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SCAF to Hand over Power to Elected President End of June

Los Angeles June 24, 2012- At a press conference held at the Morale Affairs Department, Cairo, on June 18, The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) denied reports that it is engaging in a power grab after it issued an addendum to the March 30, 2011 constitutional declaration which was widely perceived as cementing military authority over the post-Mubarak era, reiterating that the new declaration is being blown out of proportion. Statements by SCAF members Major Generals Mohamed al-Assar and Mamdouh Shahin jointly clarified that:

- The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces will hand over power to the elected president at a large celebration to take place at the end of this month.
- The Egyptian people will witness the handover of power to the elected president and this will prove that the Armed Forces have honored its promise.
- In situation that the parliament is dissolved the elected president will be vowed into office before the High Constitutional Court's General Assembly.
- The new president will assume the presidency fully and with all due respect. The president will be in charge of appointing the government, the deputy premier(s) and the ministers including the defense minister.
- The SCAF will only, under the new declaration, hold some legislative powers until a new parliament is elected to replace the dissolved one.
- The President can only declare war after the approval of the SCAF.
- The incumbent SCAF members are responsible for deciding on all issues related to the Armed Forces.
- If the constitution assembly encounters obstacles that would prevent it from completing its work, the SCAF will form another constituent assembly to author a new constitution. The parliamentary elections will take place one month from the day the new constitution is approved by a national referendum.
- Egypt is a modern democratic state and the Armed Forces have a duty to protect the homeland and the people.
- Issuing a complementary constitutional declaration was necessary to help Egypt transfer to a democratic state through a tough process that has been replete with dangers and challenges.
- The failure to write the constitution before the holding of the presidential vote, the end of the state of emergency and the dissolution of the parliament by a court ruling led the SCAF to issue a complementary constitutional declaration.
- The Armed Forces will exert utmost effort to support the great Egyptian people and will remain the homeland's honest guard.

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