

Protesting Morsi: Egypt's Constitutional Court Closes

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Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court has halted its work "indefinitely" after protesters prevented justices from getting to their offices on Sunday morning.

The court building is being blockaded by protesters who support President Mohamed Morsi and his November 22 "Constitutional Declaration."

The justices "were not able to get into the court building and do their job because of the massed people blocking the way and shouting threats [against them]," the court said in a statement announced on Egyptian television.

The halt indefinitely postpones a court decision on whether to dissolve both the commission that drafted the new Constitution and the Shura Council, the upper house of parliament.

Morsi's controversial Constitutional Declaration prohibits the nation's courts, including the Constitutional Court, from making any ruling concerning the work of the commission or the Shura Council.

The commission approved the completed draft Constitution two days ago and it was sent to the president's office on Saturday.

Morsi has called for a nationwide referendum on the new Constitution to be held on December 15.

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