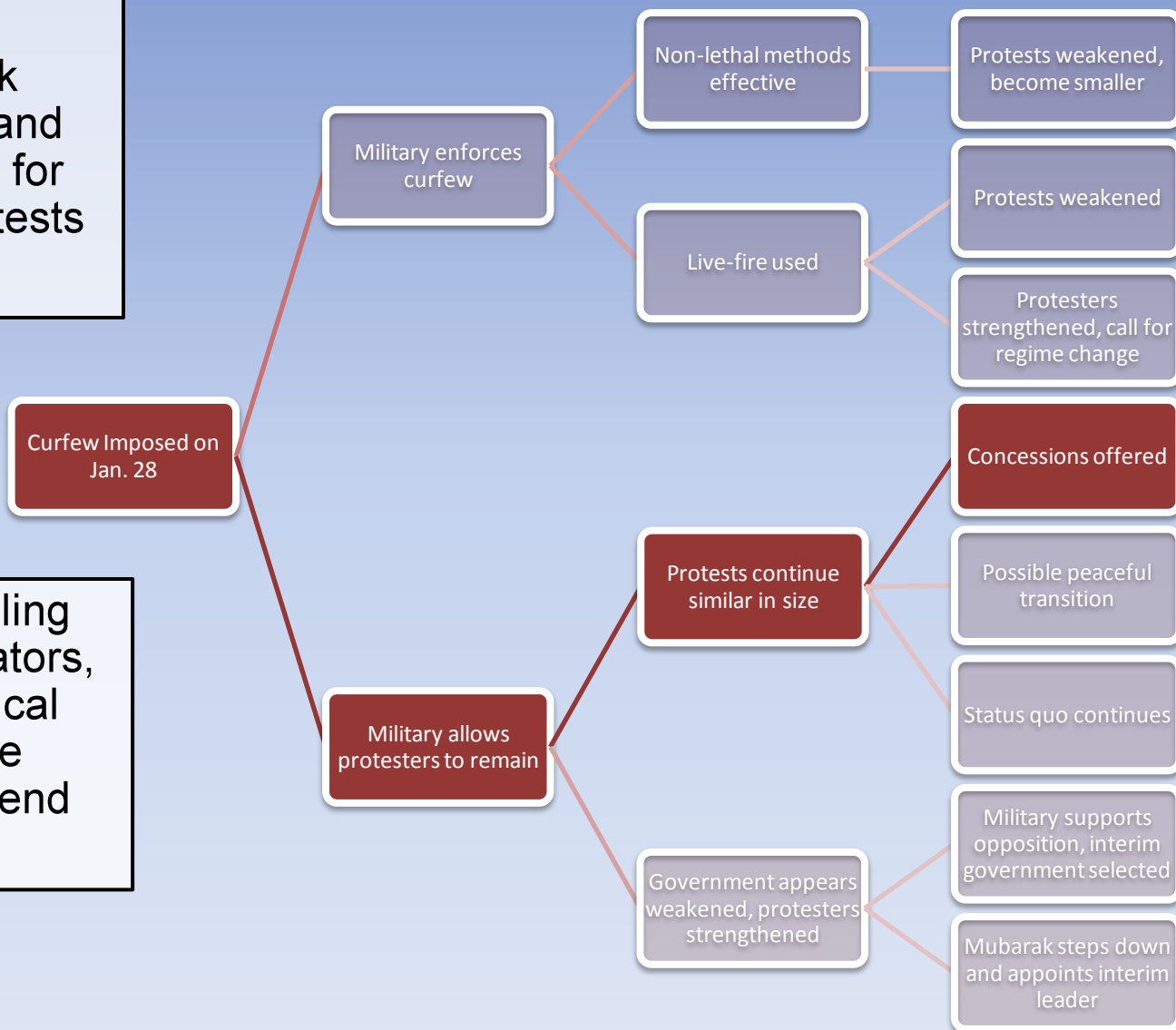


Possible Scenarios

Reviewed from [Jan. 28 Report](#)

Following “Friday of Discontent,” Mubarak names new cabinet and states he will not run for president again. Protests continue...

With concessions failing to placate demonstrators, a deal between political actors appears as the most likely option to end standoff.



An End to the Crisis: Two Possible Scenarios

- **Military Encourages Mubarak to Resign**

- Military moves to prevent seemingly escalating violence between pro and anti-Mubarak demonstrators
- International opprobrium adds pressure for military to step in and end the political impasse
- The majority of the protesters demands are satisfied and the anti-Mubarak movement loses steam

- **Mubarak Strikes Deal**

- Military supports Mubarak provided he does not run for president in September
- Military allows police to crack down on protesters by remaining neutral
- Military reinforces security around key infrastructure and prevents protestors from assembling
- Military support for Mubarak prevents Islamists from moving into political power
- Clashes continue, but fewer demonstrators take to the streets

In both scenarios, anti-government momentum has likely peaked or will peak in the short-term. Protesters will continue to push for the military's support in forcing Mubarak to resign or else protestors will have no choice but to accept limited concessions.

- [Travel Warning: Egypt \(updated February 1, 2011\):](#)
 - U.S. Department of State orders departure of all non-emergency Embassy personnel
 - Remaining American citizens wishing to leave are urged to depart for the airport as soon as the curfew ends, with or without a confirmed flight
- [Warden Message: Egypt, Information on USG-chartered Flights](#)
 - The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens in Egypt that we plan to continue evacuation efforts on Thursday, February 3 and are assessing the need to continue flights after that, in view of the availability of commercial flights and decreased demand for U.S. government evacuation flights. **Additional U.S. government flights after Thursday are unlikely.**
 - All remaining U.S. citizens who wish to depart Egypt on a U.S. government flight and who are able to do so should immediately proceed to the HAJ **Terminal 1, Hall 4** as soon as possible on February 3. Do not wait for a call from the U.S. Embassy. **Further delay is not advisable.**

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
- Review previous OSAC reporting on Egypt's political demonstrations
- Email the [OSAC Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa](#) or call 571-345-7746

