

Calling time on Africa's long-serving leaders

The upheaval of the Arab Spring removed three of Africa's longest serving leaders in 2011, and while others are prepared to face their electorates, some continue to cling to power by any means

LONGEST-SERVING LEADERS



Burkina Faso
Blaise Compaoré,
president since 1987 –
term expires 2015.

Survived April 2011 mutiny by unpaid military



Cameroon
Paul Biya, 1982

Returned as president in 2011 election marred by irregularities. Allegedly among world's most corrupt countries



Equatorial Guinea
Teodoro Obiang Nguema, 1979

Angola: José dos Santos, 1979

Unfazed by youth protests



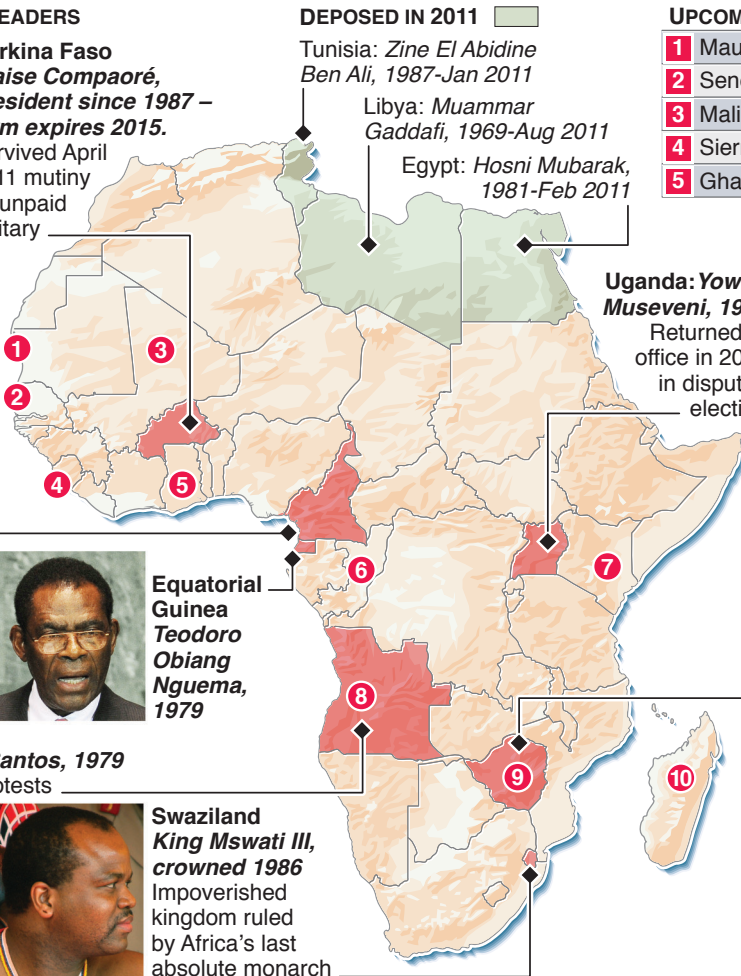
Swaziland
King Mswati III,
crowned 1986
Impoverished kingdom ruled by Africa's last absolute monarch

DEPOSED IN 2011

Tunisia: **Zine El Abidine Ben Ali**, 1987-Jan 2011

Libya: **Muammar Gaddafi**, 1969-Aug 2011

Egypt: **Hosni Mubarak**, 1981-Feb 2011



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

1 Mauritania

2 Senegal

3 Mali

4 Sierra Leone

5 Ghana

6 Congo

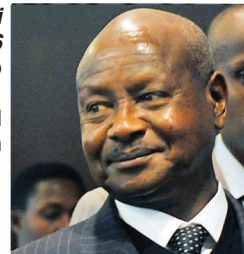
7 Kenya

8 Angola

9 Zimbabwe

10 Madagascar

Uganda: Yoweri Museveni, 1986
Returned to office in 2011 in disputed election



Zimbabwe: Robert Mugabe, 1980
Lost 2008 election but clung to power; 2012 elections, ill health and dissent within **Zanu-PF** threaten continued rule

