



TUNISIA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Kais SAIED

Head of Government

Prime Minister Elyes FAKHFAKH

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Tunis

Legislature

unicameral Assembly of the Representatives of the People (217 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Cassation (consists of the first president, chamber presidents, and magistrates and organized into 27 civil and 11 criminal chambers)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Faycal GOUIA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Donald A. BLOME

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 163,610 sq km

Land: 155,360 sq km

Water: 8,250 sq km

Climate

temperate in north with mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers; desert in south

Natural Resources

petroleum, phosphates, iron ore, lead, zinc, salt

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

its economy – structurally designed to favor vested interests – faced an array of challenges exposed by the 2008 global financial crisis that helped precipitate the 2011 Arab Spring revolution

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$137.7 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$13.82 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 32.1%, Italy 17.3%, Germany 12.4% (2017)

Imports

\$19.09 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Italy 15.8%, France 15.1%, China 9.2%, Germany 8.1%, Turkey 4.8%, Algeria 4.7%, Spain 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

11.7 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.85% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%

Language

Arabic (official, one of the languages of commerce), French (commerce), Berber (Tamazight)

Religion

Muslim (official; Sunni) 99.1%, other (includes Christian, Jewish, Shia Muslim, and Baha'i) 1%

Urbanization

urban population: 69.6% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 1.53% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

81.8% (2020)

