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First: Creation and Mission

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) – Egypt's highest military body which is sometimes referred to as the “Military Council” – was created by President Gamal Abdul Nasser under Law No. 4 of 1968 following the country's defeat in the 1967 war. Its official purpose was to coordinate the strategy and operations of the armed forces during wartime, which is why President Anwar Sadat later sought counsel from it prior to the 1973 war.

Yet, SCAF took on a more ceremonial role following the Camp David Accords of 1978 and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty of 1979. In contrast to the National Defense Council, the SCAF's status was not enshrined in the constitution, and it seemed to convene only on anniversaries of past wars during the Hosni Mubarak era. Following the January 2011 uprising that ousted Mubarak, however, the SCAF's role fundamentally changed.

In mid-2011, SCAF made an extraordinary decision stating that members of the military junta shall remain linked to the army even if they were removed from service, under a call-up commitment, that is they can be called up at any time. Therefore, any SCAF member since 2011 should return to the military junta for obtaining a permission to engage in any public activity such as elections.

Second: SCAF members in the wake of 2011 January Revolution:

No.	Name	Position
01	Mohamed Hosni Mubarak	Former President
02	Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi	Former Defense Minister
03	Lieutenant General Sami Hafez Anan	Former Chief of Staff
04	Lieutenant General Mohab Memish	Former Navy Commander
05	Lieutenant General Reda Mahmoud Hafez	Former Air Force Commander
06	Lieutenant General Abdel-Aziz Seif Eddin	Former Air Defense Commander
07	Major General Hassan al-Roueini	Former GOC, Central Military Zone
08	Major General Mohamed Farid Hegazy	Former GOC, Second Field Army
09	Major General Sedki Sobhi	Former GOC, Third Field Army
10	Major General Nabil Mohamed Fahmi	Former GOC, Northern Military Zone
11	Major General Mohsen Al-Shazli	Former GOC, Southern Military Zone
12	Major General Mahmoud Hegazy	Former GOC, Western Military Zone
13	Major General Ahmed Youssef Abdel Nabi	Former Border Guards Force Commander
14	Major General Mohsen al-Fanagry	Former Assistant Defense Minister
15	Major General Adel Emara	Former Assistant Defense Minister
16	Major General Ismail Etman	Former Director of the Morale
17	Major General Mamdouh Shaheen	Assistant Defense Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs
18	Major General Mohamed El Assar	Former Assistant Defense Minister for Armament Affairs

19	Major General Mokhtar El Molla	Former Assistant Defense Minister for Political Affairs
20	Major General Tareq Al-Mahdi	Former Assistant Defense Minister
21	Major General Mohamed Saber Attia	Former Director of Military Operations
22	Major General Taher Abdullah	Former Director of Armed Forces Engineering Authority
23	Major General Mamdouh Abdel-Haq	Former Assistant Defense Minister
24	Major General Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi	Former Director of Military Intelligence

Third: Law No. 20 of 2014

According to Law No. 20, 2014 which formalized the new SCAF's structure and mission, the Council consists of twenty-five members, including the defense minister and chief of staff; and later the number of SCAF members became 26 after the creation of the position of "Commander of Unified Command" to oversee counterterrorism operations east of the Suez Canal. The following table shows this in detail:

No.	Name	No.	Name
01	The President	14	Director of Armed Forces Armament Authority
02	Defense Minister	15	Director of Armed Forces Engineering Authority
03	Chief of Staff	16	Director of Armed Forces Financial Affairs Authority
04	Navy Commander	17	Director of Armed Forces Judiciary Authority
05	Air Force Commander	18	GOC, Second Field Army
06	Air Defense Commander	19	GOC, Third Field Army

07	Assistant Minister of Defense for Constitutional and Legal Affairs	20	GOC, Central Military Zone
08	Defense Ministry Secretary General	21	GOC, Northern Military Zone
09	Border Guards Force Commander	22	GOC, Southern Military Zone
10	Head of Military Operations Authority	23	GOC, Western Military Zone
11	Head of the Organization and Administration Authority	24	Director of Military Intelligence and Reconnaissance Administration
12	Head of Armed Forces Training Authority	25	Director of Officers' Affairs Dept.
13	Head of Armed Forces Logistics Authority	26	Commander of Unified Command

SCAF Mission according to Law 20 of 2014

According to Law 20 of 2014, SCAF mission was stated as follows:

- 1- To define strategic objectives and tasks in order to achieve political objectives as well as objectives of military policy determined by the political leadership of the state.
- 2- To determine the size and shape of the armed forces, their organizational structure and future development.
- 3- To maintain the armed forces' combat readiness.
- 4- To set the armed forces' recruitment policy and the bases of mobilization.
- 5- To develop the policy of harboring the armed forces and study the state of military discipline and morale.
6. To approve the armed forces' policy of training, including exercises and joint exercises.
7. To approve the policy of military operations theater preparation.

8. To prepare draft laws and regulations governing the service of individuals in the armed forces and proposals for the recruitment system.
9. To approve the policy of maintaining security and safety of the armed forces.
10. To review the reports of commanders of the main branches, heads of bodies, commanders of field armies and military zones, and department managers to determine the state of combat readiness of the armed forces.
11. To study the declaration of the state of war or sending military forces out of the country.
12. To prepare an assessment of the military political situation.
- 13- To issue the document of the State's military threats and challenges.
14. To prepare the document of military policy.
15. To prepare the State for war or defense in cooperation with the National Defense Council and the National Security Council.
- 16- To cooperate and coordinate with the National Security Council in determining the internal hostilities related to the role of the armed forces in this regard.
- 17- To approve the appointment of the Minister of Defense. This shall be valid for two full terms of office according to the Constitution of 2014.
- 18- To express its opinion in the declaration of war or sending the armed forces in a combat mission beyond the borders of the State.
19. To discuss any other issues the Minister of Defense submits to the Military Council, such as the country's economic situation, security situation, and plans to confront protests.

Law 20/2014 Regulations

- Law 20 of 2014 stipulates that SCAF shall consist of the Minister of Defense, as Chairman, the Chief of Staff as Deputy Chairman, Navy Commander, Air Force

Commander, Air Defense Commander, assistants to the Minister of Defense, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defense, Border Guards Commander; heads of the armed forces authorities of Logistics, Armament, and Engineering, financial affairs, and military judiciary; commanders of second and third field armies, and commanders of the central, north, south, and western military zones, as well as Director of Military Intelligence, and Officers' Affairs Director. The law stipulates that the secretary general of the Ministry of Defense shall serve as SCAF Secretary General. Also, the Minister of Defense shall define SCAF members from among his assistants of various specialties. (Article I / paragraph 1)

- A decision by the President of the Republic may include members of the Council from the leadership of the armed forces (Article I / paragraph 2)

- The Minister of Defense shall convene the Council every three months, and whenever necessary. The Council shall not hold a meeting except in the presence of the majority of its members. Decisions and directives of the Council shall be issued by a majority vote of the members present. In case of a war or declaration of public mobilization, the Council convenes on an ongoing basis. (Article II / Paragraph 1)

- The President of the Republic may call the Council to convene whenever necessary, and the President shall preside over the meeting in the event of his attendance (Article II / Paragraph 2)

- The Minister of Defense may invite any of the commanders of the armed forces or any specialists or experts from outside the armed forces to attend the SCAF meeting if the study of the subjects presented requires this, but without having a right to vote. (Article III / Paragraph 1)

- SCAF shall have the right to summon any minister, if necessary, to discuss a particular subject. (Article IV)

- The Council's decisions shall be issued in the form of a resolution or directive from the Minister of Defense. The minutes and decisions of the Council shall be signed by the Council Chairman and Secretary General and sent to the competent authorities for implementation. (Article V)

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Fourth: Military Council after October 2017

After the dismissal of Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Mahmoud Hegazi, on October 28, 2017, the formation was as follows:

No.	Name	Position
01	Abdel-Fattah Said Hussein Al-Sisi	According to Constitution, Sisi is Armed Forces Supreme Commander
02	Lieutenant General Sedki Sobhi (Chairman)	Defense Minister
03	Lieutenant General Mohamed Farid Hegazi (Deputy Chairman)	Chief of Staff
04	Lieutenant General Ahmed Khaled Hassan	Navy Commander
05	Lieutenant General Younes Al-Masri	Air Force Commander
06	Lieutenant General Ali Fahmi Mohamed	Air Defense Commander
07	Staff Major General Ayman Amer	GOC, Central Military Zone
08	Staff Major General Khaled Megawer	GOC, Second Field Army
09	Staff Major General Mohamed Raafat Al-Dish	GOC, Third Field Army
10	Staff Major General Ali Adel Ashmawi	GOC, Northern Military Zone

11	Staff Major General Sherif Hussein	GOC, Southern Military Zone
12	Staff Major General Sherif Beshara	GOC, Western Military Zone
13	Staff Major General Basem Riyadh Helal	Border Guards Force Commander
14	Staff Major General Wahid Ezzat	Director of Military Operations
15	Staff Major General Abdel Mohsen Mousa	Director of Armament Authority
16	Staff Major General Nasser Asi	Head of Armed Forces Training Authority
17	Major General Mamdouh Shaheen	Assistant Defense Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs
18	Staff Major General Salah Eddin Helmi	Head of Logistics Authority
19	Staff Major General Mohamed Amin Nasr	Head of Financial Affairs Authority
20	Major General Emad Abdel Aziz	Head of Judiciary Authority
21	Staff Major General Abdel Ghani Al-Saghir	Head of the Organization and Administration Authority
22	Staff Major General Mohamed Anwer Al-Shahhat	Director of Military Intelligence
23	Staff Major General Khairat Barakat	Director of Officers Affairs Authority
24	Staff Major General Kamel Al-Wazir	Director of Armed Forces Engineering Authority
25	Staff Major General Mhamed Al-Masri	Commander of Unified Command
26	Staff Major General Mohamed Abdellah	Defense Ministry Secretary General

Fifth: Former SCAF members subject to call-up commitment

Alongside the commanders who are members of the Military Council 2017, there are other leaders who have been considered SCAF members since the 25th revolution,

as they are senior commanders within the Egyptian army. However, the new SCAF composition was settled in October 2017. The following are SCAF members who have been dismissed:

No.	Name	Position
01	Lieutenant General Mohamed Farid Hegazi	Former Chief of Staff
02	Lieutenant General Abd Al-Moniem Al-Terras	Former Commander of Air Defense
03	Lieutenant General Osama Rabie	Former Navy Forces Commander
04	Lieutenant General Osama Al-Gendi	Former Navy Forces Commander
05	Staff Major General Ahmed Wasfi	Former Second Field Army Commander
06	Staff Major General Nasser Al-Asi	Former Second Field Army Commander
07	Lieutenant General Osama Askar	Former Third Field Army Commander
08	Major General Salah Al-Badri	Former Military Intelligence Director
09	Major General Mohamed Farid Tohami	Former Military Intelligence Director
10	Staff Major General Said Abbas	Former GOC, Northern Military Zone
11	Staff Major General Mohamed Zamalout	Former GOC, Northern Military Zone
12	Staff Major General Mohamed Lotfi	Former GOC, Northern Military Zone
13	Staff Major General Mohamed Arafat	Former GOC, Southern Military Zone
14	Staff Major General Yehia Taha	Former GOC, Southern Military Zone



15	Staff Major General Mohamed Al-Masri	Former GOC, Western Military Zone
16	Staff Major General Wahid Ezzat	Former GOC, Western Military Zone
17	Staff Major General Mohamed Al-Assar	Former Head of Armament Authority
18	Staff Major General Ahmed Abu Eddahab	Former Head of the Organization and Administration Authority
19	Staff Major General Tawhid Tawfiq	Former Head of Military Operations Authority
20	Staff Major General Mohsen El-Shazly	Former Head of Military Operations Authority
21	Staff Major General Gamal Ismail	Former Head of Logistics Authority
22	Staff Major General Ibrahim Al-Nosouhi	Former Head of Training Authority
23	Staff Major General Taher Abdullah	Former Head of Engineering Authority
24	Staff Major General Emad Al-Alfi	Former Head of Engineering Authority
25	Staff Major General Medhat Ghazzi	Former Head of Military Judiciary
26	Major General Ahmed Ibrahim	Former Commander of Border Guards
27	Colonel Ahmed Ali	Former Military Spokesman
28	Colonel Mohamed Samir	Former Military Spokesman
29	Major General Abdel- Mordi Abdel-Salam	Former Head of Logistics Authority