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On December 17th 2010, a Tunisian street vendor set himself on fire in protest of the harassment he had been constantly experiencing from municipal authorities. Tarek el-Tayeb Mohamed Bouazizi, had unknowingly set the stage for what was to be known as the Arab Spring Uprising that saw the fall of a number of authoritarian leaders in North Africa and the Middle East. He is credited with galvanizing the frustrations of the region's youth against their governments into mass demonstrations, revolts, and revolutions. The death of Bouazizi led to street protest against the ruling government in Tunisia that had been in power for 23 years. [Read more](#) [9]

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