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Tunisia President runs from unrest

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali has run away to Saudi Arabia with his family. He was in power for 23 years but has become increasingly more unpopular. The 74-year-old leader knew his time was up after a month of street protests against him. Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi took over as temporary president and declared a state of emergency. Dozens of people have died in the past two months in the demonstrations. People are unhappy because there are no jobs, prices are rising and they see corruption everywhere.

One Tunisian, 26-year-old graduate Mohamed Bouazizi, set fire to himself in front of riot police. He later died from his injuries. His death made the Tunisian people more determined to remove Mr. Ben Ali from power. The number of people protesting in the streets increased after Mr. Bouazizi's death, and the police shot more protestors. State officials say 23 people died, but protestors say that number is nearer 60. Mr. Ghannouchi hopes to restore calm to the streets. Some experts believe the unrest will spread to neighbouring countries.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ben Ali has run | a. temporary president |
| 2. become increasingly | b. up |
| 3. his time was | c. rising |
| 4. Ghannouchi took over as | d. away to Saudi Arabia |
| 5. declared a state | e. more unpopular |
| 6. prices are | f. of emergency |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. set fire | a. in the streets |
| 2. He later died from | b. from power |
| 3. remove Mr. Ben Ali | c. nearer 60 |
| 4. people protesting | d. to himself |
| 5. hat number is | e. spread |
| 6. the unrest will | f. his injuries |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali _____
Saudi Arabia with his family. He _____ 23 years
but has become increasingly more unpopular. The 74-year-old
leader knew _____ after a month of street
protests against him. Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi took
over as temporary president and declared _____.
Dozens of people have _____ two months in the
demonstrations. People are unhappy because there are no jobs,
_____ they see corruption everywhere.

One Tunisian, 26-year-old graduate Mohamed Bouazizi, set fire to
_____ riot police. He later died from his injuries.
His death made the Tunisian people more _____
Mr. Ben Ali from power. The number _____ in the
streets increased after Mr. Bouazizi's death, and the police shot
more protestors. State _____ people died, but
protestors say that _____. Mr. Ghannouchi hopes
to restore calm to the streets. Some experts
_____ will spread to neighbouring countries.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali has (1) _____ away to Saudi Arabia with his family. He was in power for 23 years but has become increasingly (2) _____ unpopular. The 74-year-old leader knew his time was (3) _____ after a month of street protests against him. Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi took (4) _____ as temporary president and declared a state of emergency. Dozens of people have died in the (5) _____ two months in the demonstrations. People are unhappy because there are no jobs, prices are rising and they (6) _____ corruption everywhere.

One Tunisian, 26-year-old graduate Mohamed Bouazizi, set (7) _____ to himself in front of riot police. He later died (8) _____ his injuries. His death made the Tunisian people more determined (9) _____ remove Mr. Ben Ali from power. The number of people protesting in the streets increased after Mr. Bouazizi's death, and the police shot more protestors. State officials say 23 people (10) _____, but protestors say that number is nearer 60. Mr. Ghannouchi hopes to (11) _____ calm to the streets. Some experts believe the unrest will (12) _____ to neighbouring countries.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) ran | (b) run | (c) runs |
| 2. | (a) more | (b) most | (c) much |
| 3. | (a) down | (b) up | (c) on |
| 4. | (a) under | (b) across | (c) over |
| 5. | (a) parsed | (b) past | (c) passed |
| 6. | (a) see | (b) like | (c) make |
| 7. | (a) flame | (b) fire | (c) heat |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) from |
| 9. | (a) as | (b) will | (c) to |
| 10. | (a) died | (b) death | (c) dead |
| 11. | (a) restores | (b) restored | (c) restore |
| 12. | (a) spread | (b) speared | (c) spared |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. in opwre for 23 years
2. increasingly more uprnapoul
3. a month of street trostsep
4. declared a ttsea of emergency
5. ezsnod of people have died
6. they see corruption eevhreyrwe

Paragraph 2

7. 26-year-old ardaetgu
8. set fire to sefhlím
9. eovrem Mr. Ben Ali from power
10. State lsfoifcia
11. that number is eraern 60
12. the unrest will prdsea

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () One Tunisian, 26-year-old graduate Mohamed Bouazizi, set fire
- () over as temporary president and declared a state of emergency. Dozens of people have died in the past
- () no jobs, prices are rising and they see corruption everywhere.
- () calm to the streets. Some experts believe the unrest will spread to neighbouring countries.
- () to himself in front of riot police. He later died from his injuries. His death made the Tunisian people more determined to
- () power for 23 years but has become increasingly more unpopular. The 74-year-old leader knew his time was
- () up after a month of street protests against him. Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi took
- (**1**) Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali has run away to Saudi Arabia with his family. He was in
- () death, and the police shot more protestors. State officials say 23 people
- () died, but protestors say that number is nearer 60. Mr. Ghannouchi hopes to restore
- () remove Mr. Ben Ali from power. The number of people protesting in the streets increased after Mr. Bouazizi's
- () two months in the demonstrations. People are unhappy because there are

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. his family Ali has run away to Saudi Arabia with.

2. was knew - 74 up his old - time leader year The.

3. of people have died in the past two months Dozens.

4. are no unhappy jobs because there People are.

5. rising everywhere and they Prices see are corruption.

6. front of riot police Bouazizi set fire to himself in.

7. his later from injuries He died.

8. The in number the of streets people protesting.

9. is number that say Protestors 60 nearer.

10. the believe experts Some spread will unrest.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. TUNISIA: Search the Internet and find more information about Tunisia. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali running away. Include imaginary interviews with him and a protestor. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali. Ask him three questions about Tunisia. Give him three of your opinions on what he should do from now. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.