

Weekly Newsletter

The youth has now been protesting for weeks in Tunisia, the North African country that historically speaking triggered the 2011 Arab Spring. The agitation of youth that is causing unrest in the country is a direct consequence of the accumulated frustration, the dying beacon of optimism in the future, and the economic hardships that exacerbated due to the COVID-19. As a measure to stop the spread of the virus, the government imposed a strict lockdown throughout the country. But on the 10th anniversary of overthrowing Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the former President, the measure backfired. The nightly curfew in Tunisia since October for containing the spread of Coronavirus exacerbated the tensions between government and the youth. Tourism is a key economic sector of Tunisia, which was intensely affected by the pandemic travel restrictions.