

# Arab nonviolent political struggle in the Middle East

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Saudi Arabia's military intervention in Bahrain has fanned the flames of regional sectarianism and made an already explosive situation even worse.

### The Power of Strategic Nonviolent Action in Arab Revolutions

In October 1981 the Israeli Knesset formally annexed the Golan.

### The Struggle for Middle East Democracy

In other words, it was not nonviolent revolution that led to the civil war in Syria, but a deliberate choice of violence by the regime and defected military that took Syria to its abyss, opening the doors for the flood of jihadists and weapons. A case in point is the increase in the number of political incarcerations by resurgent authoritarian regimes in the Middle East. And when they did kill over two hundred in Tunisia and at least three hundred eighty-four in Egypt allied Western powers and the international media could no longer turn away.

### Political Prisoners in the Middle East: The Quiet Crisis

The West had aligned itself with revolution. The inability of the state to counter the terrorist threat leads to an increase in the activities of radical elements, whose actions take on a regional character, aggravating long-standing problems, including the Arab-Israeli confrontation.

### Arab Revolutions And The Power Of Nonviolent Action

The dramatic events of the past year mark a new and exciting escalation of a phenomenon that has been growing throughout the region and across the globe in recent decades. Political regimes in the Middle East have different forms of government. In fact, it was remarkable that in such conditions, where few imagined the possibility of mass independent mobilization took place, in some instances succeeding and, in others, lasting as long as they did despite all odds.

### Arab revolutions and the power of nonviolent action

The Muslim Brotherhood is one of the broadest mass movements of Muslim people.

### **The Struggle for Middle East Democracy**

Over 104,000 of those, or slightly more than 85 percent, were taken prisoner by the Syrian government. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad: Facing down rebellion.

### **Arab Spring**

The members of the new organization carried out several terrorist attacks all over the world, including in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 and in the Gulf of Aden in 2000.

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