

# Algeria enters new era after Bouteflika

Mass protests forced the ailing president to quit, but are likely to continue if the old regime survives under a new president

■ **Feb 22:** Protests erupt after President **Abdelaziz Bouteflika**, 82, announces bid to run for fifth term in office

■ **Mar 3:** Bouteflika, in Switzerland for medical treatment, vows he will not serve full term if re-elected

■ **Mar 8:** Tens of thousands take part in mass rallies against Bouteflika's candidacy

■ **Mar 11:** Bouteflika pulls out of presidential race after returning from Switzerland

■ **Mar 18:** Bouteflika says he will stay on as president until new elections are held, following constitutional review



■ **Mar 26:** Army chief **Lt Gen Ahmed Gaed Salah** (inset) demands Bouteflika be declared medically unfit for office

■ **Mar 29:** Hundreds of thousands demonstrate across Algeria on sixth successive Friday of protests

■ **Mar 31:** Bouteflika announces major government reshuffle

■ **Apr 2:** Bouteflika announces he will resign before his mandate expires on Apr 28

**Abdelkader Bensalah**, 77, chairman of Senate and Bouteflika ally, expected to become caretaker president until elections

