

# Tunisian protest inspires copycat burnings

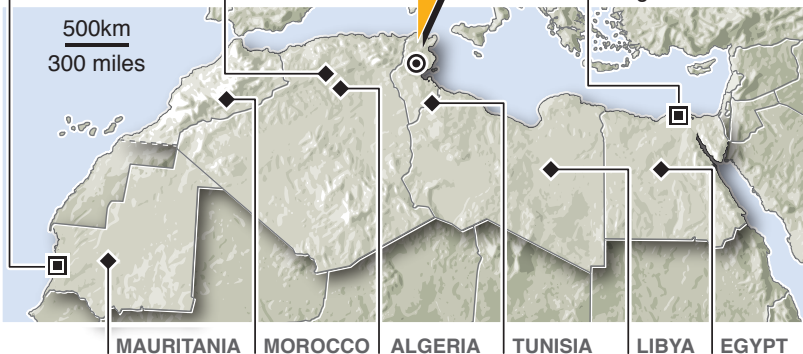
The self-immolation that sparked Tunisia's uprising has led to apparent copycat protests in other north African states where young, rapidly growing populations face rising food prices and high unemployment

**Nouakchott, Mauritania:** Man sets fire to himself in protest against alleged government mistreatment of his tribe

**Algeria:** Four people reportedly set themselves on fire in recent days. Riots break out in parallel to Tunisian unrest

**Dec 17, Sidi Bouzid, Tunisia:** *Mohamed Bouazizi* sets himself ablaze in protest over unfair work regulations. Dies Jan 4

**Cairo, Egypt:** Man sets himself alight near parliament in protest against poor living conditions



MAURITANIA

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TUNISIA

LIBYA

EGYPT

Population:	3.2m	31.6m	34.6m	10.6m	6.4m	80.5m
Unemployment:	30%	9.8%	9.9%	14%	30%	9.7%
GNI per capita:	\$2,100	\$4,900	\$7,400	\$9,500	\$13,800	\$6,200