

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

1. MOROCCO

Population: 32.3m
GDP per capita: \$2,769
Jobless rate: 10.0%
Food cost as % of household income: 63.0%

2. ALGERIA

Population: 35.4m
GDP per capita: \$4,845
Jobless rate: 10.0%
Food cost: 53.0%

3. TUNISIA

Population: 10.4m
GDP per capita: \$3,903
Jobless rate: 13.3%
Food cost: 36.0%

4. LIBYA

Population: 6.5m
GDP per capita: \$14,802
Jobless rate: 13.0%
Food cost: 37.2%

5. EGYPT

Population: 84.5m
GDP per capita: \$1,991
Jobless rate: 9.4%
Food cost: 48.1%

6. JORDAN

Population: 5.7m
GDP per capita: \$5,100
Jobless rate: 11.9%
Food cost: 39.4%

7. SYRIA

Population: 22.2m
GDP per capita: \$4,800
Jobless rate: 8.3%
Food cost: 50.0%

8. SAUDI ARABIA

Population: 25.7m
GDP per capita: \$24,200
Jobless rate: 10.5%
Food cost: 41.6%

9. IRAN

Population: 75.1m
GDP per capita: \$10,900
Jobless rate: 14.6%
Food cost: 46.2%

10. BAHRAIN

Population: 807,000
GDP per capita: \$40,400
Jobless rate: 15%
Food cost: 32.0%

11. YEMEN

Population: 24.3m
GDP per capita: \$1,060
Jobless rate: 35%
Food cost: 75%

12. SUDAN

Population: 43.2m
GDP per capita: \$1,353
Jobless rate: 18.7%
Food cost: 52.9%

