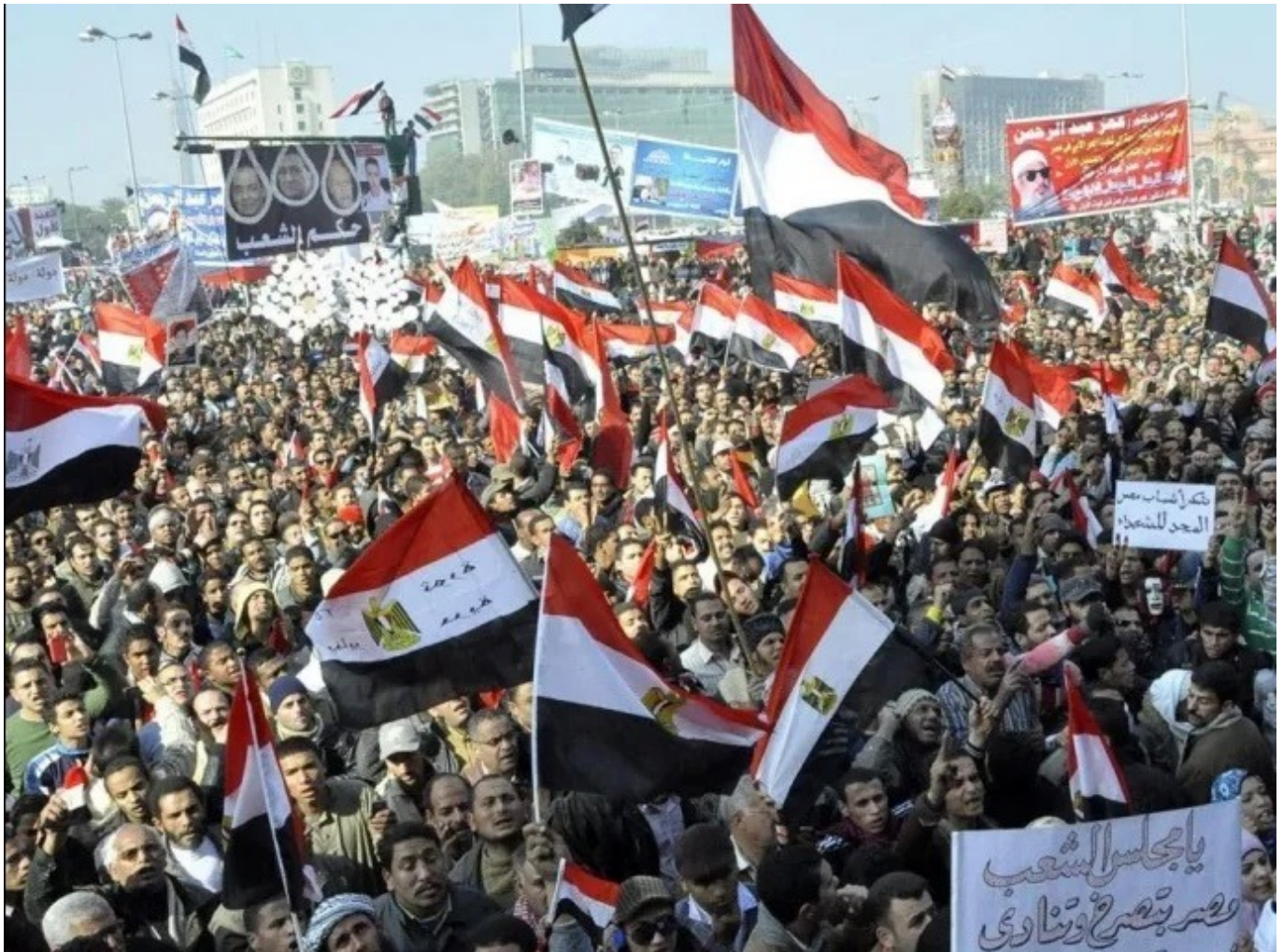


On the Anniversary of January Revolution, the Egyptian People Have No Choice but to Seek Change



The January Revolution (2011) will remain the truest and purest expression of the conscience of the Egyptian people, and the revolution’s slogan of “Bread, Freedom, Human Dignity, and Social Justice” will remain a prominent image that embodies the Egyptian dream of a free and dignified life. This slogan will also remain a hope pinned on the imagination of the people, which they will strive to achieve no matter how long it takes – which we hereby affirm on the 14th. anniversary of the immortal January Revolution.

The January Revolution created a model for change – regardless of who may agree or disagree with this – when the popular will converged on overthrowing the regime, and it did so; and when the national demands united to draft a new constitution for the country, and it accomplished it. In fact, it established a system based on diversity and free competition, in which the national forces along with every Egyptian citizen shared political and economic rights with the ruling authorities. For a period of time, the people of Egypt lived in an atmosphere of freedom, until their will was assassinated, and the power was forcibly usurped.

Today, the Egyptian people live in conditions that are much more severe than those that led to the January

Revolution, where: political tyranny is at its peak, economic egoism is evident, power and wealth are concentrated in the hands of a small, affluent, authoritarian group, while the majority of the people are suffering from hunger, fear, poverty, and disease. Also, social injustice has reached its peak; patience has reached its extreme limits – and the people have no choice but to seek change.

As long as the reasons for the outbreak of revolution are latent, the dream of change for the sake of provision of “bread, freedom and (social) justice” will remain. Indeed, change has become a necessity in light of regional and international developments that have made the impossible possible and proven that the will of the people is victorious no matter how long it takes.

Should a people one day truly aspire to life:

Providence is destined to favourably respond;

And the night is destined to fold;

And the shackles are certain to be broken.

(Quoted from Abu al-Qasim al-Shabi's most famous poem)

In fact, change in Egypt has become an obligation, and seeking to achieve it has become a duty that no patriot who cares about his country and the future of his people may neglect. It is also a pledge that the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) has made and will not abandon, no matter the challenges may be, in the hope of the achievement of a state of justice, freedom, and the rule of law.

The MB stresses that all the changes made by the Egyptian regime are merely cosmetic changes to a troubled system through which it thinks it may evade pressure.

However, such cosmetic changes do not reflect the hopes for a real change, as long as the prisons remain overcrowded with opponents, the political forces remain marginalized, the Egyptian citizen continues to suffer, and expressing an opinion remains considered a crime.

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