

## Egypt

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By 1945, Egypt had escaped Ottoman control and was ruled by the Muhammad 'Ali dynasty, which began rule in the early 1800s. Farouk I, the last king of said dynasty, was forced to abdicate by revolutionary forces under the leadership of Muhammad Naguib (mil/LR – Liberation Rally) in 1952 (SOLS change).

Over the course of a year, the military leaders of the coup that had forced the abdication of Farouk I essentially battled each other for power through subtle political maneuvering. Finally, in June of 1953, Egypt was proclaimed a republic, the monarchy formally abolished, and Major General Muhammad Naguib became the president (among other positions).

Naguib was essentially in conflict and competition with Lieutenant Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser, another chief leader of the revolutionary group of young officers that planned the coup against Farouk I. This rivalry came to a breaking point when, in 1954, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood tried to assassinate Nasser. Naguib was (questionably) implicated in the attack, and Nasser removed him from the presidency and took power himself. Since Nasser found support in virtually the same groups, no SOLS change was coded.

Nasser was also affiliated with the Liberation Rally, According to the Library of Congress, "the Liberation Rally headed by Nasser was launched to serve as an organization for the mobilization of popular support for the new government." (US Department of State). In 1956, the Liberation Rally transformed into the National Union. According to Deeb (1991, 641), Nasser frequently changed his political allegiance. Nasser's SOLS changing twice, from military/LR to National Union in 1956 and from National Union to Arab Socialist Union in 1962.<sup>1</sup> However, because the regime is a triple hybrid, these changes are not coded as SOLS changes. In 1970, Nasser died of a heart attack, and his successor and vice president Anwar Sadat took over the Egyptian government. In 1978 Sadat's SOLS changed from ASU to HDW (Hizb al Dimuqratiyah al Wataniyah), this was not a SOLS change. Sadat was assassinated in 1981, and his vice president Hosni Mubarak in turn took power, who still rules today. Between Sadat and Mubarak, the party listed on World Statesmen again shifted from the Arab Socialist Union to the National Democratic Party in 1978; however, for the same reason stated above, this was not a SOLS change.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that sources are contradictory on whether the NU was formed in 1956 or 1957. Hassan and Flower (p.205) say 1956, while worldstatesmen and Jankowski (p.123) say 1957.

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