

## Protest



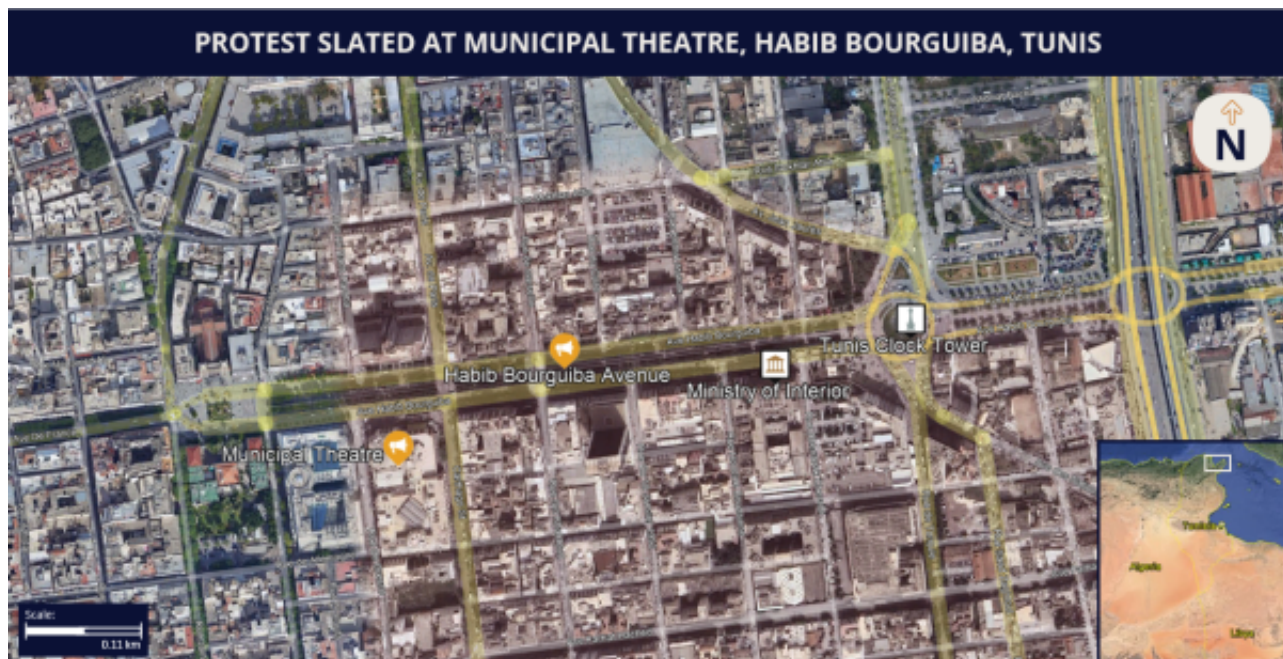
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**Tunisia Tactical: Commemorative protest for Tunisian revolution slated at Tunis' Municipal Theatre at 12:00 on January 14; maintain vigilance**

### Current Situation:

- The National Salvation Front (FSN) has called for a protest stand in front of the Municipal Theatre in Tunis at 12:00 (local time) on January 14.
- The protest is scheduled to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Tunisian Revolution (December 17, 2010 - January 14, 2011).
- The FSN has also called the Tunisian people to come together to fight against the “frightening” decline in rights and freedoms, and the worsening socioeconomic conditions in the country.
- Additionally, the “Tunisian Network for Rights and Liberties” group has called for a commemorative protest at the Habib Bourguiba Avenue from 16:30 on the same day.



**Sources:** [National Salvation Front](#), [Tunisian Network for Rights and Liberties](#)

## Assessments & Forecast:

1. The Tunisian Revolution was a significant series of nationwide anti-government protests starting in December 2010 in Sidi Bouzid, which led to the removal of former President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in January 2011. The current call aims to mark the anniversary of the revolution and to continue to demand better socio-economic conditions.
2. **FORECAST:** Given the significance of the date, coupled with calls by the FSN which is one of the largest anti-government movements, the earlier protest is likely to garner a turnout in the mid to high hundreds. A slightly smaller turnout can be expected at the second protest at 16:30. In both demonstrations, protesters are likely to engage in anti-government sloganeering, as indicated by the FSN's reference to declining rights, freedoms, and socioeconomic conditions. An increased security presence can be expected at the protest sites, especially given their proximity to the Ministry of Interior. Security forces will likely intervene if protesters are deemed unruly and may deploy riot dispersal measures. Therefore, isolated incidents of localized violence also cannot be ruled out. Disruptions to vehicular traffic near Habib Bourguiba Avenue can be expected during the afternoon hours on January 14. Additional protests may also materialize nationwide.

## Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in Tunis on January 14 are advised to maintain vigilance and allot for disruptions due to the slated protest.
2. Remain cognizant of the potential for additional protests nationwide on January 14 to mark the anniversary of the Tunisian Revolution.