

Arab League faces up to Syria conflict

WHO'S WHO IN THE ARAB LEAGUE



**Secretary General
Nabil el-Araby**
*Pressed for removal
of Egyptian President
Hosni Mubarak.
Foreign Minister in
Egypt's post-revolution
government*



**SYRIA (suspended)
Bashar al-Assad**
*President
Assad dynasty faces
greatest threat in
over 30 years as
country slides
towards civil war*



**King
Mohammed VI**
*Constitutional
monarch
Facing protests
over slow pace
of reform*

**Moncef
Marzouki**
*President
Head of new,
moderate
Islamist govt*

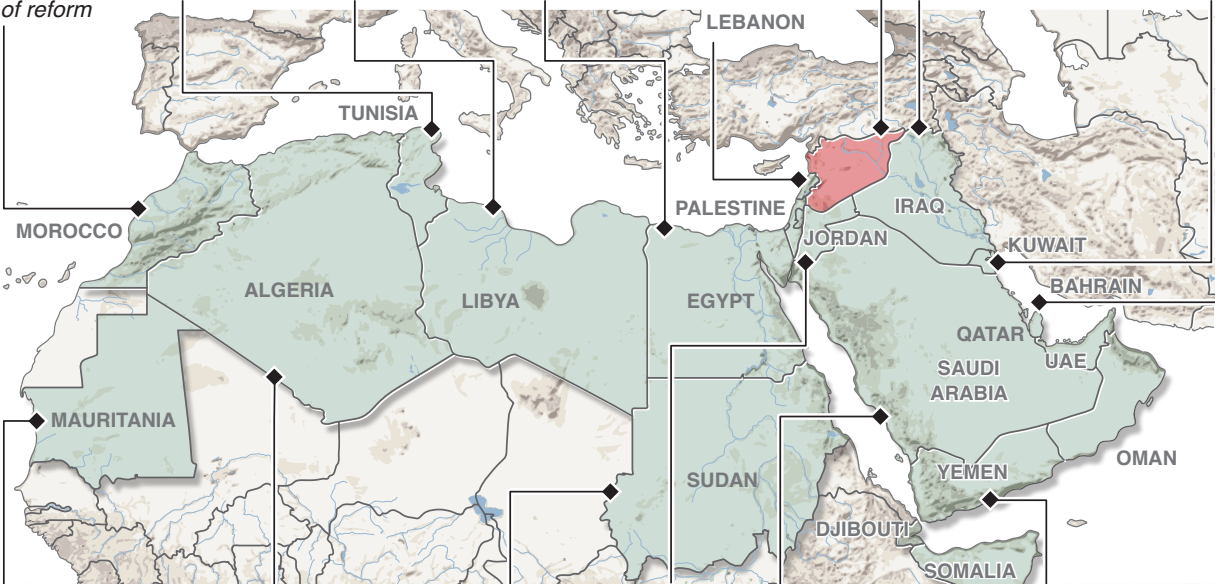
**Mustafa
Abdul Jalil**
*Interim leader
Backing popular
uprisings in Syria
and Yemen*

**Hussein
Tantawi**
*Field Marshal
Military ruler
promising
democracy*

**Michel
Suleiman**
*President
Under pressure
from powerful
neighbour*

Jalal Talabani
*President
Careful to
avoid stirring
domestic
sectarianism*

**Sheikh Sabah
Al-Ahmad**
*Constitutional
monarch
Latest ruler to
face protests*



**Mohamed Ould
Abdel Aziz**
*President
Following
Sudanese lead
on Syria*

**Abdelaziz
Bouteflika**
*President
Under threat
domestically
from Islamists*

Omar al Bashir
*President
Bowing to
pressure to
isolate former
ally Assad*

King Abdullah
*Constitutional
monarch
First to call for
Assad to
step down*

King Abdullah
*Absolute ruler
Opposes Syria-
Iran axis but
fears spread of
protests*

**Ali Abdullah
Saleh**
*President
Facing similar
unrest, has
backed Syria*

**King Hamad
bin Isa**
*Constitutional
monarch
Forcibly quelled
Shia protests*



**PALESTINE
Mahmoud
Abbas**
*President
May elections
could see gains
for Damascus-
backed Hamas*

**UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES
Sheikh Khalifa
bin Zayed**
*Absolute ruler
(Abu Dhabi)
Protests quickly
snuffed out*

**QATAR
Sheikh
Hamad
bin Khalifa**
*Absolute ruler
To hold first
elections
in 2013*

**DJIBOUTI
Ismail Omar
Guelleh**
*President
Demonstrations
banned after
violent protests
earlier in year*

**SOMALIA
Sharif Sheikh
Ahmed**
*President
"Failed state"
engaged in
civil war with
Islamists*

**OMAN
Sultan Qaboos
bin Said**
*Absolute ruler
Responded to
earlier protests
with both force
and reforms*

**COMOROS
Ikililou
Dhoinine**
*President
Elected 2011
in country's
first peaceful
transition*

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