

Two Egyptian Protesters Killed in Alexandria

Cairo, January 2 (RHC)-- Two Egyptian protesters have been killed in clashes between the supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and police forces in the port city of Alexandria. Clashes broke out on Wednesday between police and students in the city of Alexandria, where the demonstrators were killed and several others were injured by live rounds.

In the capital Cairo, Egyptian security forces clashed with supporters of ousted president Mohammad Morsi. An anti-government protest rally was held near the defense ministry headquarters in Cairo. Police used teargas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of pro-Morsi students.

Meanwhile, students of Cairo's al-Azhar University have called for mass rallies in the city's iconic Liberation Square on Friday.

Last week, Egyptian authorities named the Muslim Brotherhood, to which Morsi belongs, as a "terrorist" group after they accused the movement of a bombing north of the capital that killed 15 people.

Tension has intensified since the Egyptian army overthrew Morsi, suspended the constitution, and dissolved the parliament on in July before declaring the chief justice of Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court, Adly Mansour, as interim president. Hundreds of people have since been killed in the wave of violent clashes between Morsi supporters, his opponents and security forces.

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