

Cairo: In the newly-named Republican Square, Palestinian Arab students joined the many thousands waiting to hear the result of the plebiscite on the proposed union of Egypt and Syria ...

The announcement brought little surprise - with 99.99 per cent (or over 7,400,000 votes) in favour of the ~~political~~ union. / S

Flushed with success, President Nasser (~~who the voting has~~ ^{now} confirmed as first Chief of State) proclaimed the creation of the United Arab Republic...while the crowd, ~~estimated at~~ ^{of about} around half-a-million, voiced its approval. /

The voting (~~for-or-against the~~) had been carried out simultaneously in both Egypt and Syria.

Here, in Damascus, a Polling official seems to be giving quite a lot of advice....or is it timely persuasion?.. (2)

Getting rather tired of explaining, the official ~~apparently~~ makes sure the cross goes in the right place / ~~_____~~

So Cairo celebrates, carrying banners of unity and freedom...freedom to return a 99.99 per cent vote for the ^{NEW} Federation. /