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FYI: The attached praise for a Trends article is noteworthy in that the article was brand new analyst debut publication. also played a role as acting branch chief and division chief.

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1. (U) VERY MUCH ENJOYED YOUR ANALYSIS OF OPPOSITION-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS IN THE WAKE OF THE EMERGENCY LAW FLAP. YOUR REPORT DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL MONITORING OF THE EGYPTIAN PRESS AS AN INCREASINGLY USEFUL WINDOW ON EGYPTIAN POLITICS AND NATIONAL LIFE. OUR COMPLIMENTS TO THE FBIS ANALYSTS FOR A WELL-WRITTEN AND INSIGHTFUL PIECE.
2. (LOU) A SUGGESTION FOR ANOTHER MEDIA ANALYSIS PROJECT: WE HAVE NOTED AN APPARENT UPSWING IN GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON THE ISLAMIC INVESTMENT COMPANIES, REFLECTED LARGELY IN A PRESS CAMPAIGN. FOR NOW, THE GOVERNMENT EVIDENTLY HAS CHOSEN NOT/NOT TO ASSAULT THESE INSTITUTIONS FRONTALLY WITH NEW LEGISLATION, BUT TO ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THEM. HENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENT PRESS ITEMS (IN THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS BUT ALSO, OF LATE, IN THE OPPOSITION PRESS) SUGGESTING THAT ONE OF THE RAYYAN BROTHERS HAS BEEN TREATED FOR DRUG ADDICTION; AND A SMALL NEWS ITEM REPORTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS CLOSED DOWN RAYYAN'S FAMOUS NURSERY SCHOOL FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A PERMIT. MEANWHILE, THE EDITORIALISTS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR SNIPING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RAYYANS ET AL ARE FIGHTING BACK THROUGH STEPPED-UP ADVERTISING -- IN EXPENSIVE, FULL-PAGE SPREADS, OFTEN IN THE SAME ISSUES OF PAPERS CARRYING ATTACKS ON THEM. THE CONTOURS AND DIRECTIONS OF THIS BATTLE FOR PUBLIC OPINION SEEM TO US TO MERIT THE KIND OF CAREFUL MONITORING AND SYNTHESIS THAT FBIS DOES SO WELL.

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