



**In a statement by the State Information Service:**

**Professional violations in some foreign media coverage of presidential elections**

Within the framework of the State Information Service (SIS) follow-up of the coverage of some foreign media outlets of the presidential elections over the last period, SIS has monitored a number of main observations as follows:

**First: Sources**

1. Coverage was confined to the use of sources from the same batch, especially in the case of recalled Lieutenant General Sami Anan.
2. Coverage ignored resorting to official sources, in particular the National Election Authority in charge of all relevant proceedings of the electoral process.

**Second: Facts**

1. Coverage was marked by absolute disregard for relevant facts, of which the most significant is the legal characterization of the status of recalled Lieutenant General Sami Anan in accordance with the laws and decisions regulating the affairs of the Armed Forces.
2. Coverage overlooked the legal characterization of the status of recalled Lieutenant General Sami Anan regarding the inclusion of his name in Electoral Rolls, thus granting him the right to vote or stand as a candidate, as stipulated in the Law on the Exercise of Political Rights and the Law on the Regulation of the Presidential Elections.

3. The usage of incorrect terminology such as the “detention” of recalled Lieutenant General Sami Anan, although “detention” is non-existent in Egyptian legislation and was abolished by the Supreme Constitutional Court in 2011. In such cases, procedural matters are always governed by criminal procedure laws in the country.

### **Third: Treatment**

1. Jumping to political conclusions regarding the conduct of the presidential elections based on the legal status of recalled Lieutenant General Sami Anan is inaccurate and deemed far more opinions than press coverage.
2. Fabricating and exaggerating some incidents allegedly hindering the qualification of likely candidates for the presidential elections.
3. Linking between the case of recalled Lieutenant General Sami Anan and other incidents including that of another potential candidate who himself issued a statement announcing the suspension of his candidacy decision considering himself not the best person to run the country in this period, the case of another potential nominee who has not taken any single step towards candidacy and the case of a likely candidate who recently raised the issue of election timetable and what he termed the National Election Authority’s withholding of delivery of his endorsement forms, announcing withdrawal of his candidacy in what he labeled a context drained of all its purposes in his own viewpoint.