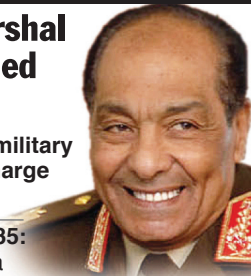


# Field Marshal Mohammed Tantawi

Head of the military  
council in charge  
of Egypt



■ **Oct 31, 1935:**  
Born in Nubia

■ **1956:** Gains Master's degree in military science. Receives officer's commission, commanding infantry battalion during ***Suez Crisis***

■ **1967, 1973:** Takes part in ***Six-Day War*** and ***Arab-Israeli war***

■ **1975:** Assigned as military attaché to Pakistan and later Afghanistan

■ **1991:** Plays key role in first ***Gulf War***, leading Egypt's forces in coalition that liberates Kuwait following Iraqi invasion. Appointed Defence Minister

■ **1995:** Becomes commander-in-chief of Egyptian Armed Forces

■ **2008:** Leaked U.S. diplomatic cable describes Tantawi as "***aged and change-resistant***"

■ **Feb 2011:** Wins praise for allowing massive protests to unfold, forcing President ***Hosni Mubarak*** from power