

Muslim Brotherhood, FJP Announce Dr. Morsi to Continue Egypt's Presidential Race



The Muslim Brotherhood and its political wing the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP) have announced that they are still in the race for the presidency of the Republic.

Their second candidate, Dr. Mohamed Morsi, will adopt the same approach and program of Khairat Al-Shater who has just been excluded from the race. Dr. Morsi will aim to achieve the higher interests of the homeland and fight for people's rights.

In a statement issued by the Brotherhood and the FJP, Tuesday evening, they reiterated that they have a comprehensive renaissance project for Egypt that covers all fields and sectors, and is capable of taking Egypt to safety shores of stability, security and prosperity.

The following is a translation of the joint statement of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Freedom and Justice Party:

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The Muslim Brotherhood and Freedom and Justice Party received with shock and dismay the decision of the Supreme Presidential Electoral Commission (SPEC) to reject the appeal filed by Khairat Al-Shater, the candidate chosen by the Brotherhood and the FJP for the presidential elections.

This is especially shocking since the decision to refuse the appeal came after the submission of all legal arguments and precedents as well as judicial rulings, including interpretation of the Supreme Military Court's exoneration of Al-Shater.

Although his legal defense team made very convincing case, and included in its arguments detailed analysis of the last military case relied upon by SPEC in its decision to exclude Al-Shater from the initial 'candidate list', SPEC rejected the appeal.

In recognition of the seriousness and grave importance of the current phase of Egypt's history, the Muslim Brotherhood and the FJP declare that they will continue the competition for the presidency of the Republic with their candidate Dr. Mohamed Morsi, with the same approach and program, aiming to achieve the higher interests of the homeland and uphold and safeguard the rights of all Egyptian people.

The organization and the party emphasize that they have a powerful project for revival of the homeland that covers all fields and sectors.

Our candidate will carry forth this project, which is supported by the Egyptian people, and which both the Brotherhood and the FJP seek to implement in order to cross with Egypt to safety and stability, where it shall assume its rightful place among nations and peoples of the world.

The Muslim Brotherhood

The Freedom and Justice Party

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