

There's A River In Egypt Called Denial

✘ Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak has upped the stakes today in his imminent demise by putting out the word that he would step down, and almost immediately standing up and making a speech to thousands upon thousands of anti-government protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square that was almost exactly the opposite of the crowds hope. I started to be reminded of the speeches of Chemical Ali during the the beginnings of the Iraq war, in the way that there seems to be a lot of denial going on, and maybe in both camps. It's fairly obvious that Mubarak is trying to stay in power by feigning surrender, but I don't think that the message he hoped might quell the anger of the crowd is being swallowed. Now I know that this is an incredibly complicated issue, and both sides seem to want different things. The majority of the country seems to want their leader gone immediately, while their leader wants to pretend that there isn't anything that can't be fixed and that this may blow over in time. I don't see a quick and seamless antidote to this mess. I just hope that in due time, the right decisions are made, and the people can set up their own government in a fully Democratic process. We may need the supposed Pharaoh , at least in his own mind, to begin to see through his 30 year plus fog of isolation. In other words, it may be time for a heavy dose of reality for both parties. Lets hope that thing scan all work out for the best, but I along with you will be keeping my attention towards the developments in the Middle East.

In case you don't already know, here's the "live" feed to Al Jazeera English: Live Stream coverage of Tahrir Square in Egypt

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