

Prime Minister Dr. Essam Sharaf speech

Brothers and sisters,

Within my communication with you, there are several points I would like to share here, the first is that we all people, army, and government express our deep sorrow over events witnessed during first hours of Saturday in Al-Tahrir Square -that was a symbol for the whole world representing the Egyptian peaceful revolution and being away from violence. Al-Tahrir Square comprised people, honorable rebels and army besides thugs, and we do greatly believe in the revolution youth and in their good intention, as well as the role of the Egyptian army who is keen on achieving security and stability. We avoid any attempt to drive a wedge between the army and nation.

I would like to say that the revolution youth are pure and have hopes, targets and horizons which they seek to achieve.

It is unacceptable to forgive those who hinder people's interests through closing roads, obstructing traffic, harming private and public interests, and each one has the right to express his opinion and to peacefully protest.

And while releasing protestors who were arrested in the mentioned events and responding to people's demand to find facts on what happened in such day, I asked the Minister of Justice to take required procedures in this concern.

The second point I would like to tackle is concerning the voice message given by the former president and I confirm that no one is above law, and Egypt is a state of law and the revolution happened to establish justice and law.

We have to support the honorable police officers who carry their national duty namely protecting the people and country's security and safety despite of hard conditions they undergo. There is no doubt that you start feeling the clear gradual return of the police in various locations, along with the police commitment to respect people's right and dignity and confirming the police slogan "Police in the service of people".

I would like to say same for police officers, people and law protect you and we will not forgive any who undermine the police dignity, and I confirm the police officers right to defend themselves, and the public and private constructions as well, and we will not allow thugs to harm people's life, safety, or property or threaten them. There are some youth who assist police officers and facilitate their duties and as for me I still get assistance from revolution youth to communicate with the society categories for recognizing their demands and find solutions that the government may use while taking decisions.

I confirm that all people have the right in voting and political participation, and currently we discuss this point concerning people abroad. In this concern, we took a decision concerning their voting in the coming presidential elections and studying means for participating in the parliamentary elections.

Relating to people's abroad, I would like mentioning that I felt the warmth of hospitality during my last visit to Sudan, and this consider as my first visit to the black continent to be followed by Ethiopia and Uganda, besides other Arab countries.

At the end, I would like confirming the necessity of cooperation between the people, army and police to be able passing such critical phase towards a promising future.

Let us go to Egypt, Egypt the civilization and history, Egypt is strong by its youth, and sons who are the future.

Peace be upon you.