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Legal Beagle's Blog

Egypt

Posted by Library Blog on 02/04/2011 at 03:31 PM

With all of the political unrest in Egypt, you might be interested in learning more about the politics and laws of Egypt. The RWU Law Library can be a great resource for international legal research, and the current situation in Egypt can be the beginning of your journey into our international law resources:

The Egyptian constitution is available via several of the Law Library’s subscription databases. To access this primary source document, try searching in Constitutions of the Countries of the World Online or HeinOnline. For background information on Egypt’s legal system, try searching the Foreign Law Guide.

In addition to subscription resources, there are free internet resources and print resources which may be of interest on this topic:

Websites of Note:

- Egypt’s Government Services Portal
- The Middle East Library for Economic Services

Resources in Print:

- The Rule of Law in the Arab World: Courts in Egypt and the Gulf by Nathan J. Brown (Stacks, KMC459 .B76 1997)

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Posted by Library Blog on 02/11/2011 at 10:40 AM
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Blog + Law = Blawg!

Posted by Library Blog on 02/17/2011 at 03:48 PM

In the tradition of great word contractions (i.e. Brangelina, spork, bridezilla) comes the blawg, or law-related blog. One place to find over 3,000 blawgs is the ABA Journal Blawg Directory. This website allows you to search these blawgs by topic, author type, region or law school. Every year the ABA Journal ranks the top 100 Blawgs (see 4th Annual ABA Journal Blawg 100). ABA Journal readers also have an opportunity to vote on their blawg favorites (see BLAWG100 Popular Vote: The Readers Have Spoke).

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Some blawgs that you may find useful, amusing or interesting:

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Posted by Library Blog on 02/24/2011 at 10:18 AM

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