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Egypt Protests
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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (U) State television announced the extension of the curfew from 1600 to 0800 local time. The Egyptian army said anyone violating the curfew would be in danger. *(Reuters, AP)*
- (U) Egyptian security officials say at least 62 people were killed nationwide and an additional 2000 people were injured in the protests. *(AP)*
- (U) Police opened fire on a crowd of protesters in downtown Cairo, killing at least one. Thousands of protesters attempted to storm the Interior Ministry. It was not clear whether riot police used live ammunition or rubber bullets. *(AP)*
- (SBU) Crowds swelled in the Maadi and Tahrir Square areas as of 1700 local time, ignoring the 1600 curfew. Military units took up positions, flanked by M60 tanks and armored personnel carriers. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail, AP)*
- (U) Egyptian state television announced former intelligence chief Omar Soliman was sworn in as vice president. *(Middle East News Agency)*
- (U) Egyptian President Mubarak named former air force commander and aviation minister Ahmed Shafiq as prime minister. *(Reuters)*
- (SBU) Egyptian TV announced the Muslim Brotherhood is forming its own neighborhood committees. Embassy Cairo reports a parallel parliament will meet January 30 to issue its own statement. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*
- (SBU) Activist and opposition contacts report disappointment with Mubarak's speech and believe protests must continue to bring about change. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*
- (SBU) ElBaradei's National Association for Change (NAC) affirmed ElBaradei had never been under house arrest, but remained home overnight January 28. The NAC issued demands that include replacing Mubarak, establishing an interim government, drafting a new constitution, releasing political prisoners, and other economic measures. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*

- (SBU) Multinational Forces and Observer (MFO) Cairo received unconfirmed reports from its Sinai observer mission that police stations in Rafah and al-Arish were attacked and abandoned. MFO personnel are accounted for and sheltering in place. MFO Cairo received unconfirmed reports Egyptian defense forces received approval from the Israel military to move additional army forces into the area. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail, Ops/MFO Cairo telcon)*
- (SBU) Embassy Cairo accounted for 18 of the 23 vehicles taken from a parking lot approximately 100 meters north of the embassy. Local security sources report that one of the armored vehicles was involved in an accident in which between three and six police officers were killed. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) The Korean embassy in Cairo announced the departure of family members. The Turkish, French, and Italian embassies are considering similar departures but are hesitant because they are unsure whether Egyptian security services can support them. Coca Cola, Shell, and British Petroleum also announced they are evacuating family members. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo telcon and e-mail)*
- (U) An estimated 2000 people are gathered at Cairo's main airport, hoping to depart the country. One British Midlands flight headed for Cairo turned around because it would have landed after the curfew. *(AP)*
- (U) A subsidiary of El Al, Israel's national airline, carried approximately 40 Israeli citizens, including families of Israeli diplomats, aboard an emergency flight from Cairo to Tel Aviv January 29. *(AP)*
- (U) The European Commission issued a statement January 29 calling for the cessation of violence, the release of all those arrested or under house arrest for political reasons, and to initiate necessary reform processes. The statement expressed hope Mubarak's promises of openness will translate into concrete action. *(Ops/Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs e-mail)*
- (U) Saudi Arabian King Abdallah spoke with Mubarak January 29. Abdallah said demonstrators in Egypt want to destabilize the country by "inciting a malicious sedition." *(UPI)*
- (U) Palestinian Authority President Abbas phoned Mubarak January 29 to offer his support. *(Al Jazeera)*

CONSULAR ISSUES AND MISSION PERSONNEL

- (SBU) Embassy Cairo reports approximately 50-60 Mission personnel will shelter in the embassy safe haven area the night of January 29. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo telcon)*
- (SBU) Embassy Cairo will close for non-emergency services to focus on U.S. citizen issues and inquiries. *(Ops/Embassy Cairo telcon)*
- (SBU) Despite being cancelled, 27 participants arrived for the English Language Conference scheduled to begin in Cairo January 29. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs reports 23 are in contact with Embassy Cairo's Regional English Language Officer. *(Ops/Interagency conference call)*
- (SBU) Looters ransacked an apartment building in the Dokki area of downtown Cairo, where six to eight Embassy families are housed. The residents sheltered in a ninth floor apartment and returned to their unaffected residences when the looters departed. *(Ops/Task Force 1 telcon)*

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