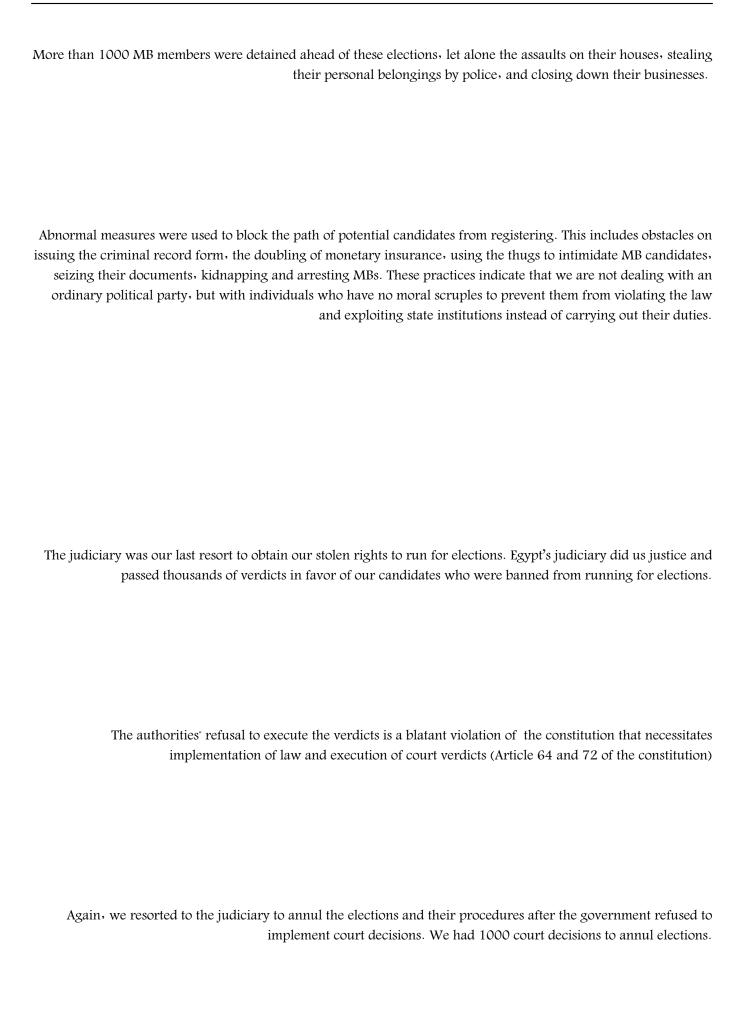
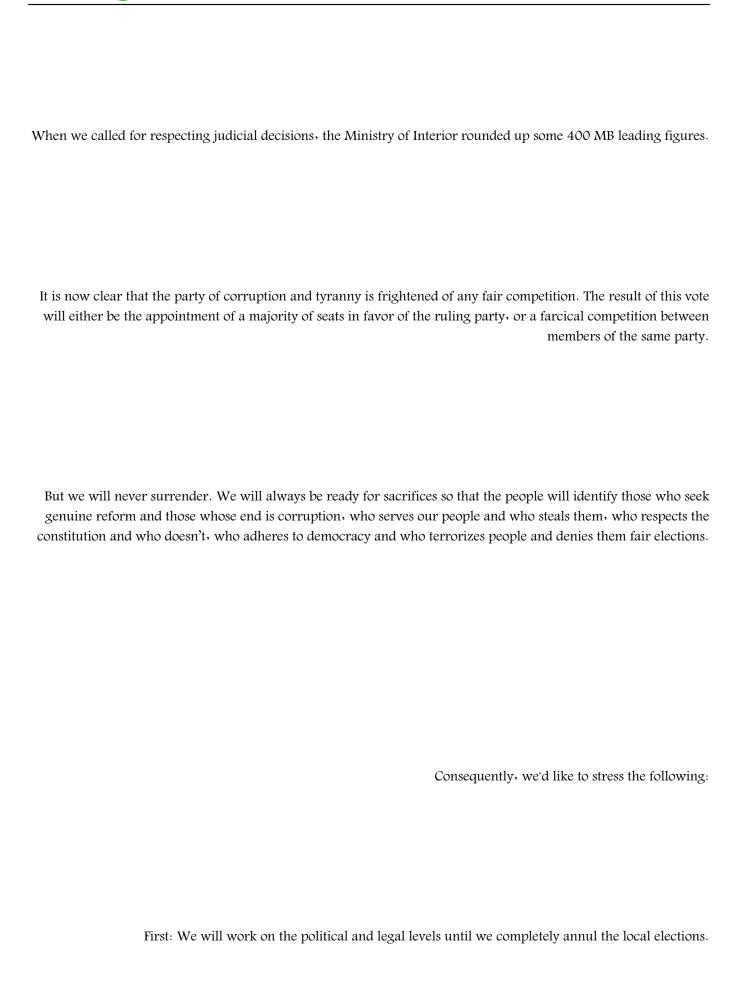
Muslim Brotherhood Statement on Local Election Boycott



Before taking the decision of running for the local elections, the violent campaign of arresting members of the Muslim Brotherhood across Egypt began with accusing us of preparing for local elections, as if it is a crime. The regime threatened us with harsh verdicts against our dear brothers behind bars who are used as hostages by the regime and are tried by a military tribunal to force us to withdraw from elections.

However, our decision to run for elections was motivated by our sense of national duty. We believe it is our duty to save the nation's ship from sinking after being corrupted by the rulers. So we practiced our constitutional right to save people from poverty, unemployment, and lost dignity.





Second: We call on Egyptians to boycott these elections as a sign of respect to the court rulings which in effect annulled them
Third: We will always resist tyranny and corruption, and will abide by our reformist and peaceful agenda, and will seek it through legal and peaceful means to attain our nation's desired welfare and development
Last: We would like to thank our brothers who were able to stand all sacrifices and for the sake of God and ou nation, and all those who assisted them to do their duty
MB Chairman, Mahdy Ake
Cairo, April 7 2008