

## **Arab Spring Resources**

### **Dates**

17 December 2010: Mohamed Bouazizi, a Tunisian street vendor, is harassed by local police officers who confiscate his wares, prohibit him from selling his merchandise, slap and spit at him. That same day he sets himself on fire to protest his treatment. He dies on 4 January 2011. As news of Mohamed Bouazizi's fate spreads across Tunisia, demonstrators protest social injustice, corruption, unemployment, political repression, and the presidency of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. On 14 January 2011, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali is forced into exile ending 23 years of his presidency.

7 January 2011: Large demonstrations are held in Algeria to protest inflation and unemployment.

14 January 2011: Protests spread to Libya.

25 January 2011: Protests erupted throughout Egypt, with tens of thousands of protesters gathered in Cairo and thousands more in cities throughout Egypt.

26 January 2011: Protests spread to Syria.

27 January 2011: A major demonstration is held in Sana'a, capital of Yemen.

28 January 2011: Major protests are held in Amman, Jordan.

11 February 2011: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigns.

14 February 2011: Protests begin in Bahrain.

29 July 2011: NATO bombs Libya.

26 August 2011: Libyan rebels establish National Transitional Council in Tripoli. Muammar Gaddafi is overthrown.

### **Multimedia**

Timeline for the Arab Spring

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/interactive/2011/mar/22/middle-east-protest-interactive-timeline>

Wael Ghonim: Inside the Egyptian Revolution - TED Talk  
[http://www.ted.com/talks/wael\\_ghonim\\_inside\\_the\\_egyptian\\_revolution.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/wael_ghonim_inside_the_egyptian_revolution.html)

Poetic Portraits of a Revolution  
<http://ppr2011.org/>

### **Websites/Primary Sources**

Tahrir Documents  
<http://www.tahrirdocuments.org/>

R-Shief  
<http://www.r-shief.org/>

University on the Square  
<http://www.aucegypt.edu/onthesquare/Pages/ots.aspx>

Jadaliyya (Dialectic)  
<http://www.jadaliyya.com/>

### **Suggested Readings**

Karim Fahim, "Slap to a Man's Pride Set Off Tumult in Tunisia," *New York Times*, January 21, 2011, <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/22/world/africa/22sidi.html?ref=mohamedbouazizi>.

*Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, Spring 2011  
<http://www.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/CairoReview/Pages/intheJournal.aspx?issid=2>

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<http://newleftreview.org/?view=2884>

Ryan Lizza, "The Consequentialist: How the Arab Spring Remade Obama's Foreign Policy," *The New Yorker*, May 2, 2011, [http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/05/02/110502fa\\_fact\\_lizza](http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/05/02/110502fa_fact_lizza).