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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton shuttled back and forth between Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Cairo to help achieve a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas. Less than 24 hours after it is reached Egypt's President Morsi declares Dictatorship.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is eating her words, or perhaps I should I say leather. Open mouth insert foot. Or in this case open mouth insert sandaled feet.

After meeting with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, UN Secretary Ban Ki-Moon, Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi and others to bring about a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, she [stated](#) ,

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“I want to thank President Morsi for his personal leadership to de-escalate the situation in Gaza and end the violence.”

“Egypt's new government is assuming responsibility and leadership that has long made it a cornerstone of regional stability and peace.”

Exactly what is Clinton's definition of the word “long”, the 33 years of peace with Israel since the signing of the treaty with Sadat or the less than 24 hours that it took Morsi to name himself the new Pharaoh?

Once again the U.S. chooses the wrong side to align itself with. This is a re-run of the U.S. stance on the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) from June of last year when Secretary Clinton announced the formal recognition by the U.S. of the MB.

June of 2011 saw the reversal of a five-year-old U.S. policy banning contact with the Muslim Brotherhood organization in Egypt and was reported by [Reuters](#) ,

While Clinton portrayed the administration's decision as a continuation of an earlier policy, it reflects a subtle shift in that U.S. officials will be able to deal directly with officials of the Islamist movement who are not members of parliament.

“We believe, given the changing political landscape in Egypt, that it is in the interests of the United States to engage with all parties that are peaceful, and committed to non-violence, that intend to compete for the parliament and the presidency,” Clinton told reporters at a news conference.

“Now in any of those contacts, prior or future, we will continue to emphasize the importance of and support for democratic principles and especially a commitment to non-violence, respect for minority rights, and the full inclusion of women in any democracy,” she added.

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Now, just after the U.S. and Clinton praising of Morsi, less than 24 hours later to be exact, Morsi felt there would be no better time to announce his true intentions. As [reported](#) by Al-Jazeera,

Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi has issued a declaration giving himself greater powers and effectively neutralising a judicial system that had emerged as a key opponent by declaring that the courts are barred from challenging his decisions.

“The president can issue any decision or measure to protect the revolution,” according to a decree read out on television by Yasser Ali, a presidential spokesman.

The situation would be funny if it weren't true. CBS News just [reported](#) on November 21, the day the ceasefire was announced,

Morsi emerged as a major regional player. He won the trust of the United States and Israel, which once worried over the rise of an Islamist leader in Egypt...

One does have to laugh that within hours of CBS writing this, Morsi did exactly what everyone was “worried” about, the “Islamist” gave himself full and total power above the law as well as the courts and judges.

What could possibly go wrong there?

The people of Egypt, those that voted this Muslim Brotherhood man into power have now taken to the streets yet again. The site where the downfall and ouster of the former President Hosni Mubarak started, Tahrir Square, is now the scene yet again of protesters and police clashing. Only now, the demonstrators are calling for Morsi to rescind his decree of “absolute” power.

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