

## FJP Statement on Abbasiya Violent Events



The Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) denounces use of force in dispersing peaceful protesters in the vicinity of the Ministry of Defense and Abbasiya Square.

The FJP also denounces any clashes with members of the armed forces whose job it is to secure the Department of Defense building.

Further, the FJP affirms that the demands brought by the demonstrators in front of the Ministry of Defense agree with the demands of the million-man march held in Tahrir Square at the invitation of a number of political parties and movements, including the FJP and the Muslim Brotherhood, which ended this evening. Those are the same demands of all Egyptian people, who are determined for the presidential elections to be held on time as scheduled, in a free, fair and peaceful atmosphere.

The FJP calls on the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) that currently runs the country to refrain from using force in dispersing demonstrators in the vicinity of the Ministry of Defense. Moreover, the FJP calls upon SCAF to quickly bring the perpetrators of the violent events of Abbasiya to speedy and fair trial, and to immediately release all detainees from these demonstrations including media personnel and journalists who were doing their professional duty.

The FJP reiterates its requests for the demonstrators in front of the Ministry of Defense and everywhere else to preserve the peaceful nature of their demonstrations, safeguard public facilities, not to negatively impact the interests of citizens, and to generally respect the law.

The party emphasizes that the real guarantee for the transfer of power on schedule is for the people to safeguard the forthcoming presidential elections, turn out positively to the ballot boxes and to respect the outcome of the elections.

The Freedom and Justice Party  
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