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Revolutionary Egypt: President Hosni Mubarak's speech text

"I spoke to you during the crisis that is testing Egypt and its people who can take him to an unknown direction.

This country through hard times and hard experience that starts with the youth and citizens who exercise their right to peaceful demonstration and protest, stating their concerns and aspirations. But they were quickly exploited by those who seek to spread chaos and violence, confrontation and violate the constitutional legitimacy, and to attack him.

Their protest has gone from being a phenomenon that is noble and civilized as the practice of freedom of expression to be clashes, mobilized and controlled by political forces who want to increase and aggravate the situation. They are targeting national security and stability through acts of provocation, theft and looting, and fires. Also blocking roads and attacking vital installations and public and private property and raided several diplomatic missions.

We live together through the days of painful and the most painful thing is the fear that affects most people and the concern and anxiety over what tomorrow could bring them and their families and their country's future. Events of recent days require us all as human beings and as the leadership to choose between chaos and stability and to adjust to new circumstances and new realities. The people and the armed forces must work with wisely and in the interests of Egypt and its citizens.

"My brother and all the people, I took the initiative to form a new government with new priorities and tasks to respond to the demand of our youth and their mission.

"I entrust vice president with the task of holding a dialogue with all political forces and factions about all the problems that have been raised about political reform and

democracy and constitutional and legislative changes. (This) is required to realize the legitimate demands and to restore law and order.

But there are some political forces that have rejected this call for dialogue, stick to their particular agendas without regard to the circumstances of Egypt and its people.

They reject the call for dialogue. I direct a speech to the people, the Muslims and Christians, young and old, farmers and laborers, and all the Egyptians and women in rural areas and cities across the country. I never, never seek power and those who know the difficult situation that I endured and my responsibility and what I offer this country in war and peace. Just like those in the armed forces, I betrayed the trust or remove the responsibility and my duty. My main responsibility now is security and independence of the nation to ensure a peaceful transfer of power in a state that protects the people of Egypt and allows handed over responsibility to anyone people vote in the upcoming presidential election.

I can honestly say, apart from the current situation, I do not intend to run for a new presidential term. I've spent enough years in my life to serve Egypt and its people. I am now absolutely determined to finish my work for the nation by ensuring the safe handover, preserving its legitimacy, and respect the constitution.

I will work on the remaining months of my tenure to take steps to ensure the peaceful transfer of power. I would ask parliament to discuss amendments to Article 76 and 77 of the constitution of the authority of the president of the republic and the specific configuration of a period for the office of president.

I will entrust the new government to perform in ways that will achieve the legitimate rights of the people and that its performance should express the people and their aspirations for political reform, social and economic development and to allow opportunities for employment and combating poverty, realizing social justice. In this context, I ask the police to carry out their duties in serving the community,

protecting the citizens with integrity and honor, and still guarantee the freedom, rights, and dignity of the people.

I also demanded judicial authority and supervision to immediately take the necessary measures to continue to pursue criminals and to investigate those who cause security chaos and those who commit acts of theft, looting and burning and terrorizing residents.

This is my promise to the people during the remaining months of my time today. I asked God to help me to honor my promise to complete the assignment in Egypt.

My brother people of Egypt, Egypt will come out of the current situation and become stronger, more confident and united, and stable. And our people will come up with a better awareness of how to achieve reconciliation and become more determined to not damage the future and destiny.

Hosni Mubarak who speaks to you today is proud, has spent dozens of years to serve Egypt and its people. Beloved nation, this is my country, it is the state of all the Egyptians, here I have lived and fought in defense of land, sovereignty and interests on this land. And I will die here, and history will judge me for the benefits and faults.

