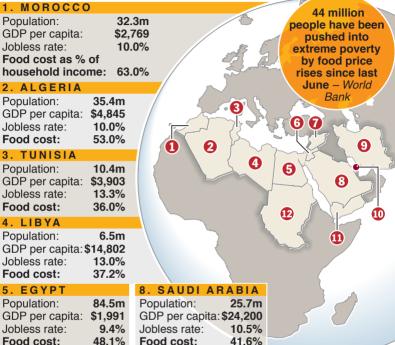
# **Food prices aggravate Mid-East unrest**

Food prices - now 27% higher than a year ago, according to the World Bank - have become an "aggravating factor" as Middle East countries address the causes of social upheaval



### Food cost: Food cost: 48.1%

6. JORDAN 9. IRAN

Population: 5.7m Population:

## GDP per capita: \$5,100 Jobless rate:

Food cost:

7. SYRIA

GDP per capita: \$10,900 Jobless rate: 11.9% 39.4%

14.6% Food cost:

10. BAHRAIN

75.1m

15%

46.2% Food cost: 12. SUDAN

Population:

11. YEMEN

GDP per capita:

Population:

Jobless rate:

43.2m GDP per capita: \$1.353 Jobless rate: 18.7%

24.3m

\$1,060

35%

75%

Population: 22.2m Population: 807.000 GDP per capita: \$40,400 GDP per capita: \$4.800 Jobless rate: 8.3% Jobless rate:

Food cost: 50.0% Food cost: 32.0% Food cost:

Sources: World Bank, UNICEF, IRIN, Brookings, Nomura, CIA world Factbook

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52.9%