

Topic Abstract

Arab Spring

Topic A

Following the self-immolation and death of a young Tunisian man as a protest to police harassment, a wave of pro-democracy protests & uprisings took place in the Middle East & North Africa. All over these regions in countries such as Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria, and Bahrain; people began to challenge some of the authoritarian regimes in the region. Protests have run rampant, and clashes with police and military are turning deadly.

Delegates are expected to discuss how to resolve tensions and quell protests, along with the next steps for these governments. Will the authoritarian regimes remain in power, or will they be overthrown and be replaced by more democratic forms of government?

How will leaders appease protesters and calm their anger? How will protesters receive true change and justice for the unfair treatment they've suffered at the hands of their leaders?

As the chair, I hope to see at least one of the following things discussed/happen:

- Formation of a new government
- Concessions to placate protesters
- Change in leadership
- Reform in government

