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غدأ.. إعلان نتائج الانتخابات الرئاسية

إقبال مكثف على التصويت.. وبدء فترة الرئاسة للمرشح الفائز أبريل ٢٠٢٤

قدااسة البابا تواضروس يدلى بصوته فى الانتخابات الرئاسية ويؤكد: مشاركتنا معاً فى الانتخابات مشاركة فى بناء الوطن

الكنيسة، ولقاءاته بالشعب القبطي فى الأسابيع السابقة للانتخابات، فضلاً عن توجهاته للجنة العلاقات العامة بالجمع المقدس التى تعمل بكل الجهد مع مقربها نيافة الأنبا بيمى مطران قوص وبقيادة لتشييع الجميع على المشاركة المجتمعية فى كافة الفعاليات الوطنية. وعن رؤية قدااسة الشهيد الانتخابى أشار بالعلنية التنظيمية للتصويت فى كافة إجراءاته داخل اللجنة، مؤكداً أن مشاركة المصريين عندما تشارك فيها تشارك باعترافها جزءاً من الوطن، ومن ثم فهي تشاركنا بواجبنا مع باقى الكيانات الوطنية، وفى مشاركة مع قدااسة فى قناة C.B.C، عقب مشاركته فى الانتخابات، قال: «ذهبت اليوم إلى اللجنة وانتخبت ممثل عموم المصريين، وفى الطريق على أول الداعين للمشاركة وحث الجميع على أداء هذا الواجب الوطنى، وذلك خلال اجتماعات قدااسته من أجل بناء الوطن».

يذكر أن قدااسة البابا تواضروس كان من أول الداعين للمشاركة وحث الجميع على أداء هذا الواجب الوطنى، وذلك خلال اجتماعات قدااسته من أجل بناء الوطن.

عادل منير - إيريني سعيد
تعلن الهيئة الوطنية للانتخابات فى مؤتمر صحفي على النتيجة الرسمية للانتخابات الرئاسية غدأ، والتي شهدت كشافات عالية من الناخبين للإعلان بأصواتهم، الأمر الذى دفع لطباعة أوراق تصويت جديدة وإرسالها لبعض اللجان أيام الانتخابات التى جرت فى ١٠ ديسمبر الجارى، وتنافس فيها أربعة مرشحين هم: عبد الفتاح السيسي وفريد زهران وعبد السيد بمامة وحازم عمر.

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متحف آثار مكتبة الإسكندرية يكرم مصر المباركة.. مشروع مسار العائلة المقدسة
مايكل جرجس
احتفل الأثنى الماضى، متحف الآثار التابع لقطاع التواصل الثقافى بمكتبة الإسكندرية بتكريم مؤسسة مصر المباركة للتنمية وإجها، التراث مثلاً عنها ناصر صبحي رئيس مجلس أمناء المؤسسة، وبينما سيدهم العضو بالمؤسسة، وذلك تقديراً للمشاركة فى احتفالية رحلة العائلة المقدسة فى مصر، حيث قدمت المؤسسة مشروعها الترويجى لمسار العائلة المقدسة فى مصر بسبع لغات وثقافية الواقع الافتراضى VR. باتى هذا الحفل فى نسخة الثانية كرساء، لتقليد وضعت إدارة المتحف منذ إطلاق هذه الاحتفالية فى نسختها الأولى، لإبراز جهود المتطوعين وتكريمهم.

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حول جدلية المقاطعة... إسرائيل نموذجاً

بقل: يوسف سيدهم

منذ اندلاع المعارك فى غزة على أثر ضربة الفصائل الفلسطينية ضد إسرائيل فى ٧ أكتوبر الماضى وما تلاها من طوفان العمليات العسكرية الإسرائيلية الانتقامية على الفلسطينيين العزل فى قطاع غزة، تلك العمليات التى روعت الضمير العالمى وأطاحت بكل المعايير الإنسانية والقانونى الدولى، أطلقت فى مصر «كتيبيون من دول العالم» دعوات للتعاونة السلمية تجاه سياسات إسرائيل التمييزية بالمقاطعة الشعبية لمنتجات إسرائيل وسائر منتجات الشركات العالمية التى تدعم إسرائيل -سواء كان ذلك دعماً مالياً مباشراً أو فى صورة تحويل مبلغ من أرباحها إلى إسرائيل- وقد لاقى هذه الدعوات قبولا واسعا فى الشارع المصرى تروح تعاطفاً عميقاً مع مأساة الفلسطينيين، وإدراكاً واعياً أنها إذا كانت الحسابات السياسية والدبلوماسية والعسكرية للقيادة المصرية تملئ توازناً وحرمة وحكمة تحول دون المواجهة أو المقاطعة الرسمية -وهى حسابات يملأها صالح الأمن القومى المصرى- فعلى الأقل تقع مسؤولية عاب إسرائيل ورفض انفلاتها على الشارع عن طريق سائر أشكال المقاطعة التى يطق عليها «الغلاية السلمية».

فى بداية انطلاق دعوات المقاطعة الشعبية ضد إسرائيل من جانب الشارع المصرى انصب الأمر على مقاطعة مجموعة غير قليلة من المنتجات الاسترلاكية ذاتها الصين من كراتل ومشروبات تنسب إلى سلاسل عالمية وعلامات تجارية شهيرة منها بدم ومساعدة إسرائيل، وسرت فى الشارع المصرى أصوات معارضة تلك شركات المقاطعة فى الحقيقة موجبة نحو شركات مصرية تعمل بها عمالة مصرية، فإذا كانت تحمل تراخيص من السلاسل الأجنبية العالمية التى تسوق منتجاتها فالأمر مقصور على حصول تلك السلاسل على نسب ليست كبيرة من أرباح الشركات المصرية، فيكون الضرر الناتج عن المقاطعة واقعا على استثمارات مصرية وطاؤداً لمنت الأوف من العاملين المصريين من سوق العمل فى مستقبله.

فى مقابل ذلك استمر زخم دعوات المقاطعة، والحقيقة أنها نالت تأييداً ملحوظاً من المواطنين المصريين -الأمر الذى عكسته سائر وسائل التواصل الاجتماعى- مما عكس الحس الوطنى المرهف للشارع المصرى ونفوره المتنامى من استغلال المنتجات الأجنبي لبيها والمطلب مغاطعتها... وهنا تصدى الكثيرون من الكتاب والمفكرين لتحليل الأمر، حيث ظهر بشكل جلى

Editorial

Problems on hold

To boycott or not to boycott

Youssef Sidhom

Ever since the Gaza war broke out on 7 October 2023 following the attack by Hamas against Israel, and the vengeful retaliatory war by Israel against Palestinian civilians, calls gained ground worldwide for peaceful resistance against the diabolical Israeli war which contravened humanitarian ethics and international law. Calls to boycott Israeli brands and international brands that support Israel through direct funding or through percentages of profits transferred to Israel, were launched in Egypt, and were met with wide approbation by Egyptians who deeply empathised with the Palestinian people. The positive response reflected the Egyptian public's awareness of the political, diplomatic and military intricacies that prescribe an official cautious, shrewd response by the Egyptian leadership, ruling out a formal boycott, for the sake of preserving Egypt's national security. Egyptians sensed that the responsibility of penalising Israel falls on the Egyptian street itself through "passive resistance".

The first targets for the boycott calls against Israel involved boycotting a large collection of famous consumer brands, including international food and beverage chains for supporting and assisting Israel. Opposing voices arose claiming that the boycott in fact hits Egyptian-owned companies that employ thousands of Egyptian staff and workers; these companies hold franchises from international chains, binding them to pay small percentages of their profits to the mother companies. This being the fact, the argument went, the damage resulting from the boycott would hit Egyptian investments and hundreds of thousands of Egyptian employees who would be forced into unemployment if the boycott persists.

The momentum of the boycott calls persisted, gaining significant support from the Egyptian public, as flagrantly revealed on social media. It showed strong patriotic sense among Egyptians, and a growing aversion to buying and consuming products the revenue of which supports Israel. Most opinion writers who wrote about the matter appeared to support the boycott; they analysed the pros and cons of the boycott and concluded that the pros outweighed the cons, affording strong justification for boycott. Let me here present excerpts of what columnist Mohamed Salmawy wrote in the daily State owned *Al-Ahram* during last October and November, because it holds valid viewpoints that warrant consideration.

Mr Salmawy wrote: "I am boycotting because battles are not waged with guns alone, but also with money, support and endorsement in the media and political forums. Israel does not live only on its income but also on the aid it receives from governments and from private donations and major companies." Mr Salmawy mentioned a large group of companies and brands that support Israel and have in Egypt branches that carry their brands and promote their products. "If the branches of those companies operating in Egypt are owned by Egyptian capital," Mr Salmawy wrote, "why do they not donate to stop the shedding of Palestinian blood, and to support them with various types of humanitarian aid and relief?"

Egyptians have proved that they are more mature, more loyal, and more responsible than those who oppose the boycott calls, Mr Salmawy wrote. "They continue to boycott products of companies and brands that support Israel, as the boycott opponents make their outdated argument that this boycott is directed against Egyptian goods made in Egypt by Egyptian hands," he wrote stressing that they fall into a major error. "In exchange for carrying foreign trademarks, these companies are committed to transferring a percentage of their profits to the parent companies abroad, and this contributes to the donations and support that the parent companies provide to Israel. Their claim that the boycott would be detrimental to Egyptians working in these companies is refuted by the fact that opportunities are available, and the doors are open to move to the Egyptian product and to encourage the national industry to accommodate these employees," Mr Salmawy wrote. In this context let me point out that the quality of Syrian products now on the market is as good as Egyptian products, and are very much welcomed by Egyptian consumers.

According to Mr Salmawy, in Egypt we are not the first to undertake boycotting Israel and the companies that support it; since 2005 an organised movement in the US and Europe has been calling for boycotting Israeli products and services in the economic, sports, cultural, and academic fields, as well the international companies that conspire with Israel in usurping Palestinian rights and committing war crimes against humanity and the Palestinian people for 70 years. "This is one sort of the international boycott that warrants recording," Mr Salmawy wrote.

In this context, we must recall the companies that manufacture cars and engineering equipment while they endorse Israel, Mr Salmawy wrote, pointing out that these companies promote their products to the Egyptian market. He also mentioned some foreign banks which own shares in Israeli factories that produce weapons used in the bloody military operations against Palestinians. "It is not right to keep dealing with these companies within the Egyptian market, simply because we are unaware of the role that they very consciously play," Mr Salmawy wrote.

I have one final remark that I wish to add to Mr Salmawy's opinion. In order for the boycott calls to bear fruit and not to stumble before the saying that the Egyptian product falls short of matching the specifications of its foreign counterpart, particularly in pharmaceutical and medical fields, Egyptian industry is required to provide a good local alternative in order to encourage Egyptian consumers to resort to the Egyptian substitute and go along with the boycott.

I am very proud of the response of Egyptians to the calls to boycott Israel and all that support it, and I am very happy with the teamwork rallying towards a patriotic target that these calls have created. The momentum gained on the Egyptian street by the boycott calls must be capitalised on in a different but very important aspect. Why don't we redirect this momentum for a public boycott to combat the spiralling prices on the Egyptian market? This is a very urgent issue which I intend to tackle in an upcoming editorial.



Egyptians choose their president

Tomorrow, Monday 18 December 2023, the official results of Egypt's presidential election will be announced.

Mariam Farouq

with balloting cards in Braille. For those with hearing disabilities, visual guidelines and instructions were available.

The 2024 presidential election was contested by four candidates: incumbent President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi; Farid Zahran, head of the Egyptian Democratic Social Party; Abdel-Samad Yamama, head of al-Ward Party; and Hazem Omar, head of the People's Republican Party.

The election was monitored by the international coalition Nazaha which includes 54 members from 34 European, African, and Arab countries. The commission monitoring the balloting in Egypt constituted 100 persons who included international monitors, interpreters, administrative coordinators, and persons running the operations room.

Expatriate Egyptians in 121 countries over the world had already cast their ballots on 1, 2, and 3 December at Egyptian embassies, consulates, and polling centres. The relevant election committees have completed the vote counts and sent them to the National Elections Authority (NEA) in Cairo.

In addition to Nazaha, 14 international organisations and 62 local ones monitored the election process which was followed by 185 local and international media outlets.

Egypt, balloting took place on 10, 11, and 12 December in 11,631 polling centres; Egyptian voters make up some 67 million. Some 15,000 judges supervised the polling.

Among the public figures who cast their votes were leading figures in the Coptic Orthodox Church: Pope Tawadros II; and Anba Pachomius, Metropolitan of Beheira, Matrouh, and Pentapolis, who is the eldest bishop in the Coptic Church. Despite his illness and being confined to a wheelchair, he persevered in voting, and was driven to the polling station. Seeing that, the judge at the polling station insisted on handing him the voting card to mark while in his car. The Metropolitan told those who appeared surprised at his resolve: "Egypt has given us so much; this is the least we can give back."

NEA has ensured that balloting would be facilitated for all, providing online all necessary information concerning the polling. The elderly and persons with disabilities cast their ballots in ground-floor polling stations, and the visually impaired were provided

Letter to Anba Pachomius

This is my third letter to Your grace meant to wish you all the best for so many blessed occasions, starting with September 2nd which marks 33 years on your consecration as Metropolitan; November 11th, celebrating 61 years on your life as a monk; December 12th, the 52nd anniversary of your consecration as bishop; and today, December 17th when the world was graced with your birth 88 years ago. May Our Lord grant you health and keep you for the Church for a long time to come; and in my heart I ask Him to keep you until the Second Coming.



You are indeed a pillar of the Church and of monasticism, a true example of the early desert fathers, many of whom the world was not worthy of. You have served the Church faithfully in every possible way and in all positions you occupied. Your valuable contribution started with your service in Sunday School when you were as young as 13 years and a few months old; that was in 1949. Your service in Sunday School took you to many places in Egypt, towns and villages, where you established classes and youth meetings, and left an indelible effect on a countless number of young men and women, many of who later joined monastic life or were consecrated as members of the clergy. Moving to Cairo in 1952 to pursue your academic life as a student in Ain Shams University, you seized the opportunity and became one of the main founders of youth meetings in colleges, even as you continued your service in the villages surrounding the governorate of Giza.

"This is the secret and greatness of our Church, Al-Tasleem, that is the passing on of knowledge and experience from one generation to the next. We make a point to help upcoming generations." It is then no wonder that our Church has remained thriving and young, and managed to defeat the hard power of the times and persecution through its great tradition of Al-Tasleem.

The Lord saw in you, just as in St Paul, a chosen vessel unto Him, to bear His name before all sorts of people. Hence, your service crossed the borders of Egypt into Sudan where you brought to the Good Shepherd many lost souls; this was from 1967 to 1971. Tens of years later, your Sudanese children everywhere still speak with love and gratitude of you. Your amazing service there has made you a pioneer and a great cornerstone of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Africa. Only a few months ago, a bishop currently serving in Africa told me how he was blessed to meet you and speak with you for almost an hour regarding his service in Africa. Your Grace gave him valuable pieces of advice that have acted for him as guidelines; thus proving that no matter how weak the body is, the spirit is strong and fervent, willing and ready to give to the very end. When I personally asked you about this meeting only a few days ago, you told me, and I here quote you exactly:

Therefore, my precious father, you continue to teach us until this very day; and many of us, your spiritual children, follow in your footsteps wherever we serve or work, be it inside or outside Egypt. A shining example is His Holiness Pope Tawadros II who was your disciple. You always taught us through words and deeds. You planted in us the love of and pride in our Church, respecting and remaining steadfast in its traditions and services, and honouring its founder, St Mark the Apostle. Your famous sentence, "never ever upset or displease St Mark," has always made us keep an eye on this great Evangelist, making sure that we never go astray from the Orthodox Christian Faith for which he sacrificed his life.

You also brought us up on the love of our country and the service of our communities. Only a few days ago, you went to vote in Egypt's 2024 Presidential election despite your weak health. When I met you afterwards, you again taught me the lesson, saying: "I did it out of loyalty and devotion to Egypt, we live on the goodness and blessings of this country."

A few days before the election, I was honoured to talk

to various people in different churches, urging them to be active and positive and to vote in the election. I told them that we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who said "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's;" as well as the example of our father Metropolitan Pachomius who planted in us the love God and the country. Indeed, you served this country greatly during a turbulent time when you were Acting Pope in 2012; you would not allow any foreign interference or messing with the country's affairs under the guise of helping the Christian Copts. Your attitude bespoke the patriotism of the Coptic Church and was reminiscent of other great figures of the Church such as Pope Peter VII, known as Botros Al-Gawly (1809-1852) who refused the Russian Tsar's offer to protect the Christians of Egypt, insisting that Copts are under the protection of the "One that does not die"; why should they leave His protection in favour of that of one that dies [the Tsar].

Your spiritual son, HH Pope Tawadros III, followed your footsteps when he said in 2013, upon the burning of a large number of churches all over Egypt by the Muslim Brothers, "A homeland without churches is better than churches without a homeland."

Your valuable lesson in community service was evident in the way Your Grace served Beheira Governorate in so many ways, but most importantly through establishing the Hospital of the Good Shepherd and Al-Karma School. This was out of your belief in the sacred missions of both doctors and teachers. You have always been keen on providing for all the best health/medical and educational/pedagogical services in the least costly ways. Despite all your huge responsibilities and weak health, you insist on following up the services offered in these institutions, and you keep encouraging all those who work there.

My dear father, our earthly language and words will never suffice to give you your due, simply because they are from this world. You are not from this world; you are among the earthly angels sent by heaven to make our world a better place; to love to enlighten, and to give us a living example of how to walk in the footsteps of our Lord and Teacher Jesus Christ.

Signed: One of your spiritual children