

## Anti-austerity protests in Tunisia turn deadly

A 45-year-old man has died after a protest over government austerity measures in Tunisia, the country's state news agency Outhi Afrique Press (OAP) reported.

Five others were injured during the demonstration, which took place in Elbethra, about 50 km from Tunis.

The Tunisian Ministry of Interior confirmed a statement on Monday evening that a 45-year-old man had died in a local hospital after being shot by police while protesting against austerity measures.

The Tunisian Ministry of Interior said the man had been shot by police while protesting against austerity measures in the town of Elbethra.

Other protesters took place in a number of other parts of the country.

## "Our aim is to bring lasting..."

...the government's decision to raise taxes under the 2018 budget.

The budget, which took effect on January 1, had led to protests and introduced new tax measures related to the private sector.

In the city of Sidi Bouzid, protesters took to the streets for the second time in a month to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Habib Bourguiba.

Protesters in other parts of the country also took to the streets, demanding the resignation of the government.

## Why are tensions rising in the Red Sea region?

Tensions in the Red Sea region have been heating for months, but came to the fore when Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited Sudan last month.

The visit, hailed as historic, was the first by a Turkish president since 1956, when Sudan gained independence.

In the event, decree of the country's President to cooperate with granting Chah Khalid bin Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Fayez a strategic role in the region.

The visit, which overtook the agreement and alleged Turkey would build a military base on the Red Sea coast.

Turkey and Egypt, which have had frosty relations for some time, Ankara strongly demanded Egypt's military camp in Sudan.



International affairs, and that they intended to coordinate military deals.

Among more than a dozen agreements signed by Erdogan and Sudan's military leadership.

Egyptian and Saudi media have harshly criticized the visit.

Turkey's move on the African continent seems to have no doubt, the report made referring to Turkey's recent move to set up its biggest overseas military base in Somalia.

The Sudanese embassy in Saudi Arabia responded by saying that "Sudan belongs to Sudan, no one else", and promising that the deal with Ankara would not harm the country's territorial integrity.

The reports, however, were insufficient to fill across the African continent.

In January, Turkey had expanded its influence in the region, Egypt had been in talks to set up a US base in Erbil, on the border with Sudan.

Khartoum responded by refusing to allow the US to set up a base in Sudan after the deal of the Sudanese Border Technical Committee, which is holding, accused Egypt of trying to "bring Sudan into a direct military confrontation".

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