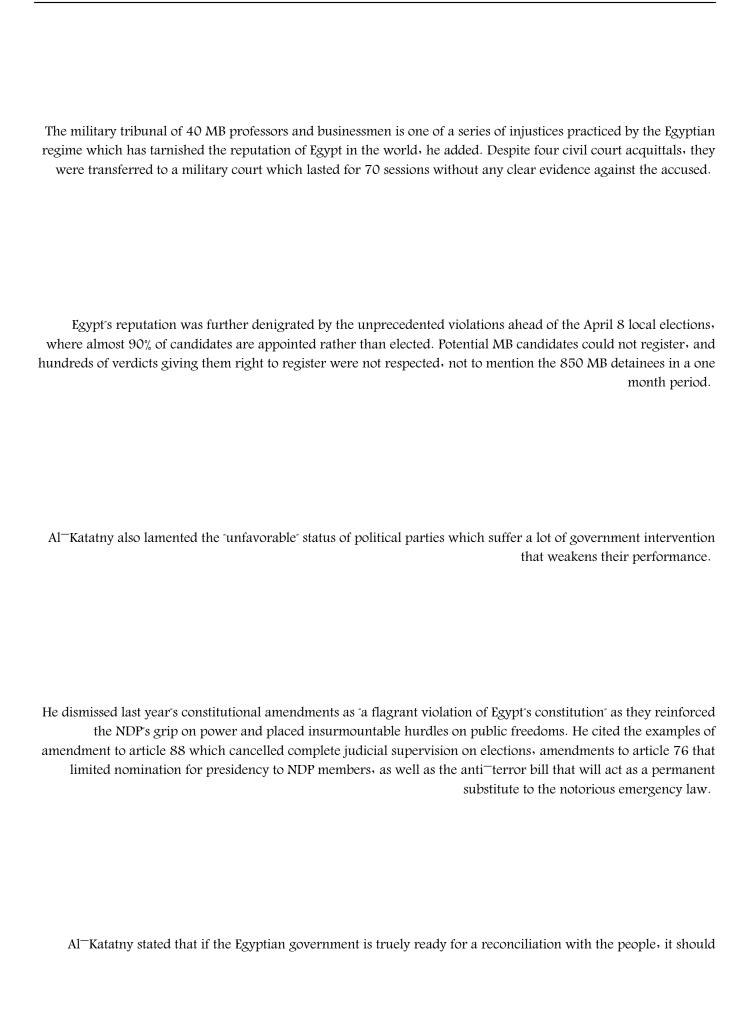
Katatny Calls on Gov't to Address People's Demands



Strong criticism of the human rights situation in Egypt and the ongoing crackdown on opposition was the dominant theme of a speech delivered by Saad Al-Katatny, head of Muslim Brotherhood parliamentary bloc, at Cairo's Press Syndicate onThursday.

Although the speech came on the sidelines of Sixth Cairo Conference Against Occupation; it was dominated by anger at the status quo that followed the surprising results of 2005 parliament elections, in which the MB won 20% of seats despite widespread vote rigging.

Al—Katatny blamed both U.S. and its Arab allies for sponsoring occupation and authoritarianism in the region. As occupation of Palestine and Iraq depends largely on Arab silence, authoritarian regimes practice endless despotism with the implicit approval of their western allies, he said.



address several demands including canceling the MB Military tribunal. releasing all prisoners of conscience, respecting freedom of forming political parties and freedom of the press, sponsoring free and fair election with complete judicial supervision, eliminating the state of emergency and the proposed anti—terror bill.