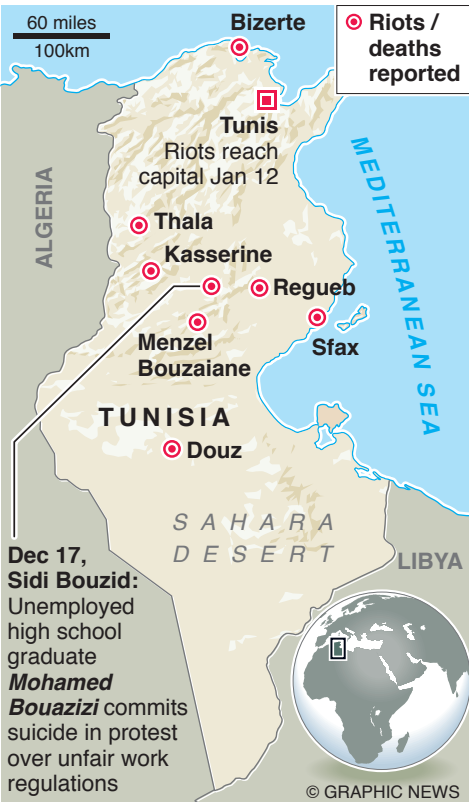


Month of turmoil rocks Tunisia



○ Riots / deaths reported

■ **Dec 18-20:** Police in **Sidi Bouzid** use tear gas to disperse crowds protesting over 30% youth unemployment rate and high prices

■ **Dec 24:** Unrest spreads. Police open fire on protesters in **Menzel Bouzaiane**

■ **Dec 28:** Protests spread to capital, **Tunis**, fed by Twitter and Facebook messages

■ **Jan 8-10:** Dozens of deaths reported when police open fire on protesters in **Thala**, **Kasserine** and **Regueb**

■ **Jan 12:** Prime Minister **Mohammed Ghannouchi** sacks interior minister

■ **Jan 14:** President **Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali** flees after 23 years of authoritarian rule. Army takes over security

■ **Jan 15:** Parliamentary Speaker **Foued Mebazaa** sworn in as interim president

■ **Jan 16-17:** Clashes erupt between army and militias loyal to deposed President Ben Ali. Death toll passes 100