

Algeria



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Algerian Riot



- I/I/I/I
- Pro-Democracy rally
- People shouting “Bouteflika out!”

Political

- President: Abdelaziz Bouteflika
 - Won presidency in 1999
 - Promised to end violence
 - Cancelled 1992 election (Islamic party set to win)

Political

- Algerian Civil War
 - Triggered by cancellation of first ever multi-party election by military
 - Government vs. Islamic rebel groups
 - 150,000-200,000 people killed

Economic

- Gas - 4th largest
- Hydrocarbons - 60% of revenue and 30% of GDP
- External debt of \$4.1 Billion (low)

Economic

- Economy run by state
- Restrictions to foreign trade and privatization of state-owned industries
- 9.9% Unemployment Rate
- Government Jobs - 32% of work force

Military

- President Bouteflika - Commander in Chief and Minister of National Defense
- Known as “People’s National Army”
- War of Independence - 1954 to 1962

Military

- Military Service Age - 19 to 30
- 10,113,472 - Males
- 9,959,693 - Females
- Military spending - 3.3% of GDP (~\$3 Billion)

Social

- 23% - Population below poverty line
- Reports of protest against unemployment
- Many reports of self-immolation