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The Egyptian Revolution: Rebels

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Character Descriptions

Wael Ghonim- A google employee and cofounder of the Facebook page titled, "We Are All Khaled Said." Ghonim used the facebook page in mobbing and integrating the anti-government protests for the January 25th Revolution. After being secretly detained by the Egyptian authorities for 11 days, Ghonim appeared on *10:00 PM*, an Egyptian program, where he called for the end of the Mubarak regime. He subsequently became the face of the Egyptian Revolution.

Mohammed Morsi- An Egyptian politician who served as a member of parliament with affiliations to the Muslim Brotherhood party. He was a member of the Guidance office of the Muslim Brotherhood until the founding of the Freedom and Justice party in 2011, at which point he was elected by the Muslim Brotherhood to be the first president of the Party.

Abdul Rahman Mansour- An internet activist, journalist, and cofounder of the Facebook page, "We Are All Khaled Saeed." He is credited with the idea of having pro-democracy protests on January 25th, coinciding with national police day. He

also managed his own online blog of sizeable presence

Asmaa Mahfouz- An Egyptian activist and one of the founders of the April 6th Youth Movement. She is one of the organizers of the January 25th Revolution, calling her followers on Youtube to assemble in Tahir Square.

Sharif Abdel Kouddous- a reporter for *Democracy Now!*, Kouddos became internationally renowned for live reporting over twitter, the events in Tahrir Square. He has also written for other prominent newspapers such as *Foreign Policy*, *Al-Ahram Weekly*, *Al-masry Al-youm*, and *The Nation*.

Mohamed ElBaradei- an Egyptian law scholar and diplomat. Preceding the revolution, ElBaradei was the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Since 2009, he was seen in the west as a major voice for democratic change in Egypt and was a leader of the National Association for Change in 2010. It was later given the unofficial moniker, the Kefaya Opposition.

Omar Sharif- a prominent, Academy Award winning, Egyptian actor who very vocally called for Mubarak to step down during the riots in Tahrir Square. Sharif was also weary of the Muslim Brotherhood usurping power.

Magdy Ashour- an Egyptian activist and member of the Muslim Brotherhood, he starred in the Academy Award winning documentary, "The Square".

George Isaac- an Egyptian politician and activist who was a cofounder of the Kefaya opposition movement and heavy critic of the Mubarak regime. He later joined the Constitution party.

Amr Hamzway- an Egyptian political scientist, human rights activist, and intellectual. He was the spokesman for the "Board of Wise Men"- a body set up to offer negotiations and possible solutions to the protestors and the government. He also became involved in the establishment of a liberal party in Egypt and the Freedom Egypt Party.

Khalid Abdalla- an Academy Award nominated and BAFTA winning British Egyptian actor and activist. He participated in the February Revolution amongst other protesters in Tahrir square. He

appeared on CNN with Wolf Blitzer and Anderson Cooper to discuss his views on the protest. Abdalla is one of the founding members of the Mosireen Collective- a group of revolutionary filmmakers and activists dedicated to supporting citizen media in Egypt. Three months after its creation, Mosireen became the most watched non-profit YouTube channel in Egypt.

Aida El Kashef- a feminist Egyptian filmmaker, actress, and director. She was one of the first protestors to occupy Tahrir Square and filmed the events of the Arab Springs. She is known for recording cases of sexual assault and harassment towards women during the protests. Kashef was arrested for participating in a protest denouncing military trials for civilians.

Dr. Sameh Maurice- the head pastor of the Al-Dubara Evangelical Church in downtown Cairo. Maurice is human rights activist and set up the church as an NGO which participated in the protests, as it sat right next to Tahrir Square. Maurice also opened the church as a field hospital in the wake of violence during the revolution.

Maikel Nabil Sanad- a political activist, blogger, and former political prisoner who

became famous for starting the No to Compulsory Military Service movement in Egypt. Due to his conscientious objection to conscription, he was arrested by the military police but soon released. He played a prominent role during the 2011 protests and spoke out heavily about the human rights abuses conducted by the Egyptian Military.

Abdelhalim Kandil- a liberal politician, activist, and opposition journalist. He was the editor-in-chief of the privately owned *Sout al-Umma* newspaper and then became the General Coordinator for the Kefaya movement.

Ramy Essam- an Egyptian rock musician who participated heavily in the 2011 protests. He wrote a song, "Irhal" in which he urged President Mubarak to resign. The song became known as the anthem of the revolution. He was arrested forcibly in Tahrir Square and was tortured by the military before being released.

Hossam el-Hamalawy- an Egyptian journalist, blogger, photographer, and socialist activist. He founded the organization, Revolutionary Socialists in 1995. Hamalawy was one of the first participants and organizers of the Egyptian Revolution. Hamalawy worked as a

journalist for *Cairo Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* as a correspondent in Cairo, and freelanced for numerous organizations such as *Bloomberg News*, *BBC*, and *Human Rights Watch*. He was also the founding managing editor of *Al-Masry Al-Youm*'s English edition.

Ahmed Maher- an activist and civil engineer, he became famous for his role in helping organize the April 6th Youth Movement in 2008. He played a large role in the 2011 protests and used social media to rally youth to the protest.

Alaa Abd el Fattah- an Egyptian blogger, software developer, and political activist. In 2011, his name became synonymous with the protests in Tahrir Square. Despite not being in Egypt during the January 25th Protest, Fattah collected information from family and friends and published the information to the outside world.

Ahmed Hassan- an Egyptian activist and one of the prominent members of the protests in Tahrir Square. He is known for being one of the main characters of the Academy Award winning Documentary, "The Square". Hassan used social media to rally swaths of youth to the January 25th protest In Tahrir Square.

Mohamed Soliman- an Egyptian political leader and commentator. At the age of 14, he protested during the Revolution as a part of the Kefaya opposition movement. Before 2011, he was one of the organizers for the Mohamed ElBaradei campaign for presidency. He was also a founding member of the Dostour, or Constitution Party, and served as an executive board member representing Youth. He is also the chief spokesman of the party and manages the party's foreign relations.

Mohammad Badie- the Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2011 he ordered Egypt's largest political opposition group, the Muslim Brotherhood, to rally against the Mubarak Regime.