

# AN OPEN LETTER TO: ALL MEDIA



Subject: Anonymous - Operation Tunisia

Dear Journalists,

It has come to our attention that the ongoing riots in Tunisia have by and large escaped the notice of the major Western news networks. It is the responsibility of the free and open press to report what the censored press cannot. The people of Tunisia have asked for our help and we have responded through launching a new operation, Operation Tunisia. We are asking you, the journalists, to respond to the Tunisians' appeals for assistance at this most troubling time.

The Tunisian government led by President Ben Ali has shown an outrageous level of censorship, not only blocking the websites of dissident bloggers but also sites like Flickr and any website or news source mentioning Wikileaks. In a show of blatant disregard for the guaranteed right of free speech, over the past 24 hours Tunisian government officials have hacked e-mail and Facebook accounts of anyone who has taken actions labeled as "activism" (which may be as "dangerous" as planning a protest, or as innocent as commenting on a discussion board for a Wikileaks related group). Entire Facebook accounts have been commandeered by the Tunisian governments, who have even gone so far as to change profile pictures to a pirate ship in a mockery of those who stand for freedom of speech.

We in turn have launched DDoS attacks against the websites of the Tunisian prime minister and his corrupt government, the stock market, and the primary DNS server of Tunisia - thus successfully bringing down many of the websites ending in .tn. We have accessed one of their websites and defaced it by placing our Open Letter to the Government of Tunisia on the main page - a screenshot of the result can be seen here <http://i.imgur.com/SL92U.png>. In addition, we have taken steps to ensure that Tunisians can connect anonymously to the internet and access information that their government does not want them to see.

There has been an almost complete absence of prominent coverage. We ask, why is a news source like Al Jazeera one of the few covering these earth shaking riots while the rest remain quiet? The world is getting the impression that unless western economic interests are involved, our media does not care to report upon it.

Perhaps you didn't know? Now that you do, you can help us spread the news. After all, you do not have to wear a mask to do it.

Sincerely,

We are Anonymous.

We are legion.

We do not forgive.

We do not forget.

We understand that you may be busy working on other stories. We would like to make your research easier by providing you with additional details of this story to help you along. If you doubt that this is newsworthy, please consult the links we have provided. They may convince you of the gravity of the situation.

- [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/791969.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/country_profiles/791969.stm)
- <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2011/01/201113111059792596.html>
- <http://english.aljazeera.net/indepth/opinion/2011/01/201113102452251132.html>
- <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=118035331599108&comments>
- [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/791969.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/country_profiles/791969.stm)
- <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2011/01/anonymous-defaces-tunisian-government-website-web-censorship/>
- <http://globalvoicesonline.org/2011/01/03/tunisia-anonymous-vs-ammar-who-wins-the-battle-of-censorship/>
- <http://gawker.com/5723104/anonymous-attacks-tunisian-government-over-wikileaks-censorship>
- <http://i.imgur.com/SL92U.png>
- Tunisia protests spread to capital : [Video] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkhXO4VVhUM>
- <http://advocacy.globalvoicesonline.org/2010/07/05/mass-gmail-phishing-in-tunisia/>
- <http://www.giornalettismo.com/archives/108147/operazione-tunisia-anonymous-si-vendica-per-la-censura-di-stato/>
- <http://213.251.145.96/cable/2008/06/08TUNIS679.html>
- <http://www.thetechherald.com/article.php/201101/6639/Anonymous-offers-support-to-Tunisian-protestors>
- Article on facebook hacks by Tunisian police - <http://nawaat.org/portail/2011/01/03/tunisie-campagne-de-piratage-des-comptes-facebook-par-la-police-tunisienne/>
- <http://www.facebook.com/linouch83>
- <http://www.facebook.com/sofinos1>
- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anonymous-Legion/154025524646772>
- <http://www.philibuster.de/themen/neue-welten/anonymous-aktivismus-hacker-starten-operation-tunesien.html>
- <http://unitedanonfighters.blogspot.com/2011/01/operation-tunesia.html>
- <http://www.facebook.com/takrizo/posts/173644799341541>