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Egypt Rejects Call for Immediate Transition to Democracy

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Egyptian government spokesmen condemned growing western calls for the Mubarak regime to hasten the handover of power, with [Foreign Ministry spokesman Hossam Zaki claiming they “sought to inflame the internal situation” with the calls.](#)

Though domestic pressure for regime change has been growing steadily the calls for the Egyptian government to seriously begin moving have only recently become more urgent amongst Western, particularly US, leaders, with [White House spokesman Robert Gibbs adding today that “now means now.”](#)

But Zaki not only stopped short of promising the government would enact immediate reforms, he [insisted that the Mubarak government rejects the notion](#) of starting “a period of transition beginning immediately.”

Exactly where this will all end is anybody’s guess, because most of the Western calls for “transition” have been extremely non-specific, but it seems that as Mubarak digs his heels in, his failed state is also increasingly becoming a rogue state.