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## **Tensions Still Rising In Egypt**

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CAIRO — Egypt's military and the Muslim Brotherhood traded blame for rising tensions Friday as the country awaited the outcome of a presidential runoff vote that pits an Islamist against ousted leader Hosni Mubarak's former prime minister.

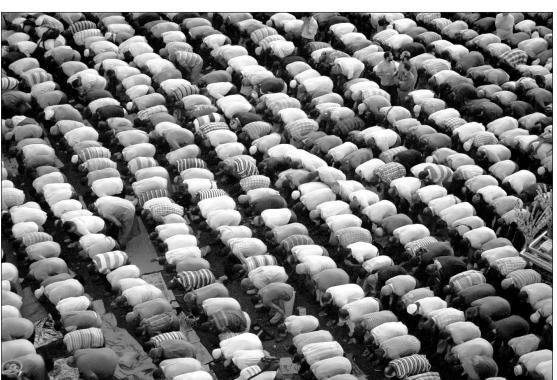
Brotherhood leaders said the ruling military council is holding the election results hostage as it bargains to maintain its lock on power. Tens of thousands of supporters of the Islamist group have rallied in the capital's Tahrir Square in a show of force backing candidate Mohammed Morsi, who has warned against manipulating results in a vote that he says he has won.

The military for its part declared it was acting for "higher national interests" and vowed to crack down on any violence by any group unhappy with the electoral outcome.

At stake is whether or not Egypt will emerge from the instability of the 16-month transition that fol-lowed Mubarak's 2011 overthrow, or whether the power struggles will continue or even escalate to a more dangerous level. The Brotherhood has said repeatedly that it would not resort to violence, but several media outlets have launched a vigorous campaign against the movement claiming it will plunge the country into chaos if Morsi does not win.

Tensions soared Wednesday when the country's military-appointed election commission indefinitely delayed announcing the results of the weekend elections. The Brotherhood announced soon after polls closed Sunday that it had beaten rival candidate Ahmed Shafiq, an ex-air force commander who many view as the military's preferred candidate, by 52 percent to 48 percent. Shafiq has also claimed victory by a narrow margin.

Many accuse the military of planning to direct the election commission to announce a Shafiq win. Others say the commission has determined there was a genuine Shafiq victory but fears that no one will believe them. The commission itself says it is sorting out the



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Hundreds of thousands gather in Cairo's Tahrir Square Friday, by most accounts the largest crowd assembled there in months. Official election results were due Thursday in the nation's hotly contested presidential contest, but are now delayed to Sunday as the Muslim Brotherhood called for protest against the military council's efforts to consolidate power.

claims of election violations filed by both candidates.

The Brotherhood has raised another possibility: Just before the vote, the nation's highest court dissolved the Brotherhood-led parliament and the military granted itself new exceptional powers, leaving the next president with limited authority. The generals won't let the commission announce Morsi's victory until they accept those decisions, some movement figures say.

The military council is waging a psychological war and the delay in announcing the results is just part of it," said Saad Emara, a Brotherhood member of the disbanded parliament.

"They are holding the results to press the Brotherhood to accept (the military decision) as a de facto matter. As if saying, 'We are going to let the commission announce Morsi as a winner, in return for you shutting up and not talking about the constitutional declaration or the disbandment of parliament."

The Brotherhood sent its supporters to the streets for the fourth consecutive day to protest the military's power grab. On Friday, it was the biggest such rally, and protesters called on Morsi to be sworn in as president in Tahrir Square.

We are in the middle of a struggle of wills between the military and the Brotherhood (together) with the forces in the square. Each party is trying to use all their cards to put pressure on the other party, pushing to the brink, "said Mo-hammed Habib, former deputy leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, who resigned from the group a year ago.

The military has blamed the Brotherhood indirectly for stirring tensions. "Announcing the results of the presidential election early, before the official statement, is unjustified and is one of the main reasons behind the division and confusion prevailing on the political scene," said a statement from the council read on state television. It

did not mention the Brotherhood by name.

The military also defended its newly issued "supplementary constitutional declaration" that granted the generals sweeping powers, including legislative authority and approval of the budget. The declaration was met by condemnation both by Egyptian and by international groups, saying it raised doubts about the military's commitment to transfer powers to an elected civilian authority by July 1.

The constitutional declaration was "a necessity" during this "criti-cal period," the military statement said. "Whatever decisions issued by the (military council) are guided only by higher national interests and not any other."

The military's move has nonetheless brought many Egyptian critics of the Brotherhood to the side of the Islamist movement against what they now see as a larger threat: the entrenchment of military power.

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The amateur video showing the corpses appeared to back up the allegation of a mass killing.

"The terrorist groups in Daret Azzeh committed a brutal massacre against the citizens, whom they had kidnapped earlier in the day," SANA said. The report said at least 25

people were killed, but others were missing. It was not clear whether the

men were killed execution-style or died in clashes. An activist in the area, Mohammed Saeed, said rebels regularly collect the bodies of the dead from the government side and dump them by the side of the road so troops can collect them later.

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The city of Aleppo, Syria's largest, has been relatively quiet, but towns and villages around it have seen intense clashes. Daret Azzeh has endured withering government shelling in the past two weeks as Assad's forces try to re-gain areas taken by rebels. The violence continued Friday, as Syrian troops shelled the area and used helicopter gunships in their attacks on rebels, Saeed

said. "The army has been trying to push through for days without success," Saeed said.

Government troops have been launching a major offensive on many areas throughout the country in the past two weeks to try to regain ground captured by the opposition. Attacks have mostly concentrated on Aleppo, the sub-urbs of the capital of Damascus, the central province of Homs, the southern region of Daraa and the eastern city of Deir el-Zour.

Activists reported that thousands of people demonstrated against the regime following Friday prayers in different parts of Syria, including Daraa, Aleppo, the northeastern region of Hassakeh and Damascus. The Britainbased Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said troops opened fire at protesters in Aleppo and the Damascus neighborhood of Mazzeh. Several casualties were reported.

The Syrian uprising began with regular anti-regime protests, although they have lost momentum as the revolt turned into an armed insurgency.

An international crisis meeting on Syria set for June 30 is in disarray over the involvement of Iran. The United States has vehemently opposed the participation of Iran, which Russia is demanding.

**Sandusky** 

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Sandusky did not take the stand in his own defense.

He had repeatedly denied the allegations, and his defense sug-gested that his accusers had a financial motive to make up stories, years after the fact. His attorney also painted Sandusky as the victim of overzealous police investigators who coached the alleged victims into giving accusatory statements. But jurors believed the testimony that, in the words of lead prosecutor Joseph McGettigan III, Sandusky was a "predatory pedophile."

room showers and in hotels while trying to ensure his silence with gifts and trips to bowl games. He also said Sandusky had sent him "creepy love letters." Another spoke of forced oral

sex and instances of rape in the basement of Sandusky's home, including abuse that left him bleeding. He said he once tried to scream for help, knowing that Sandusky's wife was upstairs, but figured the basement must be

soundproof. Another a foster child said lawyers said they arranged for Matt Sandusky to meet with law enforcement officials but did not explain why he didn't testify.

This has been an extremely painful experience for Matt and he has asked us to convey his request that the media respect his privacy," the statement said. It didn't go into details about his allegations.

Defense witnesses, including Jerry Sandusky's wife, Dottie, described his philanthropic work with child en over tl many spoke in positive terms about his reputation in the community. Prosecutors had portrayed those efforts as an effective means by which Sandusky could camouflage his molestation as he targeted boys who were the same age as participants in The Second Mile, a charity he founded in the 1970s for at-risk vouth.

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He also added that he believes

Sandusky's arrest in November led the Penn State trustees to fire Paterno as head coach, saying he exhibited a lack of leadership after fielding a report from Mc-Queary. The scandal also led to the ouster of university president Graham Spanier, and criminal charges against two university administrators for failing to properly report suspected child abuse and perjury.

The two administrators, athletic director Tim Curley and nowretired vice president Gary Schultz, are fighting the allegations and await trial. Sandusky had initially faced 52 counts of sex abuse. The judge dropped four counts during the trial, saying two were unproven, one was brought under a statute that didn't apply and another was duplicative.

### Syria Government **Accuses Rebels Of Mass Killing**

### BY BASSEM MROUE Associated Press

BEIRUT — An online video showed more than a dozen bloodied corpses, some of them piled atop each other and in military uniforms, dumped beside a road in northern Syria in what the government Friday called a mass killing by rebel forces.

The circumstances of the deaths were not immediately clear, with the state-run news agency saying at least 25 men were killed. In the video — which The Associated Press could not independently verify — the narrator said the victims were members of the "shabiha," or pro-regime gunmen.

If confirmed, the video is yet another sign of the brutality of the Syrian conflict, which began in March 2011. As the fighting grinds on, Syria is descending into a civil war where gunmen prowl the streets and gruesome massacres are growing increasingly common.

The government has used heavy weapons and unleashed snipers and loyalist fighters, but rebels, too, have been accused of bloody attacks.

Civilians have been caught in the crossfire; activists estimate that more than 14,000 people have been killed since the start of the uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime.

In a desperate bid to end the violence after an earlier peace plan failed to do so, U.N. envoy Kofi Annan said that Iran — one of Syria's most loyal allies should be part of the solution to

Syria's state-run news agency, SANA, said the dead found in the rebel-held area of Daret Azzeh near Aleppo were killed and their bodies mutilated by terrorist groups. The government refers to rebels as terrorists.

Syria Claims It Shot Down Turkish Air Force Jet ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Syria ial target" that was flying at a low said Friday it shot down a Turkaltitude and at a high speed. ish military plane that entered "The Syrian anti-air defenses Syrian air space, and Turkey vowed to "determinedly take neccounteracted with anti-aircraft artillery, hitting it directly," SANA said. "The target turned out to be essary steps" in response. It was the most clear and draa Turkish military plane that enmatic escalation in tensions betered Syrian airspace and was dealt with according to laws obtween the two countries, which used to be allies before the Syrian served in such cases. revolt began in March 2011. Turkey issued a statement Fri-Turkey has become one of the day night following a two-hour sestrongest critics of the Syrian curity meeting led by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erregime's brutal response to the dogan, saying Syrian forces downed the plane and that the country's uprising. Late Friday, Syria's state-run news agency, SANA, said the militwo Turkish pilots remain misstary spotted an "unidentified aering.

One accuser testified that Sandusky molested him in the lockerSandusky warned that he would never see his family again if he ever told anyone what happened.

And just hours after the case went to jurors, lawyers for one of Sandusky's six adopted children, Matt, said he had told authorities that his father abused him.

Matt Sandusky had been prepared to testify on behalf of prosecutors, the statement said. The

> we can all work as a team and have a positive impact on this area.

Stanage added, "While no one

parents and students have a resource person available to them,

knows why there may have been an increase in problems last year. part of the solution is in the kind of community partnerships represented by this initiative,'

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Counselor

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Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services. "This is a prevention program that has demonstrated effectiveness. It is focused both on middle school and high school youth.'

There are several components of Project SUCCESS (Schools Using Coordinated Community Efforts to Strengthen Students) including designing alcohol, drug and tobacco curriculum aimed at helping students resist pressures to use substances and correcting misperceptions about substances; a parent program that includes parental education and informational meetings; individual and group counseling; and school-wide activities and promotional materials to increase the perception of the harm of substance abuse.

According to Stanage, the project was chosen after YSD and LCBHS staff reviewed similar programs that were already in place at other schools in the area. Staff members also consulted with prevention experts on the best program for students.

"Several other programs were also considered during this process," Stanage said. "This one was chosen because it was one of the more comprehensive programs.

The counselor will also communicate with school staff and administrators, and present information about the program at faculty and departmental meetings.

The partnership between YSD and LCBHS came as a result of an effort led by Dr. Joseph Gertsema, superintendent of YSD, to involve the community in an effort to address the alcohol and drug use problems in Yankton schools.

The counselor's main role in the middle school will be to focus on prevention. We are excited about the up-

coming position of a drug and alcohol counselor for the Yankton School District." said Todd Dvoracek, principal of Yankton Middle School. "The main role at the middle school will be working on prevention.

"We are working hard at making sure that the right person is hired for the job," Dvoracek added. "Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health has been outstanding in getting this effort into place.

Dr. Wayne Kindle, principal of Yankton High School, thinks the new counselor will have a significant impact on drug and alcohol use in the district.

The impact of a new counselor will be a tremendous addition to our staffing needs, in particular for drug and alcohol prevention, awareness and care," he said.

Kindle added that drug and alcohol use is not just a concern locally, as it is also a state and national issue.

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