

Tunisia vote seen as threat to democracy

Tunisian voters have backed a new constitution giving President Kais Saied more power, in what critics fear will upend the democratic gains made by Tunisia after the 2011 “Arab Spring” uprising

Tunisia: Widely seen as only success story of Arab Spring uprisings against autocratic rule that elsewhere ended in renewed repression and civil wars

Arab Spring protests
Protests and leadership change

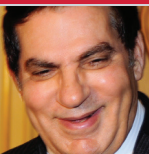


WHAT HAPPENED TO PROMINENT ARAB SPRING RULERS?

1. TUNISIA

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

Ruled: 1987-2011
Sentenced in absentia to 35 years in jail.
Died in exile in Saudi Arabia in 2019



2. LIBYA

Muammar Gaddafi

1969-2011
Killed by rebel fighters in 2011. Libya has been in chaos and divided between rival factions since 2014



3. EGYPT

Hosni Mubarak

1981-2011
Jailed for life but later freed. Died in 2020.
Military coup in 2013 ousted elected leader **Mohammed Morsi**



4. YEMEN

Ali Abdullah Saleh

1978-2012
Killed by Houthi rebels in 2017. Intervention of Saudi-led coalition in 2015 plunged Yemen into civil war



5. SYRIA

Bashar al-Assad

2000-present
Remains in power despite civil war that has fractured Syria and left hundreds of thousands dead



6. BAHRAIN

King Hamad al-Khalifa

1999-present
Sunni Muslim-ruled state has continued to clamp down on dissent since Shia-led protests in 2011

