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As this update is circulated, events in Egypt are moving fast. It is expected that sometime today President Mubarak will announce his resignation and departure from Egypt. A Military Command Council has been established under the leadership of General Tantawi, Minister of Defense. It does not include Mubarak or Suleiman. The

mission of the Military Command Council is to ensure order and

stability. It is also expected that the President of Parliament, Dr. Ahmed Fathi Sorour will announce today that, pursuant to the constitution, he will assume the interim presidency for 60 days, after which time new elections will be held. It is uncertain as to whether General Suleiman will be a candidate of the NDP. It will more likely be a civilian. Constitutional amendments proposed by Mubarak will proceed.

Tomorrow, Friday the 11th, there will be massive demonstrations throughout the country. Millions of people are likely to be in the streets of most Egyptian cities. The Military Command Council will then ask everybody to go home so that Egypt can resume normalcy.

So far, the revolutionary movement is uncertain as to whether the Army will play a genuine transitional role and then fade away, or whether it intends to support a new regime which will basically be composed of a new guard of the old regime. This will determine whether the demonstrators leave Tahrir Square or not. Their presence there would be a symbol of steadfastness until new presidential elections take place, to be followed by new legislative elections and a complete overhaul of the system to ensure democracy, justice and human rights.



Figure 1 EGYPT TV via APTN. (Photo credit Associated Press).