

Egypt cracks down on anti-government protest

Thousands of riot police have been deployed across Cairo after anti-government activists staged the biggest protests in years in Egypt to demand the end of President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule

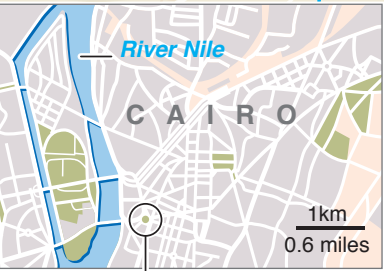
○ Jan 25 protests



▶ 82-year-old **Hosni Mubarak** has ruled Egypt since 1981

▶ Would be seeking sixth term as president if he stands in September elections

▶ Potential successor could be Mubarak's son, **Gamal**, who has overseen Egypt's recent economic reforms



▶ Egyptians say reforms have failed to tackle poverty – half of nation's 80 million people live on \$2 a day or less

▶ November elections, in which ruling **National Democratic Party** gained 93 percent of vote, widely seen as rigged

▶ **Jan 25: "Day of revolt"** – thousands take to streets of Cairo and other cities protesting against poverty, corruption unemployment and police torture

Tahrir Square: Biggest protest

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