

Egypt candidates prepare for presidential vote

Seven candidates are vying to become Egypt's first president since the ousting of Hosni Mubarak, with the May 23-24 election looking to be a showdown between the country's Islamists and the ruling military

FORMER REGIME

ISLAMISTS



Omar Suleiman, 75

Intelligence chief under Mubarak, entrusted with domestic security and relations with U.S., Israel and Palestinians. Aims to re-establish security and rebuild economy

Khairat el-Shater, 61

Deputy head of **Muslim Brotherhood**, spent 12 of past 20 years in prison under Mubarak regime. Aims to modernize Egypt's corrupt and incompetent institutions



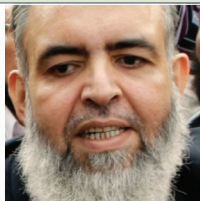
Amr Moussa, 76
Popular politician under Mubarak, served as foreign minister before becoming head of **Arab League** in 2001



Ahmed Shafiq, 70
Former Air Force chief, briefly served as prime minister in Mubarak's last days



Abdel-Moneim Abolfotoh, 60
Former Muslim Brotherhood member, seeking moderate Islamic stance



Hazem Abu Ismail, 50
Lawyer turned TV preacher has emerged as favourite among ultra-conservative Salafi Islamists

THE REVOLUTIONARY

Khaled Ali, 40
Anti-corruption advocate, outspoken critic of military's handling of Egypt's transition



Closest candidate in ideology to young, liberal activists who led anti-Mubarak uprising. Hardly known by general public