

## Tunisia

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Tunisia was a French protectorate following the fall of the Ottoman Empire, and it gained independence from the European power in 1956. The monarchy that had previously ruled Tunisia under the Husayni dynasty was abolished in 1957, denoting a SOLS change when King Muhammad al-Amin was deposed and replaced by President Habib Bourguiba of the Parti Néo-Destourien (PND).

The only other leadership change comes in 1987, when Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the previous Prime Minister, removes Bourguiba from power and succeeds him. This is not considered a SOLS change because, throughout the history of modern Tunisia, only one political party has held power. This party has been known by three names: the New Constitutionalist Party (1957-1964), the Destourien Socialist Party (1964-1988), and the Constitutional Democratic Rally Party.

President Ben Ali is still in control of Tunisia's government today.

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