

A message from Egypt

Al Tahrir Square (Freedom, Democracy & Dignity) an unavoidable sightseeing

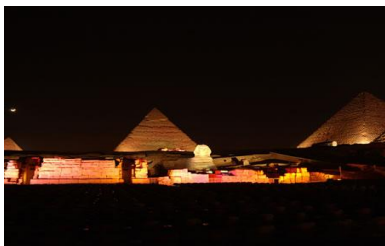
Dear Tourists, sorry for the temporary shutdown, Egypt was under necessary maintenance. We are happy to welcome you back in a much better Egypt now.

You will be impressed.



Establishing two Sound and light shows in the pyramids region as a prelude to resume work

Starting from Saturday, 19/2/2011 there was two "Sound and light" "spectaculars in the pyramids region the first at 18:30 p.m. and the second at 19:30 p.m. This depends on the language with the most numerous spectators and there are available translation headphones in all languages for free as a prelude to the resumption of all daily spectaculars according to the schedule.



Barack Obama: We must educate our children to become like young Egyptian people.

Britain's Prime Minister: We must consider teaching the Egyptian revolution in schools.

CNN: For the first time, we see people make a revolution and then clean the streets afterwards.

Prime Minister of Italy: There is nothing new in Egypt. Egyptians are making history as usual.

Prime Minister of Norway: Today we are all Egyptians.

Austrian President Heinz Fischer: The people of Egypt are the greatest people of earth; and they deserve a Nobel Prize for Peace.



Egypt re-opens museums and Historical sites

Egypt has re-opened many of its museums and historical sites which had been closed since the civil youth revolution started in January that led to President Hosni Mubarak's ouster.

On Sunday 20/2/2011, the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, which is just off Tahrir Square and which served as an embattled backdrop during the protests, opened its doors again, and museum workers handed roses to the visitors who came to see its treasures. As well as Coptic & Islamic museum.



Egypt white Revolution

Egypt: The camp that toppled a president

Cairo's central Tahrir Square was the focal point for anti-Mubarak protesters during 18 days of demonstrations.



Food stalls

This bean seller is one of many food vendors who have set up stalls inside the barricades. Protesters have also taken over the Hardees fast food restaurant, where they give out free bread and cheese.



Toilets

The camp toilets are here in a shed formerly used by construction workers near the Egyptian Museum. After 18 days, the smell is quite incredible.



Water point

Drinking water is not easy to come by, so protesters have been filling their bottles at this water point beside a construction site.



Kindergarten

Schools in Cairo have been closed during the protests. But there are so many mothers who want to attend the demonstration that many bring their children here - to a kindergarten organized by the demonstrators.



Wall of martyrs

Memorials of protesters who died during the uprising have been erected at the "wall of martyrs". Friends of the victims put up pictures and accounts of how they died. Some are very graphic and accuse the police of brutality.



Flag sellers

A whole economy has grown up in the square since the protests began. Street vendors sell flags and hats in the colors of the Egyptian flag. A large flag costs five Egyptian pounds (about 50p).



Rubbish bins

Egypt has no formal system of recycling so the demonstrators have set up their own, as part of efforts to keep the square clean.



Bloggers

Egypt's internet activists have played a key role in the pro-democracy protests and many are camped together on the roundabout in the centre of the square.



Campsite

Though the majority of demonstrators go home each evening, a hard core has set up campsites on the roundabout, pavements and grass verges. Some sleep in tents, while others shelter under plastic sheets and rugs draped across pathways.



Pharmacy

This pharmacy near the main stage is helping campers and visitors keep clean and healthy. Some of the supplies are being given out for free.



Main stage

This platform has become a kind of "Speakers' Corner" for protesters to call comrades to action and pay tribute to those who have died during the demonstrations. The white screen is used to project televised speeches by the government and the army.



Street clinic

This "street hospital", staffed by volunteer doctors, is one of several clinics where injured protesters have their wounds treated. Since Egyptians do not typically have access to free medical care, some say the clinics in the square are an improvement on what they are used to.



Tanks

Throughout the demonstration, protesters have sat and slept around tanks parked near the Egyptian Museum, to prevent the army from advancing into the square.



Newspaper wall

Every morning Egypt's main newspapers are pasted up on the shutters of this shop, allowing protesters who cannot afford to buy a paper can still follow the latest reports, says our correspondent.



'KFC clinic'

This Kentucky Fried Chicken fast food restaurant has been taken over by protesters and turned into a clinic for the injured and the sick.



Artwork

This artwork, "Egypt's Heart", is one of many created by the demonstrators. The heart faces down one of the streets through which pro-Mubarak supporters came to clash with the anti-government protesters. Many visitors have had their photographs taken next to the heart.



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