

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement**  
**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending 6/30/16

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Burson-Marsteller LLC (Washington DC) 6227

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
1110 Vermont Ave NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

- (1) Residence address(es) Yes  No
- (2) Citizenship Yes  No
- (3) Occupation Yes  No

(b) If an organization:

- (1) Name Yes  No
- (2) Ownership or control Yes  No
- (3) Branch offices Yes  No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

N/A

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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Please see attached  
Shortforms. 6 total

(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
Devorah Goldberg	Employee	2/1/16
Amit Khetarpaul	Employee	6/21/16

(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

Shortforms are being submitted with this supplemental statement

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

**III - ACTIVITIES**

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Ennahdha - Provide the Ennahdha Party support on media and stakeholder outreach in advance of upcoming elections

Consejo de Promocion Turistica de Mexico, S. A. de C. V. - provide integrated public relations service to support the Client's communications objectives in the United States. Activities will include research and analysis, media relations, stakeholder engagement, content development and engagement opportunities.

Top Sport - Advise on a range of communications and media issues relating to Russia's participation at the Summer Olympics in Rio.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Please see attached Exhibit 12

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
2/17/16	Ennahdha	Fees and Expenses	62,149.21
3/24/16	Ennahdha	Fees and Expenses	94,000.00
5/31/16	Ennahdha	Fees and Expenses	46,231.60
			202,380.81
			Total

## (b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## (c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

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15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
Please see Exhibit 15 (a)			

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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>  
 Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?  
 Yes  No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Ennahdha, Top Sport

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts       Magazine or newspaper       Motion picture films       Letters or telegrams  
 Advertising campaigns       Press releases       Pamphlets or other publications       Lectures or speeches  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- Email  
 Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials       Newspapers       Libraries  
 Legislators       Editors       Educational institutions  
 Government agencies       Civic groups or associations       Nationality groups  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?  
 Yes  No

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

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**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

July 31, 2016

/s/ Sharon Balkam

eSigned

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

**Exhibit 12**  
**Ennahdha Party**

**William McQuillen**

Tunisia

January – June 2016

- April and May: Outreach to news outlets in Washington, DC before a Tunisian official visited the U.S.
- May: Outreach to media, academics and think tank experts ahead of party convention (see list attached)
- May: Responses to media inquiries regarding Egypt Air

**Paul Wegerson**

Tunisia

January – June 2016

- January-June: Distributed newsletter to media, academics and think tank experts (see list attached)
- April and May: Outreach to news outlets in Washington, DC before a Tunisian official visited the U.S.
- May: Outreach to media, academics and think tank experts ahead of party convention (see list attached)
- June: Outreach to media, academics and think tank experts following the party convention (see list attached)

Category	Outlet	First Name	Last Name	Title	Unit	Location
Academic	University of Michigan	Mark	Tessler	Professor	Political Science	Michigan
Academic	Portland State University	Lindsay	Benstead	Professor Emeritus	Middle East and North Africa	Portland, OR
Academic	Georgetown School of Foreign Service	Osama W.	Abi-Mershed	Director	Center for Contemporary Arab Studies	Washington, DC
Academic	George Washington University	Marc	Lynch	Professor; Director; Non	Middle East; Center for a New American Security	Washington, DC
Academic	Brigham Young University	Quinn	Mecham	Professor	Political Science	Utah
Academic	Texas State University	Elizabeth	Bishop	Professor	History of Middle East and North Africa	Texas
Academic	University of Maryland	Charles	Butterworth	Distinguished Professor	Government and Politics	College Park, MD
Academic	Evergreen College	Sarah	Eltantawi	Professor	Comparative Religion	Olympia, WA
Academic	Georgetown University	John	Esposito	Professor	Religion and int'l Affairs	Washington, DC
Academic	Duke University	Daanish	Faruqi	Graduate Student	History	Durham, NC
Academic	American University	Hrach	Gregorian	Professor	International Service	Washington, DC
Academic	Denver University	Nader	Hashemi	Director	Center for Middle East Studies	Denver, CO
Academic	American University	Waleed	Hazbun	Director of Middle East	Middle East	Beirut, Lebanon
Academic	Northwestern University	Katherine	Hoffman	Professor	Anthropology	Chicago, IL
Academic	Catholic University of Paris	Arun	Kapil	Professor	Political Science	Paris, France
Academic	City University of New York	Andrea	Khalil	Faculty Member	Middle East Studies	New York, NY
Academic	University of Nebraska	James	Le Sueur	Professor	History	Nebraska
Academic	University of Michigan	Khaled	Mattawa	Associate Professor	Award-winning Libyan writer	Michigan
Academic	University of Massachusetts	David	Mednicoff	Director of Middle East	Middle East Studies	Massachusetts
Academic	Colgate University	Jacob	Mundy	Professor	Peace and Conflict Studies	New York, NY
Academic	University of the District of Columbia	Ed	O'Brien	Professor	Law, Democracy, Human Rights	Washington, DC
Academic	George Mason University	Abnieszka	Paczynska	Professor	Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Washington, DC
Academic	East Carolina University	Mona	Russell	Associate Professor	Middle East	North Carolina
Academic	Hunter College	Jillian	Schwedler	Professor	Political Science	New York, NY
Academic	Columbia University	Afred	Stepan	Professor	Democracy, Toleration & Religion	New York, NY
Academic	University of Arkansas	Ted	Swedenberg	Professor	Middle East	Arkansas
Academic	Smith College	Gregory	White	Professor	Government	Massachusetts
Academic	John Hopkins School of Advanced Internatio	William	Zartman	Professor Emeritus	African Studies/Conflict Management	Washington, DC
EMEA Media	The Washington Post	Abigail	Hauslohner	Bureau Chief	Middle East	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	Financial Times	Heba	Saleh	Cairo Correspondent	Egypt, North Africa	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	The Washington Post	Erin	Cunningham	Correspondent	Middle East	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	Associated Press	Paul	Schemm	Chief North Africa Corres	Africa	Rabat, Morocco
Government	Embassy of the United States	Stephen	Bosworth	Former U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia		Washington, DC
Think Tank	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	Lina	Khatib	Director	Middle East Center	Beirut, Lebanon
Think Tank	Stimson Center	Ellen	Laipson	President and CEO	Middle East/Southwest Asia	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Project on Middle East Democracy	Todd	Ruffner	Advocacy Associate	Middle East & North Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Council on Foreign Relations	Ella	Lipin	Research Associate	Middle East & Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	Intissar	Fakir	Editor in Chief	Sada	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Brookings Doha Center	Ibrahim	Sharqieh	Fellow	Foreign Policy	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Atlantic Council	Duncan	Pickard	Nonresident Fellow	North African Politics	Berlin, Germany
Think Tank	Atlantic Council	Karim	Mezran	Senior Fellow	Arab transitions; Middle East security	Washington, DC
Think Tank	US Institute of Peace	Steve	Heydemann	Vice President	Applied Research and Conflict	Washington, DC
US Media	CNN - Amanpour producer	Ana	Cohen Bickford	Senior producer	Foreign affairs	New York, NY
US Media	CNN	Ben	Kirby	Planning Producer	Foreign affairs	New York, NY
US Media	Reuters	Phil	Stewart	Military Affairs & Intellig	National security, foreign policy	Washington, DC
US Media	POLITICO	Jeremy	Herb	National Security Report	National Security	Washington, DC
US Media	NPR	Deborah	Amos	Middle East Correspondent	Middle East	Washington, DC
US Media	McClatchy DC	Hannah	Allam	Foreign Affairs Reporter	Foreign Affairs	Washington, DC
US Media	Daily Beast	Josh	Rogin	Senior Correspondent	National Security	Washington, DC
US Media	CNN	Fareed	Zakaria	Host	GPS	New York, NY
US Media	AFP	Jo	Biddle	State Department Corres	National Security	Washington, DC
US Media	The Washington Post	Jackson	Diehl	Deputy Editorial Page Ed	Foreign Affairs	Washington, DC
US Media	Freelance	Ashish	Sen	Journalist	Foreign Policy	Washington, DC
Academic	John Hopkins School of Advanced Internatio	William	Zartman	Professor Emeritus	African Studies/Conflict Management	Washington, DC
EMEA Media	The Washington Post	Abigail	Hauslohner	Bureau Chief	Middle East	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	Financial Times	Heba	Saleh	Cairo Correspondent	Egypt, North Africa	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	The Washington Post	Erin	Cunningham	Correspondent	Middle East	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	Associated Press	Paul	Schemm	Chief North Africa Corres	Africa	Rabat, Morocco
EMEA Media	Reuters	Tarek	Amara	Reporter	Middle East	Tunis, Tunisia
EMEA Media	NPR	Alice	Fordham	Correspondent	Lebanon, Syria, Middle East	Beirut, Lebanon
EMEA Media	The New York Times	Carlotta	Gall	Bureau Chief	Africa	Afghanistan
EMEA Media	The New York Times	David	Kirkpatrick	Bureau Chief	Middle East	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	USA Today	Sarah	Lynch	Correspondent	Middle East, North Africa	Cairo, Egypt
EMEA Media	Reuters	Patrick	Markey	Bureau Chief	North Africa	Baghdad, Iraq
Think Tank	Center for Global Development	Nazahin	Ash	Visiting Policy Fellow		Washington, DC
Think Tank	American Tunisian Association	William	Lawrence	President	Tunisia	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Council on Foreign Relations	Ella	Lipin	Research Associate	Middle East & Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Project on Middle East Democracy	Stephen	McInerney	Executive Director	Middle East and North Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Middle East Institute	Paul	Salem	Vice President for Policy	Middle East	Washington, DC
US Media	Washington Post	Hugh	Naylor	Correspondent	Middle East	Beruit, LB
US Media	New York Times	Ben	Hubbard	Reporter	Middle East	Beruit, Lebanon
US Media	USA Today	Doug	Stanglin	News Reporter	Nation and World	McLean, VA
US Media	CNN	Gregg	Botelho	Newsdesk Editor	National News	New York, NY
US Media	Foreign Policy	Christian	Caryl	Reporter	Democracy and nation building	Washington, DC
US Media	Reuters	Yara	Bayoumy	Reporter	Counter terrorism	Washington, DC
US Media	Foreign Policy	John Dana	Stuster	Reporter	Middle East and democracy	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Center for Strategic and International Studie	Haim	Malka	Senior Fellow	Middle East and North Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	Brookings	William	McCants	Senior Fellow	Middle East and North Africa	Washington, DC
US Media	Washington Post	Sudarsan	Raghavan	Bureau Chief	Middle East	Cairo, Egypt
Think Tank	Brookings	Tamara	Wittes	Senior Fellow	Middle East and North Africa	Washington, DC

Think Tank	Foreign Affairs / Council on Foreign Relations	Justin	Vogt	Editor	Essays and editorials	New York, NY
Think Tank	International Republican Institute	Scott	Mastic	Country Lead	Tunisia / Middle East and North Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	National Democratic Institute	Les	Campbell	Region Lead	Middle East	Washington, DC
Think Tank	National Democratic Institute	Jeffery	England	Country Lead	Tunisia / Middle East and North Africa	Washington, DC
Think Tank	National Democratic Institute	Ken	Wollack	President		Washington, DC
US Media	Wall Street Journal	Neil	King	Deputy Bureau Chief		Washington, DC
Think Tank	US Institute of Peace	Viola	Gienger			Washington, DC
US Media	POLITICO	Michael	Crowley	Reporter	Foreign Affairs	Washington, DC
US Media	CNN	Nicole	Gaouette	Reporter	Foreign Affairs	Washington, DC

**Exhibit 12**

**Consejo de Promocion Turistica de Mexico, S. A. de C. V.**

**Cheri Spriggs-Hernandez**

- 6/20/16: Called and emailed Crossing South, a travel program that gives US viewers a look into beautiful Mexico, for the opportunity to interview Mr. De la Madrid
- 6/20/16: Called and emailed KPBS, the PBS radio affiliate to do a piece on Mexico's travel opportunities
- 6/20/16: Called and emailed KUSI news television, with opportunity to have Mr. De la Madrid on their program
- 6/20/16: Called and emailed NBC San Diego, with opportunity to interview Mr. De la Madrid for a tourism segment
- 6/20/16: Called and emailed KGTV, the ABC affiliate in San Diego, with interview opportunity with Mr. De la Madrid to discuss news around Mexico tourism
- 6/20/16: Called and emailed: KFMB, the CBS affiliate in San Diego, with interview opportunity with Mr. De la Madrid to discuss news around Mexico tourism
- 6/20/16: Called and emailed KXWB, the Fox affiliate in San Diego, with interview opportunities with Mr. De la Madrid to discuss news around Mexico tourism
- 6/21/16: Emails to coordinate possible interview with Crossing South
- 6/22/16: Ongoing conversation with PBS and Crossing South
- 6/22/16: Follow-up calls and emails with KPBS, KUSI, NBC, KGTV, KFMB and KXWB.
- 6/23/16: Ongoing conversation with KUSI to coordinate possible interview
- 6/23/16: Additional follow-ups with NBC, KGTV, KFMB and KXWB

**Stephanie Jarnagan**

- 6/23/2016: Email outreach to Mike Sackley and Martha Maurer at KTAR 92.3 FM re: interview with Enrique de la Madrid, Minister of Tourism for Mexico. Set up interview for 5:30 p.m.  
6/23/16
- 6/23/2016: Email outreach to Al Macias at KJZZ 91.5 FM re: interview with Enrique de la Madrid, Minister of Tourism for Mexico. Station was unable to accommodate last-minute interview

**Julie Miner**

- 6/20/2016: Email and call to Krissy Moore from Partnership for NYC requesting a meeting. The meeting was not scheduled
- 6/20/2016: Email to Michael Kurtz and Zack Fink of NY1 requesting an interview. The interview took place on 6/21/2016
- 6/20/2016: Email to Ken Lovett and Adam Edleman requesting an interview. The interview took place on 6/21/2016
- 6/20/2016: Email to Jeremy Smerd, Erik Enquist, and Rosa Goldensohn of Crain's New York Business requesting an interview. An interview was not scheduled
- 6/20/2016: Email and call to Mary Caputo of the Economic Club of New York. The meeting took place with Barbara Allen on 6/23/2016

**Steve Naru**

- 5/23/16: Outreach to the Financial Times, Reuters, The Economist, Bloomberg TV, The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, Time, Newsweek, Fortune, Associated Press and CNBC to solicit potential interviews.

**Ralph Posner**

- 4/28/2016: Outreach to Council of Americas to coordinate briefing.
- 5/25/2016: Staff interviews with Financial Times, New York Times and Wall Street Journal.
- 6/5/2016: Outreach to National Public Radio to coordinate potential interview.
- 6/6/2016: Outreach to Associated Press to coordinate potential interview.
- 6/8/2016: Outreach to U.S. Chamber of Commerce to provide fact sheets.
- 6/18/2016: Outreach to WNYC and Associated Press to coordinate potential interviews.
- 6/22/2016: Staff interviews with WNYC and Bloomberg Television.

**Dag Vega**

- 5/20/16: Outreach to CNBC to offer interview
- 6/1/16: Outreach to NPR to offer interview
- 6/8/16: Outreach to VotoLatino, The Washington Post, PBS News Hour and NPR to provide fact sheets
- 6/16/16: Outreach to The Washington Post to offer opinion piece
- 6/17/16: Outreach to Reuters to coordinate interview
- 6/20/16: Outreach to CNN Money and Bloomberg to coordinate interviews
- 6/20/16: Outreach to CNBC to request meeting
- 6/21/16: Staff interviews and meetings with the Council of Foreign Relations, CNBC, CNN Money, New York Daily News, and New York 1

**Michael Sessums**

- 4/28/2016: Outreach to New York University to coordinate meeting
- 4/28/2016: Outreach to the Council on Foreign Relations to coordinate meeting
- 5/6/2016: Outreach to the Council of Foreign Relations to coordinate meeting
- 5/6/2016: Outreach to the Wall Street Journal to coordinate meeting and interview
- 5/6/2016: Outreach to the Office of Senator Booker to request meeting

**#12 – Top Sport**

**Corey Dade**

May to June 2016

- Emailed client press release and Sunday Times op-ed to media
- Held discussions with reporters at NPR (National Public Radio) and the Wall Street Journal about potential coverage angles
- Monitored media coverage of client
- Edited letter for client that released to the media

**Jeremy Gaines**

Please find below a statement from the Russian Ministry of Sport that outlines its support for IOC's actions to protect clean athletes, and also highlights some concrete steps Russia is taking ensure clean and fair sport.

Contacts:

Jeremy Gaines

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Or

Corey Dade

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202-530-4674

**Statement from Russian Ministry of Sport**

**May 20, 2016**

The Russian Ministry of Sport fully supports the IOC's actions to protect clean athletes. We agree with the decision that athletes who are doping, no matter what country they represent, should be punished and not be permitted to compete at competitions.

However, we strongly believe that clean athletes, who have spent years of their lives training, should not be deprived of the right to participate. We are willing to extend all cooperation to WADA in their investigation and have officially informed WADA of this.

We have acknowledged we've had doping problems and that changes are needed. We have taken concrete steps to prove our commitment to clean and fair sport and have agreed with WADA to a planning "road map" to reform the anti-doping process:

- All samples are collected by foreign companies and planning of those tests are carried out by UKAD, Britain's anti-doping agency. All samples are analyzed in labs accredited by WADA.
- Two full-time international WADA experts are now working in RUSADA and we have invited WADA to recommend a foreign expert to head the Russian laboratory. WADA has already suggested two candidates.
- Russia is financing an additional testing program for the Russian track and field athletes who may be competing in Rio. Each such athlete will now be tested a minimum of three times by the IAAF, in addition to all the anti-doping tests they may have in the normal course of their preparation.

We recognize that we have to regain international community's trust for what we believe is a global issue and are working hard toward that.

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## ATTACHMENT QUESTION 15(a)

**15 (a). Disbursements - Monies**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

**(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? YES****(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? NO****Ennahdha Party**

Business Meals	189.33
Reference Materials	4.99
Production Costs	13,500.00
Taxi/Car Service	219.85
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,914.17</b>

**Consejo de Promocion Turistica de Mexico, S. A. de C. V**

Accommodation	2,049.70
Airfare	3,628.68
Catering	253.47
Film Production (Recording, Dubbing & Editing)	1,735.00
Local Transportation	1,008.11
Meals	344.31
Media Monitoring	3,592.88
Parking	263.97
Shipping & Freight	18.94
Telephone	4,496.65
Train	2,374.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,765.71</b>

**Top Sport**

Registration Fees	305.00
<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>305.00</b>

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## **ENNAHDHA'S EVOLUTION TO MEET TUNISIA'S NEEDS Creating a More Prosperous and Inclusive Tunisia**

At its tenth national Party Congress, Ennahdha, Tunisia's party of Muslim democrats, announced a major evolution which will help establish a more prosperous and inclusive Tunisia. Ennahdha's members voted to focus on political and policy activities which deliver the tangible outcomes of democracy, rather than a combination of political, social and religious initiatives. The separation of politics and religion will see Ennahdha become a civil party, much like Germany's Christian Democratic Party, and will allow Ennahdha to concentrate on the next phase of the country's democratic transition since the 2011 revolution, strengthening the economy.

### **Separating Politics from Religion**

- Ennahdha will be a national democratic party devoted to reform and development. This evolution formalises a long-term trend within the party to prioritise policies and initiatives which reflect Tunisians' needs.
- Ennahdha will still draw its values from Islam, which is fully compatible with democracy and human rights, and Tunisia's 2014 Constitution.
- With the decision, Ennahdha will no longer ascribe to 'political Islam', as freedom of religion is now protected by Tunisia's Constitution. Therefore the struggle against repression on the basis of religious beliefs is no longer a factor in Tunisia.
- To carry out this historic change, party leaders can no longer simultaneously hold leadership positions in civil society organizations, including religious associations. They are also now prohibited from preaching in mosques, even informally or occasionally.

### **Defining and Confirming Ennahdha's New Direction**

- Ennahdha's policy activities now focus on delivering the tangible results of democracy: improved security from terrorism, job creation, economic growth, improved healthcare and infrastructure, and reforms to stop corruption and inefficient bureaucracy.
- Ennahdha engaged in an intensive grassroots consultation process with its members to determine the path forward, bringing together thousands of members at local and regional party conferences in Tunisia and around the world.
- Party Congress delegates were united in their approval of Ennahdha's new direction, with 80.8 percent supporting the new relationship between political and social work.
- During the Party Congress, Ennahdha members approved motions to address the various challenges facing Tunisia related to the economy, security and the need for reform.
- Support was overwhelming: 93.5 percent approved Ennahdha's political priorities; 89.3 percent approved its economic priorities; and 87.5 percent approved its security priorities.
- Ennahdha also opened itself up to broader membership by relaxing joining conditions and procedures and facilitating professionals' and youth access to the party's decision-making committees.

### **Reaffirming Ennahdha's Leadership**

- Ennahdha re-elected Cheikh Rached Ghannouchi as President, with support from approximately 75 percent of party delegates.
- In remarks at the Party Congress, Cheikh Rached Ghannouchi, the founder and President of Ennahdha, stated, *"the success of this conference is primarily about presenting a renewed, united Ennahdha that is able to participate in solving Tunisia's problems, a party of national ambition, a party of objective analysis and constructive criticism that give rise to a democratic alternative, a party that is open to its environment and to all capabilities and potential, a party that is proud of its members - men and women."*

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## Ennahdha Updates

### Ennahdha Statement on Gasserine Protests

Following the social protests that began in Gasserine following the death of Ridha Yahyaoui, may God have mercy on him, who died protesting against deprivation from work, and following the continuation and expansion of protests and escalation of tensions, Ennahdha Party:

- Prays for the soul of the young Ridha Yahyaoui and presents its sincere condolences to his family.
- Appreciates the legitimate demands for employment and combating poverty and marginalisation which are at the core of the demands of the Revolution of Freedom and Dignity, and calls for preserving the peaceful nature of protests and avoiding all forms of violence and attacks on public and private property.
- Calls for calm, particularly after the success of social negotiations in the private sector, and calls on the government to accelerate the execution of approved plans and projects and to focus efforts on employment and balanced development, and calls on it to launch urgent programmes to that end.
- Warns against the danger of instrumentalizing the legitimate demands of deprived groups and regions and exploiting them to serve partisan agendas.

### Ennahdha Statement on Recent Developments in Saudi-Iranian Relations

Following recent developments in Saudi-Iranian relations and the escalation which led to the severing of diplomatic relations between the two countries, Ennahdha Party:

- Strongly condemns the attack on Saudi diplomatic missions and calls for respecting international accords, which require the protection of diplomatic and consular missions.
- Stresses the need to remain committed to the principle of non-interference in internal affairs in order to maintain good relations between neighbouring states.
- Calls for a peaceful resolution between these two Muslim countries, and warns against being dragged into further escalation and its dangers for the entire region.

### Mr Ghannouchi's Speech at the Nidaa Tounes Party Conference

On January 9, Mr. Ghannouchi spoke at the Nidaa Tounes Party Conference to stress Ennahdha's full support for President Essebsi's consensus politics. Mr. Ghannouchi stressed that there is no room for exclusion in a democratic Tunisia, and that, "Tunisia is a ship which must carry all Tunisian men and women." He commended the principles of consensus and respect for pluralism, that "came to open a new path in Tunisia, a path that led us to adopting the Constitution, holding elections, and the establishment of new constitutional bodies."

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## In the News

### Chairman Royce Applauds Tunisia's Continued Democratic Transition

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) released the following statement marking the five year anniversary of the popular uprising in Tunisia that ousted former President Zine el-Abedin Ben Ali, paving the way for the emergence of the region's first democratically elected government:

*"The self-immolation of a Tunisian street vendor sparked protests across the region. Five years later, Tunisia has stood out as a model for peaceful democratic development – successfully completing free and fair elections for parliament and the presidency, instituting market-based economic reforms, and advancing civil liberties. Tunisia stands out in a region beset by repression, chaos and economic stagnation. Tunisia must continue on its democratic path, addressing the underlying social and economic issues that gave rise to the so-called Arab Spring but the government's resilience in the face of regional terrorism and is encouraging and should be supported."*

### Ennahdha Prepares for Local Conferences

In preparation of the national conference, 277 branches of the Ennahdha Party have so far held local conferences between January 3-17 to elect delegates for its regional conferences in preparation for the national conference due to be held in Spring 2016. The local parties also debated during these meetings the five papers forming the roadmap of the tenth National Conference (Evaluation, Strategy, Reference and Value Framework, Political Program, Internal Structure).

### Video: Fifth Anniversary Interview with Dr. Rafik Abdessalem

Dr. Rafik Abdessalem, former Tunisian Minister for Foreign Affairs, discussed the achievements that have occurred in Tunisia in the last five years. This included the drafting of a new and progressive constitution, democratic elections and the establishment of new democratic institutions. He also pointed to some of the challenges that will face the country over the coming years, whilst commending the government's efforts to meet these challenges.

### Middle East Monitor: Ennahdha: Democratic Conservatives, Not Islamists

An article in *Middle East Monitor* by Tallha Abdulrazaq reflected on the authors' time with Ennahdha officials and activists. It said, "Ennahdha's politics since the overthrow of the ancient regime has certainly reflected its democratic credentials. The party has willingly shared government, and even stepped away from it, and all in the name of pragmatic power sharing and gradual change."

### The Economist: Five Years after a Wave of Uprisings, the Arab World is Worse off than Ever. But its People Understand their Predicament Better

*The Economist* published a feature article looking at the success and failings of the Arab Spring. Although the article is very critical of the political, economic and humanitarian situation in the wider region, Tunisia is clearly positioned as the success story of the Arab Spring: "On January 14th those protesters forced Zein al Abidine Ben Ali, Tunisia's dictator for the previous quarter-century, from office. What followed was not easy. Terrorism hindered both economic progress and deeper political reform. But in 2015 the country became the first Arab state ever to be judged fully 'free' by Freedom House, an American monitor of civil liberties, and it moved up a record 32 places among countries vetted by the Vienna-based Democracy Ranking Association. [...] Sadly, that outcome remains a stark anomaly."

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#### **Mr. Ghannouchi says Tunisia Better off Five Years after Revolution**

In the first of a two-part interview, leader of Ennahdha Party Rashid Ghannouchi spoke to Anadolu Agency about where Tunisia stands five years after the revolution. Mr. Ghannouchi discussed Tunisia's success in consolidating democratic institutions: "Tunisia advanced on the path of democracy, wrote a new constitution and created constitutional institutions like the Constitutional Court, a commission for transitional justice, a justice council, electoral bodies and agencies to monitor the media, which are all independent." He also noted that Ennahdha is "a partner in power and we insist on this partnership. Talk about clashes between Nidaa and Ennahdha is not true. No rivalry took place between our sympathizers. There are disputes inside Nidaa and not between Nidaa and Ennahdha."

#### **The Guardian: The Arab Spring: Why did Things go so Badly Wrong?**

*The Guardian* published an opinion piece on the anniversary of the Arab Spring, which stated: "What factors made it possible for Tunisia to make a transition to a multiparty democracy? Two which have often been cited are the Tunisian army's traditional apolitical ethos and Tunisia's cultural affinity to Europe. But a third key factor, closely related to these two, was the remarkable role of the Ennahdha party. Long before 2011, this Islamist body – very different from Islamist groups in other countries – had been developing in a strongly democratic direction. Under Ben Ali's presidency, its experience of extreme repression led it to act in concert with other political parties. After the revolution it recognised explicitly the absolutely fundamental precondition of democracy – that parties must be willing to lose an election. In 2014 Ennahdha was as good as its word, losing an election and immediately conceding."

### Social Media

- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jan 19**  
Meeting of #Ennahdha External Relations office's youth delegation w/ #Franz\_Maget @spdde from @GermanEmbassyTN [fb.me/wqvwCmSP](https://fb.me/wqvwCmSP)
- **Integrationsbeauftragter der Bayerischen Staatsregierung Martin Neumeyer – Ennahdha International Jan 19**  
Discussion w/@MartinNeumeyer Officer for Integration @ training in Germany organised by #Ennahdha Intl Relations dpt <http://fb.me/4msXUNYY6>
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jan 15**  
#Ennahdha party president meeting #UGTT Secretary General Houcine Abbassi today
- **Tobias Ellwood MP @Tobias Ellwood Jan 14**  
Today #Tunisia marks the anniversary of its revolution. It remains a model for #democracy in the region. #UK support stronger than ever
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jan 15**  
#Ennahdha party president at the celebration of the 5th anniversary of #Tunisia's revolution at presidential palace



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- **Ennahdha International Page (Official) Jan 14**

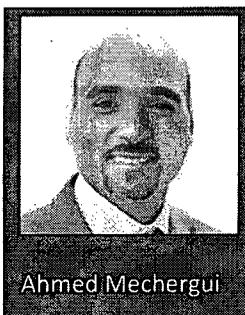
Photos from #Ennahdha concert celebrating the fifth anniversary of the revolution #Tunisia #14Jan

- **The Economist @TheEconomist Jan 9**

Tunisia emerged from the Arab spring a free country. That outcome remains a stark anomaly <https://t.co/STeJMf12FW> <https://t.co/DFr6duvFVE>



### Profile of the Week: Ahmed Mechergui



Ahmed Mechergui is a Tunisian politician, a member of the Assembly of the People's Representatives and a member of Ennahdha External Relations committee. Born on August 4, 1969, he completed primary and high school in Jendouba and passed his Baccalaureate in 1991. He then studied Philosophy at the Faculty of Human Sciences of Raggueda (Kairouan), where he received his degree in 1995.

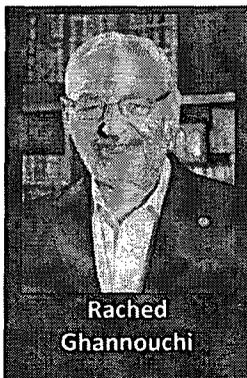
He then began teaching philosophy in Tunisian private secondary establishments. In 2003 he left Tunisia for France, where he stayed until the Revolution of Freedom and Dignity and the ousting of former dictator Ben Ali. He obtained a Masters in 2005 and a PhD in Philosophy. He has published a number of works, including his book "The Reality of Globalization" published in 2003 and many articles in national and international outlets.

In 2011 he was elected as a member of the National Constituent Assembly in the constituency of Jendouba, for which he was head of the Ennahdha list. During his mandate, he was Vice-President of the Commission of Services Sectors and a member of the Committee of the Preamble, the Fundamental Principles and Revision of the Constitution.

In 2014, his constituency gave him its trust again, electing him a member of the Assembly of the People's Representatives. He is currently a member of the Committee for Organisation of the Administration and Affairs of the Army Forces. He also represents the Tunisian Parliament in the Arab Parliament.

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**A word from Rached Ghannouchi, President, Ennahdha Party**



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Ghannouchi

***Rached Ghannouchi on progress in Tunisia:***

Five years after the revolution, Tunisians are now more politically free than ever before. However, our country faces considerable economic and security challenges with domestic and international extremist networks seeking to derail our democratic progress.

2016 is a hugely important year for Tunisia. The Tunisian Government is undertaking a number of significant reforms to address the challenges facing the country. As part of the Unity Government, Ennahdha are proud to be contributing to these critical reforms. Last month, the government made progress on its restructuring of the financial sector and injected \$440 million into state-owned banks ("Société Tunisienne de Banque" and "Banque de l'Habitat").

The government is also working on a new banking law to make our central bank independent, developing reforms to support entrepreneurs and promote private sector growth. Most importantly, our ambitious five-year development plan 2016-2020 outlines a number of reforms and projects targeted at achieving a 5% growth in the next five years, and working closely with international partners to obtain the necessary technical assistance.

If these reforms can provide Tunisia with the required economic growth, Tunisia can be a powerful antidote to extremism across the region, as a model for how a moderate, inclusive society can thrive in the Arab world. Moderate Muslim democratic parties are essential to help build stability and prosperity across the Middle East and North Africa. Tunisia's model of political inclusion based on coexistence between moderates of all tendencies, whether religious or secularist, provides a desperately needed alternative to the extremism of ISIS, Al Qaeda and other groups.

2016 will be a huge test for Tunisia and the region as a whole. To achieve our five-year objectives, we must continue significant social and economic reforms in our country. The support of the international community is critical to help sustain our democratic progress, grow the economy and promote peaceful development in order to provide a successful counter-narrative to extremism. We look forward to 2016 as the year for reforms that will drive Tunisia closer to achieving the core demands of the Revolution of Freedom and Dignity and meet the aspirations of its people.

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- [Rached Ghannouchi in \*The Atlantic\*: Fight ISIS With Democracy](#)
- [Rached Ghannouchi in \*TIME Magazine\*: Tunisia Holds the Key to Defeating ISIS](#)
- [Boutheina Ben Yaghlane in \*Huffington Post\*: Tunisia Targeting 5 Percent Growth by 2020](#)
- [Bloomberg Business Interview with Zied Ladhari: Angry Tunisians are Short of Money and Jobs](#)
- [Reuters: Tunisia's Democracy will be Preserved "Whatever the Costs" – PM Habib Essid](#)
- [Ennahdha Prepares for Local and Municipal Elections to be held on October 30, 2016](#)
- [Women on The Front Line: Jihed: Forgiving Yesterday for a Brighter Tomorrow](#)

## Ennahdha Updates

### Statement by Governing Coalition Parties' Coordination Committee

On January 23, 2016, the Governing Coalition Parties' Coordination Committee held an extraordinary meeting at the headquarters of Nidaa Tounes Party to discuss recent events in the country, namely the peaceful protests based on noble and legitimate demands that were exploited by criminal groups to target state institutions and public and private properties, and politically instrumentalized by some for known ends. At this sensitive time, the governing coalition parties would like to express their:

1. Emphasis on the legitimate nature of the demands of deprived regions and broad sections of youth for work, dignified life and an end to injustice and discrimination.
2. Commitment and pledge to work with the government and the Assembly of the People's Representatives to eradicate corruption, lift administrative restrictions and revise the laws that obstruct internal and external investment which have the potential to create jobs, incorporate youth and give them hope.
3. Support and solidarity with the government and its call on it to consider the necessary amendments and reprioritization through adopting urgent measures with direct effect on job creation, accelerating the pace of reforms and implementing major projects in the deprived regions.
4. Prayers for the souls of the martyrs, officer Sofien Bousellimi and youth Ridha Yahyaoui, and their condemnation of acts of vandalism, looting and attempts at taking over legitimate protests and exploiting them to threaten state institutions, social peace and the gains of the democratic transition.
5. Appreciation of the discipline and professionalism of the security and military institutions and of their patriotism in dealing with recent events by applying the law and protecting liberties.

The Coordination Committee also discussed the mechanisms for activating its role in this phase so as to assume its full responsibility before the people and the country, and recommended the immediate holding of its experts' committee in order to support the government to adopt a set of suitable urgent measures.

The Coordination Committee called on the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister to organize a National Conference on Employment as soon as possible, without excluding anyone, as an embodiment of the principle of consensus-building, with the aim of overcoming contingent and structural difficulties and finding suitable solutions that are acceptable to all to consolidate social peace and national unity. The Coordination Committee's meeting remains in session in order to communicate with various state institutions.

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### In the News

#### **Rached Ghannouchi in *The Atlantic*: Fight ISIS With Democracy**

*The Atlantic* published an opinion piece by Mr. Ghannouchi in which he outlines five ways that terrorist groups such as ISIS need to be countered. It is clear that a short-term reductionist approach focused largely on military force is ineffective. Instead, Mr. Ghannouchi argues that a globalized response is necessary — one that targets ISIS locally, whilst offering the region a model that will provide economic security, human dignity, freedom of religion and social and political inclusion. He also emphasized that support from the international community in this process is essential.

#### **Rached Ghannouchi in *TIME Magazine*: Tunisia Holds the Key to Defeating ISIS**

*TIME Magazine* published an opinion piece by Mr. Ghannouchi, co-founder and president of the Ennahdha Party, on the importance of political dialogue, acceptance of inclusion, freedom, human dignity and equality to guide the democratic transition of Tunisia and its neighboring countries. Only through respect for pluralism and agreement on guarantees for the rights of all can the specters of sectarianism, extremism and political monopolization be addressed. Political inclusion, as demonstrated in Tunisia today, holds the key to the future of this region, wrote Ghannouchi.

#### **Boutheina Ben Yaghlane in *Huffington Post*: Tunisia Targeting 5 Percent Growth by 2020**

In an opinion piece in *Huffington Post*, former State Secretary for Finance Boutheina Ben Yaghlane elaborates on several critical plans and draft laws the government has been focusing on to boost investment, create jobs, narrow the budget deficit and improve the regulatory environment. Having set a growth target of 2.5 percent in 2016 and following its successful democratic transition, Tunisia's coalition government has been working hard to reform its economy.

#### **Bloomberg Business Interview with Zied Ladhari: Angry Tunisians are Short of Money and Jobs**

In an interview with Bloomberg, Ennahdha's Minister of Employment and Vocational Training Zied Ladhari stated that after the revolution, Tunisia has made remarkable progress in terms of the political process, but that on the economic and social front the country is still facing major challenges as well as high expectations from its people. Therefore, the Tunisian government is currently planning and preparing several measures to revive its economy, including holding a donor conference to stimulate economic aid, preparing a five-year economic plan it hopes to present to Parliament in March and organizing an international conference later in the year where Tunisia will seek to secure aid, loans with concessions and public and private partnerships.

#### **Ennahdha Prepares for Local and Municipal Elections to be held on October 30, 2016**

On January 23, Ennahdha Local Governance and Elections Committee and Legal Affairs Committee organized a joint workshop on the draft Local Governance Code and the draft Election Law. The discussion addressed the details of the two draft laws, including the legislative process for the election law, the need for new administrative divisions before the municipal elections (proposal of the compatibility of the delegation (المعتدية) and the municipality so as to not deprive any citizen of the right to vote), the right of members of the military and police forces to vote during the upcoming elections, the candidacy age threshold (18, 20 or 32), the question of full-time work for the Mayor and members of the Municipal bureau, the question of introducing horizontal parity conditions, and the electoral system (party-list proportional representation based on the D'Hondt system).



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#### **Reuters: Tunisia's Democracy will be Preserved "Whatever the Costs" – PM Habib Essid**

In response to recent protests, Tunisia's Prime Minister Habib Essid reiterated that Tunisia's democracy would be preserved "whatever the cost." "I appeal for calm and for national unity and complete security across the country to preserve our nascent democracy which is the only example of success in the region. There has been huge political progress but we acknowledge that there are lots of economic difficulties. We will respond to young people's economic demands but we need a bit of time for that."

#### **Women on The Front Line: Jihed: Forgiving Yesterday for a Brighter Tomorrow**

During the Ben Ali regime, Jihed's father was imprisoned for his involvement with Ennahdha and for years she felt so angry that she did not want to be involved in Tunisian politics at all. However, in 2011 she decided to become an active member of the Ennahdha party and recently, she was among 20 candidates that were promoted at Tunisia's Women's Political Academy, organized by Aswat Nissa. Jihed's story is inspirational for all Tunisian women, especially those considering a career in politics.

### Social Media

- **Ashraf Zeitoon @ashrafzeitoon - Feb 1**

Tunisia as the most innovative economy in the MENA region in the 2016 Bloomberg Innovation Index <http://bloom.bg/1OtX6fl> @business



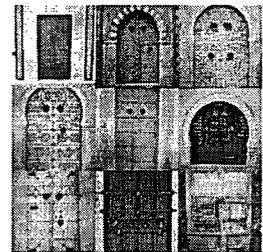
- **POMED @Pomed - Feb 2**

The Islamic State offers a false choice between dictatorship and extremism. Tunisia proves there's a better way.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2016/02/tunisia-democracy-ennahdha-isis/458703/> ...

- **Michelle Shephard @shephardm - Jan 29**

Getting lost in #Tunisia's medinas has some advantages. Decided to take photos of doors. #TourismNotTerrorism.



- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty - Jan 28**

Read @BouthYaghlane 's op-ed via @TheWorldPost : " #Tunisia Targeting 5 Percent Growth by 2020" [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bouthaina-ben-yaghlane/tunisia-targeting-5-perce\\_b\\_9081212.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bouthaina-ben-yaghlane/tunisia-targeting-5-perce_b_9081212.html) ... <http://fb.me/42DgG9XQg>

- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty - Jan 26**

#Ennahdha parliamentary group meeting ahead of Assembly plenary on reform of the code of criminal procedure

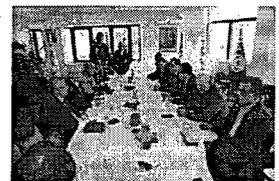


- **TIME Ideas @TIMEIdeas - Jan 25**

@R\_Ghannouchi: Tunisia holds the key to defeating ISIS: <http://ti.me/20oVTM2>

- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty - Jan 23**

Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the Coalition Government Parties today @ Nidaa Tounes HQ #Tunisia #Ennahdha



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**Profile of the Week: Kalthoum Badreddine**



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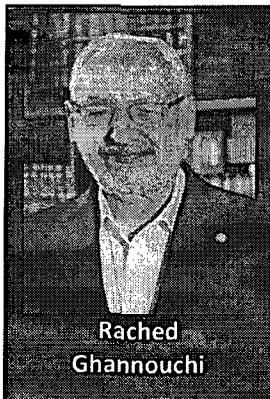
Born on July 2, 1963, Kalthoum Badreddine is a politician, lawyer, member of Ennahdha Party's Consultative Council and member of the House of the People's Representatives.

Badreddine was elected a member of the National Constituent Assembly in the constituency of Sfax 2 in 2011 and was elected President of the Committee of General Legislation. The voters of Sfax gave her their confidence again during the legislative elections of 2014, electing her as a member of the House of the People's Representatives. Since the beginning of the mandate, she has been a member of the Committee for Internal Regulations, Immunity, Parliamentary Laws and Electoral Laws, as well as the Committee on Administrative Reform, Good Governance and the Fight against

Corruption and the Committee for the Monitoring and Management of Public Funds.

A lawyer at the Cassation Court of Sfax, she has over 24 years of legal experience. Badreddine passed her Baccalaureate in 1982, was awarded a Bachelor Degree in Law in 1986, and then received a Master of Laws degree, which allowed her to practice law. She began as a trainee lawyer in Tunis, then in Sfax. She was also a member of the Order of Lawyers of Sfax in charge of Public Relations from 2003 to 2006, then its treasurer from 2006 to 2009. As a member of the Association of the Lawyers of Sfax, she joined Ennahdha Party after the Revolution of Freedom and Dignity.

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***Rached Ghannouchi on progress in Tunisia:***

The recent unrest in Gasserine is symptomatic of the economic problems Tunisia is facing. Five years after the fall of Ben Ali, Tunisians now live in a free and fair political system under one of the most progressive constitutions in the world. Yet their economic aspirations— more jobs and a better standard of living - are yet to be realized.

Given the interconnected nature of today's world, Tunisia cannot be immune to the wider instability enveloping the region. This instability has hit Tunisia's economy hard. The structural changes to the economy needed to address decades of bad governance and corruption take time to show results, and the feeling of disenfranchisement from marginalized sections of society is making itself heard, and needs to be addressed now.

The protests of last week serve as a reminder of the challenges we still face, and must further strengthen the government's resolve to continue with crucial reforms.

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As a partner in the Coalition Government, Ennahdha Party is committed to realizing the expectations of the country's youth for jobs, growth and a decent quality of life. I am proud to point to a number of reforms that have already begun and will be progressing over the next few years, including efforts to simplify the regulatory environment, boost investment and reform labor market rules.

Alongside this, entrepreneurship programs are being introduced to provide immediate assistance to young people in launching their own start-ups in close cooperation with financial institutions. The aim is to strengthen the business ecosystem and stimulate entrepreneurial spirit among our youth. A number of other programs are working to improve employability of graduates through additional training and reconnecting unemployed youth, particularly the long-term unemployed, with mentors and enterprises.

The economic outlook for the region remains uncertain, but we have set an ambitious but achievable target of five percent growth in our economy by 2020. Given the scale of the challenges facing our country, Tunisia needs continued support from its allies, including a dramatic increase in economic assistance from the G8 countries. Over the next five years, \$25 billion is needed to finance the development of infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges and other public works, particularly in previously neglected regions in order to create much-needed jobs, stimulate economic activity and maintain a stable socio-economic environment.

The support of friends and allies is critical for Tunisia, as a bridge to the Arab world, a mediator for peaceful change and an example of dialogue, consensus and peaceful reform. Our democratic journey continues.

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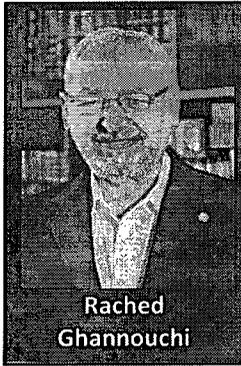
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### ***Rached Ghannouchi on progress in Tunisia:***

Tunisia is heralded as the success story of the Arab Spring, having been the only Arab country to transition from an oppressive regime to an open, democratic society. Ennahdha, Tunisia's party of Muslim democrats, played a vital role in this progress. Now, five years after Tunisia's revolution, with much of the Middle East and North Africa sadly still trapped in turmoil, our party has reached a milestone that is one of the most important in the region in years.

After 35 years of existence of Ennahdha Party, at our Tenth Party Congress two weeks ago, Ennahdha members overwhelmingly voted to move from being a combined social, political and religious movement to a party focused on political and policy activities. As part of this decision, the party will separate itself from any religious activities and will no longer ascribe to political Islam. This separation is part of a natural progression in Ennahdha's vision, which has long been committed to a democratic, civic state in which rights and freedoms are protected, and mosques and religious institutions are neutral and non-political spaces.

Secular and Islamist parties can all learn from our experience. Tunisia now has a Constitution that protects rights and freedoms, including freedom of expression and freedom of belief and conscience. Now that we have resolved the issue of the place of religion in a democratic pluralistic society, and created a democracy governed by the rule of law, Tunisia can move beyond ideological politics and slogans. Parties can now prioritize developing and implementing plans that improve the lives of all their citizens, by developing the economy, creating jobs, countering terrorism and alleviating poverty.

For those who feel that democracy, development, faith and stability cannot coexist, Ennahdha can be a source of inspiration. We have shown that consensus building and compromise are the solutions to corruption, despotism, chaos and extremism. And for countries around the world desperate to stamp out the terrible scourge of Daesh, we have proven Muslim Democrats are reliable, forward-looking allies in the fight against terrorism. This is the beginning of a new chapter for Ennahdha and Tunisia. We hope it also inspires others across the Arab world, and shows them a pathway to overcome the struggles they face.

## **Ennahdha Updates**

### **Ramadan**

The Ennahdha Party wishes all Tunisians and all Muslims around the world a very happy, blessed and peaceful Ramadan.

### **Ennahdha Party 35th Anniversary Statement – Tunis, June 6, 2016**

Ennahdha Party proudly celebrates the 35th anniversary of its establishment. This year, the anniversary takes place at a critical moment of the Party's history, having held its Tenth Party Congress after a long path of struggle and sacrifices in the face of despotism and for a free society and a better life for Tunisian men and women.

On this occasion, the Party humbly pays tribute to all its men and women activists who have persevered and maintained the unity of their movement and contributed to its evolution and development until the successful achievement of its Tenth Party Congress...

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**Concluding Statement of Ennahdha's Tenth Party Conference**

By God's Grace, the Tenth National Party Conference of Ennahdha Party was held between the May 20 and 22 in Hammamet, with the participation of 1,185 delegates representing all regions and sectors, united by one objective and one hope, under the slogan "Together for Tunisia's Renaissance..."

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**Tunisia's Muslim Democrats Wall Street Journal – May 25, 2016**

In this editorial, the Wall Street Journal praises Ennahdha as one of "the glimmers of hope within the house of Islam," following the Party's announcement that it will separate its politics from its religious and social activities. Ennahdha will remain grounded in broadly Islamic values, but will focus on the needs of society in areas such as economic development and counterterrorism to further stabilize Tunisia's democracy, and to continue the country's success which is built on "a consensus between the secular and the pious that is all too rare in the Arab world."

**Tunisia's Secular Approach to a Spiritual Goal Bloomberg – May 30, 2016**

Noah Feldman, professor of constitutional and international law at Harvard University, commented on Ennahdha's transformation from a social movement to a political party, which he calls a "major development for the history of democracy in the Muslim world." Feldman argues that "the latest move is a further piece of evidence that the Muslim Democrats of Ennahdha are the "real thing" and that other parties in the MENA region should take note of Ennahdha's evolution.

**Taking the Party Out of the Mosque in Tunisia Financial Times – May 29, 2016**

A report by the Financial Times reflects on Ennahdha's move away from political Islam, claiming that this is "a reassuring reminder of the country's unique success in preserving democratic gains made in the wake of the Arab uprisings." [...] "The evolution of Tunisia's political landscape provides a welcome counterpoint to the tyranny and extremism that has swept the Arab world since 2011."

**Tunisia Seen Key to Regional Prosperity Atlantic Council – June 7, 2016**

Mitch Hulse from the Atlantic Council remarks that Tunisia has made, "impressive strides in the last five years," and highlights comments made by Paige Alexander of USAID that Tunisian success is critical not only for the Tunisian people, but for the "security, prosperity, and influence in the region as well." With the ongoing threat of ISIS, and the problem extremism poses to Tunisia and the region, it has become clear that "supporting youth employment, job creation, vocational training, and entrepreneurship" in Tunisia is critical to maintaining the security and stability offered by the new democratic government.

**Tunisia Gets \$2.9 Billion IMF Loan to Strengthen Job Creation and Economic Growth International Monetary Fund – June 2, 2016**

The International Monetary Fund announced that it approved a four-year, \$2.9 billion loan to support the Tunisian government's economic agenda, which is aimed at promoting more inclusive growth, job creation, and protecting the most vulnerable households.

**Tunisia: Time for a Rethink Newsweek – June 1, 2016**

Newsweek's Nicholas Noe observes that as the Tunisian government moves further away from the events of 2011, it has become clear that, "Tunisia represents the start of yet another powerful dynamic that goes well beyond national borders." After working strenuously over the past couple of years "to promote a robust internal debate within both the leadership and the base," Ennahdha decided to pivot towards governing secularly, a move that reflects "trends that gravitate towards compromise and co-existence." Hope exists that this is a milestone that "will force many other Islamic movements to rethink their role and their priorities and what they need to focus on."

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**Tunisian Economic Reforms: Between Textiles and Terrorism** *Atlantic Council – May 31, 2016*

Mohamed Malouche and Scott Mastic of the Atlantic Council note that Tunisia made important strides, however, “its economic struggles are threatening to undermine its political progress.” In the short run, expanding access to U.S. markets will produce tangible economic benefits in Tunisia, “but to reach its full potential Tunisian officials must also focus on win-win cooperation with the United States in the medium and long run.”

**Tunisia’s Ennahdha Party Begins a New Political Chapter** *Voice of America – May 31, 2016*

As Lisa Bryant explains, it seems that Ennahdha “appears to be starting a new chapter in its history, as it moves to separate its political and religious activities,” a move that was “overwhelmingly endorsed at a party conference” last week. Unable to turn the struggling Tunisian economy around immediately following the revolution in 2011, Tunisian leaders have expressed hope that Ennahdha will be able to “deliver on its latest promise.”

**Ennahdha Move May Set a Good Regional Example** *The National – H.A. Hellyer – May 26, 2016*

H.A. Hellyer explores the construct of identity politics in relation to the maturing of the Ennahdha Party in The National. He concludes that identity politics still continue to negatively impact the state of play through the Maghreb region. “In Tunisia, however, the Islamists of Ennahdha feel comfortable enough about their identity that they can shift to focusing on pragmatic political programs,” he writes.

**Listening to Tunisian Civil Society: Economic Reforms to Unlock Credit and Innovation** *The World Bank – May 26, 2016*

The World Bank observes that “economic transition is seen as vital for Tunisia.” Tunisians are strapped by laws that tightly control the flow of money and “only 27% of Tunisia’s population (of 11 million people in all) has access to finance.” Along with the outstanding shift towards democracy, it is critical now more than ever that a similar shift in economic policy take place, because “outdated economic policies now stand in the way of growth, and even peace in the long-term.”

**How Big Were the Changes Tunisia’s Ennahdha Party Just Made at its National Congress?** *Washington Post – May 25, 2016*

Monica Marks, writing for the Washington Post, reflects on how important Ennahdha’s reforms are in Tunisian politics. Marks notes that even the opposing party leader and current Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebi has changed his tune, describing Ennahdha as “moving in the right direction.” The reformation of Ennahdha “reflects the party’s desire to professionalize,” and the subsequent acceptance from opposition leaders has led to palpable relief for many in Tunisia.

**Ennahdha in Tunisia Pioneers another Arab Era and Test** *Agence Global – May 28, 2016*

News agency Agence Global published an analysis of the maturation of the Ennahdha Party written by Rami G. Khouri, claiming that Ennahdha’s move away from political Islam is “one of the most important developments in modern Arab political life” and that Ennahdha has proven to be “perhaps the most effective Islamist political organization in the modern Arab world.”

**Interview with Rached Ghannouchi** *Contemporary Arab Affairs – Volume 9, Issue 2, 2016*

Academic journal Contemporary Arab Affairs published an interview with Cheikh Rached Ghannouchi in which he discusses Tunisia’s democratic transition, what type of governance the country needs in order to achieve political, social, and economic stability, and the role of Ennahdha can play in Tunisian governance.

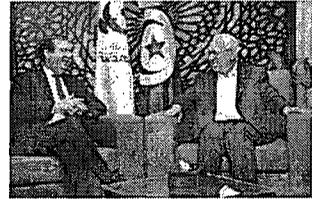
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#Ennahdha president @R\_Ghannouchi receives @HamishCowell #UK ambassador to #Tunisia
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty - June 1**  
#Tunisia People's Representatives' Assembly begins discussing proposed law for local elections, due to be held in March 2017
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty - June 1**  
Today, 1 June, amendment of Code of Criminal Procedure to provide for access to a lawyer in pre-charge detention comes into force. #Tunisia
- **Christiane Amanpour (camanpour) - May 25**  
"Neither religion or politics should be exploited," says Ennahdha's Ghannouchi as Tunisia separates mosque & state:
- **Ennahdha Party @Ennahdha De - June 6**  
#Ennahdha Delegation zu Besuch im #Bundestag im Gespräch mit Bundestagsabgeordneter Gruppe für die Maghreb Staaten (translation: #Ennahdha delegation on a visit to the #Bundestag in conversation with the Bundestag group for the Maghreb)
- **UpFront @AJUpFront - June 4**  
Islam & democracy: What's the problem? @mehdirhasan speaks to a panel of experts & activists  
<http://aje.io/4tfq>
- **PIB India (@PIB. India) - June 3**  
President of Ennahdha Party Mr. Rached Ghannouchi calling on the Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari
- **CS Monitor @csmonitor - May 26**  
#MonitorsView: An Islamist party finds a path between extremes <http://trib.al/YMchiNm>
- **Nancy Lindborg @nancylindborg - May 26**  
Just back from #Tunisia-here's why I think USG must provide smart, long-term support for potential regional success:
- **Knox Thames @KnoxThames - May 26**  
Appreciated the insights of Rashed Ghannouchi, leader of Tunisia's #Nahda party, about promoting religious tolerance
- **Cole Bockenfeld @ColeBockenfeld - May 25**  
Opening statement of @StateDept's DAS Desrocher from yesterday's @HouseForeign hearing on #Tunisia  
<http://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA13/20160525/104998/HHRG-114-FA13-Wstate-DesrocherJ-20160525.pdf> ...



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- [Reuters: Tunisia to get \\$560 mln Loan from EU to Boost Economy](#)
- [Reuters: IMF to Start Talks with Tunisia Over New Loan Program – Official](#)
- [The Economist: Democracy Index 2015: Democracy in an Age of Anxiety](#)
- [Freedom House: The Map that Shows Most and Least Free Countries in the World](#)
- [UN Women Executive Board to Discuss Humanitarian Response and Funding](#)
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## Ennahdha Updates

### Ennahdha Party Consultative Council Statement

The Consultative Council of Ennahdha Party held its 41st session on February 13-14, 2016, during which it discussed national, regional and international developments. The Council also discussed preparation for the Party's tenth national conference. Following discussions, the Council:

- Commended the efforts made by the logistical preparation committee on their successful organization of 279 local conferences.
- Approved all the content to be presented to the Party's regional conferences before being put to the National Conference. The Council also decided to start holding regional and sectorial conferences at the end of this month.
- Stressed that overcoming the many problems facing our country, particularly in regards to Libya, requires the support of national unity between all political and social actors and rising above political wrangling regarding marginal issues and contrived disputes.
- Emphasized the country's need for consensus between political actors and social organizations to resolve the principle challenge of unemployment.
- Stressed the legitimacy of the demands of protesters and their right to peaceful protest.
- Called on the government to monitor the implementation of the urgent measures it had adopted, to implement a developmental plan.
- Commended the role of the Assembly of the People's Representatives and called on it to finalize plans for stimulating economic development in the country through the adoption of the new investment code, and create suitable economic conditions that can help reduce social tension.
- Called on the private sector to assume their role in this sensitive phase, through further recruitment and launching projects particularly in inner regions and supporting the government's efforts in resolving the problem of unemployment.

In relation to the Libyan situation, the Council stressed:

- The Party's support for the official Tunisian position of opposing military intervention in Libya.
- The Party's continuation of all possible efforts towards facilitating the formation of a Libyan Government of National Unity that can start to coordinate a response to the various economic, social and security threats facing the country.

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**Rached Ghannouchi: Islam, Democracy and the Future of the Muslim World**

*The Huffington Post* published a speech by Ennahdha President Rached Ghannouchi on democratic progress in the Arab world delivered on October 1, 2014 at Columbia University's Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life. In his address, Mr. Ghannouchi set out the reasons behind Tunisia's democratic successes so far, including Ennahdha's commitment to consensus politics and its rejection of monopoly of power.

**The Hill Op-Ed: Tunisia and Ukraine – Linchpins of U.S. Interests**

An op-ed in *The Hill* by Kristin M. Lord and William B. Taylor argue that Tunisia and Ukraine offer crucial opportunities for America and its allies to advance their strategic interests and potentially transform today's dangerous security environment. It said, "A failed Tunisia would not only be a tragedy for Tunisians who led the Arab Spring and united to transform their society peacefully. It would be an unparalleled victory for ISIS and other extremist movements – already recruiting heavily in Tunisia – as well as a blow to all those within the region who wish to establish just, representative governments." Overall, the article stresses the need for a U.S. foreign policy that prioritizes Tunisia and Ukraine.

**U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Travels to Africa and the Maghreb**

A press release from the State Department announced that Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon will travel to Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Burkina Faso and Mali on February 16-25: "On February 18-19, Ambassador Shannon will travel to Tunis to affirm with government officials the growing strategic partnership between our countries, meet with civil society leaders to discuss their important role in ensuing citizen engagement in political processes and meet with staff in our Libya External Office."

**Tech Crunch: Tunisia is Becoming MENA's Next Start-up Hub**

*Tech Crunch* reported that since the 2011 Arab Revolution, the Tunisian start-up scene has blossomed due to faster and freer Internet access and technological advances. Reportedly, the most successful Tunisian start-ups focus on mobilizing communities and encouraging civic engagement with which they stimulate the Tunisian economy and provide essential support to the government. The article said Tunisian start-ups are finding ways to improve their society and fix endemic economic problems through innovation and creativity. It concludes that moving into 2016, Tunisia will be an important country to watch in the MENA's start-up scene.

**Carnegie: Tunisia cited as best Arab country in terms of governance**

Carnegie Endowment of International Peace's Middle East Program conducted the first survey of Arab experts that represents the detailed views of 105 experts from almost every Arab country on the array of challenges facing the Middle East. Three themes in particular stand out from the survey: government legitimacy, prioritization of local concerns and democratic prospects. Experts were asked to name the three Arab countries that best provide governance for their peoples. Nearly two in three cite Tunisia, which for all of its continuing challenges has emerged five years after its revolution as the most politically inclusive society in the Arab world.

**European Council on Foreign Relations: A New European Agenda for North Africa**

A publication in the European Council on Foreign Relations edited by Anthony Dworkin argues that five years after the Arab uprisings, the EU needs to keep its ambitions to promote reform in the region. There are chapters for Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt and Libya. Monica Marks' Tunisia chapter argues that Tunisia's international partners should make clear that security is inseparable from good governance, and focus on mapping the key bureaucratic obstacles to reform. She recommends supporting measures to reform the structures of the Tunisian state to improve its ability to meet popular aspirations and combat security threats.

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**Reuters: Tunisia to get \$560 mln Loan from EU to Boost Economy**

As part of broader efforts by the EU to help Tunisia overcome its socio-economic issues, *Reuters* reported that the country is to get a loan of half a billion euros (\$560 million) from the European Union. The EU said the assistance came at the request of Tunisia and will take the form of medium-term loans on favorable financial terms.

**Reuters: IMF to Start Talks with Tunisia Over New Loan Program – Official**

In addition to the EU loan, the Ennahdha Party welcomes the news that the International Monetary Fund is planning a visit to Tunisia to begin talks on a new credit program. According to a Tunisian official, the program is likely to be worth at least \$1.7 billion and will help Tunisia revive its economy.

**Tunisia: World Bank to Provide 500 mln Dinars to Improve Transportation**

The World Bank has announced that it will support Tunisia's transport sector reforms with 500 million Tunisian dinars.

**The Economist: Democracy Index 2015 – Democracy in an Age of Anxiety**

The Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index provides a snapshot of the state of democracy worldwide for 165 independent states and two territories. Although the MENA region has experienced an overall decline in its score in the Index, Tunisia moved from being a "hybrid regime" to a "flawed democracy" in 2014 and has continued to build the foundations of democracy, with its October 2014 parliamentary election attracting a higher voter turnout than in past elections, ushering in a new secular Islamist coalition government in February 2015. Despite the negative momentum in much of the region, the average regional score is higher than it was prior to the onset of the Arab Spring.

**Freedom House: The Map that Shows Most and Least Free Countries in the World**

Last week, democracy watchdog organization Freedom House released its annual list of free countries in the world, drawing the conclusion that "global freedom is under pressure." Tunisia is the only country in the MENA region that was classified as a "free" country.

**Human Rights Watch: Tunisia – Landmark Step for Detainee Rights**

In a revision of the Code of Criminal Procedure on February 2, the Tunisian Parliament approved changes in detainee rights by granting suspects the right to a lawyer from the onset of detention and by shortening the maximum pre-charge detention. According to Human Rights Watch, this is a "significant breakthrough for human rights" in Tunisia.

**Tunisian Ambassador Chairs UN Women Executive Board Session**

On February 9, the UN Women Executive Board organized its first Regular Session at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Chair of the session, Ambassador Mohamed Khaled Khiari from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, introduced the session and UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka gave an opening statement. Taking a closer look at UN Women's work on the ground, the Board discussed the organization's operational response in Egypt, the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN Women and the WFP to Jordan in 2015 and UN Women's operations in the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan, as well as several other initiatives relating to gender equality. Ennahdha Party parliamentarians Sana Mersni, Sayida Ounissi and Imen Ben Mohamed attended the summit to work on the creation of an Arab Women MPs Network for Gender Equality.

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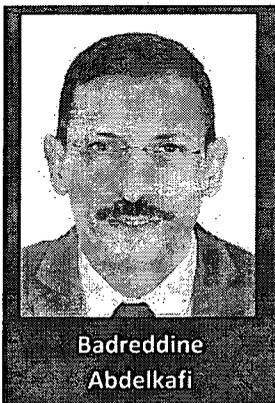
**Social Media**

- **UK in Tunisia @UKinTunisia Feb 18**  
#UNDP's workshop on #CodeOfConduct, supported by @UKinTunisia, is an important step for #securityReform in #Tunisia
- **Johannes Hahn @JHahnEU Feb 18**  
Addressing constituent meeting of #EU-#Tunisia Joint Parliamentary Committee
- **Soumaya Ghannouchi @SMGhannouchi Feb 15**  
#Ennahdha party Shura Council: "we are opposed to any military intervention in neighboring #Libya". #Tunisia
- **Massoud Maalouf @MassoudMaalouf Feb 15**  
Rached Ghannouchi: Tunisia's Answer to ISIS Is Democracy - The Atlantic
- **Johannes Hahn @JHahnEU Feb 12**  
Welcome @EU Commission's proposal to grant additional macro-financial #assistance to #Tunisia of up to EUR 500 million.1/2 @pierremoscovici
- **Johannes Hahn @JHahnEU Feb 12**  
Today's proposal will support #Tunisia's political transformation process+its #economic recovery. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-289\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-289_en.htm) ...
- **TechCrunch @TechCrunch Feb 11**  
Tunisia Is Becoming The Middle East's Next Startup Hub <http://tcrn.ch/1SKne16> by @mmmoreau21
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Feb 10**  
#Ennahdha president @R Ghannouchi & delegation met European Parliament President Martin Schulz @ EU embassy Tunisia
- **India in Tunisia @IndiainTunisia Feb 10**  
#Indian Ambassador Prashant Pise with #Ennahdha Party leader Mr Rached Ghannouchi
- **Arianna Huffington @ariannahuff Feb 9**  
.@R Ghannouchi: Islam, democracy and the future of the Muslim world <http://huff.to/1O1DuvU>
- **UN Women @UN Women Feb 9**  
1st Regular Session of our Executive Board in NY. Opening by President @khiari\_khaled of Tunisia & @phumzileunwomen
- **UN Women @UN Women Feb 9**  
"I invite you to support the #HeForShe campaign, as I do"- @khiari\_khaled, President of our Executive Board.



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**Profile of the Week: Badreddine Abdelkafi**



Badreddine Abdelkafi is a Member of the Tunisian Parliament representing the Sfax 2 constituency. He serves on the parliamentary Committee on Industry, Energy, Natural Resources, Infrastructure and the Environment as well as on the Elections Committee. Mr. Abdelkafi also has the honor of having served in the National Constituent Assembly as Assistant to the President of the Assembly charged with relations with citizens and with civil society.

Mr. Abdelkafi was born on July 7, 1959 in Sfax, and earned his university degree in physics and mathematics from the Sfax campus of the University of Sciences in 1981, after which he taught mathematics at high school level for 7 years in the city of Gabes in southern Tunisia. In April 1981, Mr. Abdelkafi represented a group of students from the Tunisian south in the National Summit meeting of the Islamic Movement, during which a new political party - the Islamic Tendency Movement - was announced. In the aftermath of that meeting, he was arrested by the police for questioning and released, and then again arrested in 1987 and held without charge in prison for 8 months. In 1991, Mr. Abdelkafi was formally charged with founding an illegal organization and sentenced to 11 years in prison, which he served, finally being released in 2002.

After the January 14, 2011 revolution, he was elected as General Secretary of the regional office of Ennahdha in the southern Sfax region, the same region that he was elected to represent in the National Constituent Assembly in Tunisia's first free and fair election on October 23 of that year.

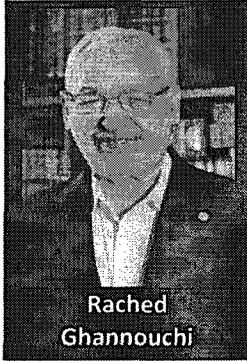
As member of the National Constituent Assembly in charge of Relations with Civil Society, he took the initiative to form a team representing all political tendencies in the Assembly, and worked closely with all blocs to build a vision of how the Assembly should involve civil society in its work, in a very extraordinary post-revolution moment in which the foundations of a new governing system were being built. His team organized a National Dialogue around the Constitution with public meetings in all the regions of the country.

Mr. Abdelkafi said his approach of working with civil society is based on "the core value of openness to all representatives of civil society, trying to accompany them in their activities, to open doors to them, listen to them and benefit from them and to give them the possibility to participate in this foundational phase... If there is a shared belief and concern by the Assembly and civil society in the importance of the inclusion of the citizen in decision-making, we can do it."

Mr. Abdelkafi is a proud husband and father of three children, and has done incredible work in his various capacities of bringing people together towards a common goal, most notably on working closely with civil society organizations to build broad consensus on the constitution passed on 27 January 2014.

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**A word from Rached Ghannouchi, President and Co-Founder, Ennahdha Party**



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*Rached Ghannouchi on progress in Tunisia:*

The recent social unrest in Kasserine reinforces the fundamental challenge facing Tunisia - a well-educated, ambitious and young section of society feels unable to realize their potential. However, comparisons between the recent events in Kasserine and events in Sidi Bouzid five years ago are both inaccurate and unhelpful.

Tunisia deserves to be recognized as the shining light of the Arab Spring. Our democratic transition follows years of political and economic stagnation, and like every democratic project, it takes time to be fully realized. Given regional instability and a global financial slowdown, the fact that Tunisia has maintained stable governance while holding two free and fair elections, whilst drafting and implementing a new progressive constitution, is a remarkable achievement.

This point was eloquently made by Brian Klaas, who recently argued that a country cannot become democratic overnight - assessing Tunisia five years after the Arab Spring would be akin to assessing Japan in 1950. Although we must ensure we make more progress on the socio-economic situation in the country, we must also be realistic that Tunisia's democratic transition is a long-term project, where the occasional setback is to be expected.

However, there is much to be optimistic about, such as the recent news that Tunisia is fast becoming the region's next tech start-up hub. Since the revolution in 2011, thousands of new tech start-ups have benefited from faster, freer internet access and advances in technology, finding ways to actively improve their society and help solve economic problems through innovation and creativity.

Such innovation goes hand in hand with improved economic and political governance - in which Tunisia is also making huge progress. The recent Carnegie Endowment survey that asked regional experts to name the best Arab countries that best provide governance for their peoples showed Tunisia as the clear number one example of good governance in the region. This good governance model will be further strengthened through the many important constitutional institutions to be founded this year, including the Constitutional Court and independent constitutional commissions on human rights, good governance and anti-corruption, sustainable development, and media and communication.

Ennahdha continues to work hard to realize the aspirations of the country's youth, and the ambitious levels of economic growth forecast for the country reflect this, with 5% GDP growth predicted by 2020. With municipal elections coming later this year, and many critical reforms to come this year, the need for political consensus will be crucial in combating the social, economic and security threats facing the country. Ennahdha will continue to work alongside our coalition partners, Nidaa Tounes, UPL and Afek, for the good of the country. Step by step, Tunisia is consolidating its place as the shining light of the Arab Spring.

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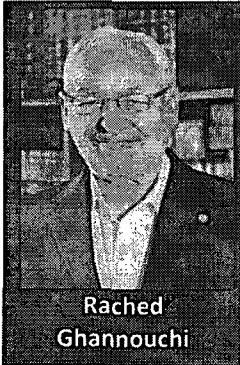
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### *Rached Ghannouchi on progress in Tunisia:*

At our tenth national Party Congress in May, Ennahdha announced a major evolution to help establish a more prosperous and inclusive Tunisia. Our members voted for the separation of the political and religious fields, and to confirm Ennahdha's focus as a civil party, much like Germany's Christian Democratic Party. Since the conclusion of our congress we have started implementing many of the changes agreed to the party structure, changes that will improve the workings of the party and ensure the stability of Tunisia's political system.

Another area Ennahdha are keen to improve is the involvement of women in our political system. Indeed the Tunisian Parliament, with the support of Ennahdha MPs, recently passed a bill for gender parity in all local electoral lists, that will greatly increase female representation across the country at next year's March 2017 local elections. All parties and electoral lists must now put forward equal numbers of male and female candidates, and ensure an equal gender representation at the head of their lists. The upcoming local elections mark an important step in Tunisia's democratic consolidation. They will bring to the fore thousands of new elected representatives, chosen to address the local needs and priorities of their districts and constituents, and establish more inclusive, responsive and open governance that is closer to each citizen.

Tunisia has also been making strides in ensuring the security of tourist sites across the country. The tourism industry has suffered as a result of last year's tragic attacks, yet tourists are starting to come back. Security cooperation and training programs with many of our allies have helped improve the capabilities of our security services and establish a number of specialist security centers and new training programs. Tunisia is committed to ensure that our country and our resorts are safe, while continuing to give Tunisians the confidence to continue forward on their democratic path.

## Ennahdha Updates

### Ennahdha Statement on Terrorist Attack at Istanbul International Airport

Tunis, June 30, 2016

On Tuesday evening, 28 June 2016, a terrorist attack targeted Istanbul International Airport, causing dozens of innocent victims, both Turks and foreigners. Ennahdha Party expresses its sympathy and solidarity with Turkey and with the victims and their families. Moreover, it:

- Strongly condemns the heinous crime that targeted Istanbul Airport, the latest such attack seeking to undermine Turkey's stability and prosperity.
- Prays for the souls of the victims of the horrific terrorist crime and offers its condolences to their families, and wishes the injured a speedy recovery.
- Stresses that taking the lives of innocent people is a crime against the values and teachings of Islam and further proof that terrorist groups are criminal gangs with no relation to our faith.
- Calls for an international partnership to combat terrorism and for strengthening cooperation in order to counter it by addressing its roots and causes.

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#### **Ennahdha Party Statement on Orlando attack**

Tunis, June 13, 2016

The city of Orlando, Florida, in the United States witnessed a terrorist attack in a night club resulting in over a hundred victims killed and injured. Following this horrific crime in one of the worst mass shootings in US history, Ennahdha Party:

- Strongly condemns this terrorist attack and presents its condolences to the victims' families and to the American people.
- Stresses that the attack contravenes the values of Islam and violates its teachings and that the perpetrator does not represent Muslims.
- Calls for desisting from exploiting this terrorist attack to sow hatred and division between communities and faiths, and stresses that terrorism is a global threat that requires a global strategy to counter it.

#### **In the News**

##### **Rached Ghannouchi Q&A: Thoughts on Democratic Islam – Middle East Eye – June 12, 2016**

In an interesting interview with Middle East Eye, Cheikh Rached Ghannouchi comments on Ennahdha's move away from political Islam and the Party's separation of politics and religion. Asked if he thinks Ennahdha could become a national party at the core of political life in Tunisia, he stated, "Tunisians are homogenous, very unified, while there is real plurality in thought and culture. There is a large center ground. Ennahdha can represent this center of ordinary Tunisians within the middle and lower class."

##### **Rached Ghannouchi Leads Ennahdha Delegation to Paris – Middle East Monitor – June 23, 2016**

An Ennahdha delegation paid an official visit to Paris last week, led by the Party's President, Cheikh Rached Ghannouchi. The delegation held meetings with a number of government, political and intellectual figures, including Jean Marc Ayrault, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Commission on Foreign Affairs in the National Assembly, Claude Bartolone, Speaker of the Assembly, Jean Pierre Raffarin, President of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and former PM, an IPAMED delegation and Jack Lang, President of the "Institut du Monde Arabe" and former Education and Culture Minister.

##### **Tunisian Parliament Passes Gender Parity Bill for Local Elections – Middle East Eye – June 16, 2016**

Tunisia's parliament passed a bill last week that will greatly help the country to increase female representation at next year's March 2017 local elections, with parties or blocks having to put forward an equal number of male and female list leaders. Yusra Ghannouchi, spokesperson for the Ennahdha party, said the bill is "a further step towards increasing women's participation in decision making and management of local authorities, and a recognition of all the women who are very active in their local areas."

##### **Tunisian Assembly to Examine Bill to Criminalize Racial Discrimination – Tunisia Live – June 15, 2016**

Tunisia's Parliament is set to consider a bill which criminalises discrimination presented by the civil society organizations Euromed Rights, the Tunisian Forum for Social and Economic Rights and the Committee for the Respect of Human Rights and Liberties in Tunisia. Commenting on the bill and its application to all minorities, Ramy Khouili, Maghreb Policy Adviser at EuroMed Rights, stated, "The fact that racial discrimination will finally be criminalized in Tunisian law is a huge step in the battle for full equality of all Tunisian citizens. We hope to continue making progress going forward."

##### **Tunisia Named Top Arab Country on the "Good Country Index" – Al Bawaba – June 9, 2016**

Tunisia is ranked first among all Arab countries and 48<sup>th</sup> worldwide on the Good Country Index, which measures what each country contributes to the common good of humanity, and what it takes away, relative to its size. The league table is based on 35 separate indicators from sources including the United Nations and the World Bank. Egypt held the second position on the Arab level, followed by Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon then Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain.

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### European Union Approves 500 Million Euro Loan to Tunisia – Reuters Africa – June 9, 2016

The EU has approved a 500 million euro loan to help Tunisia address economic challenges and strengthen its democracy. "A plan to lend Tunisia 500 million euros on favorable terms to help it reduce its external debt and consolidate its democratic mechanisms was backed by MEPs on Wednesday," the European Parliament said.

### Foreign Firms Seek to Invest in 35 Solar, Wind Projects in Tunisia – SeeNews Renewables – June 27, 2016

Thirty-five companies from France, Belgium and Spain have expressed interest in investing in solar and wind projects in Tunisia. The potential investments could include 20 photovoltaic (PV) power schemes and 15 wind projects. The Tunisian cabinet is expected to approve the investments at a cabinet meeting in two weeks.

### Tunisia Commemorates Victims of Beach Massacre – AFP – June 26, 2016

Tunisians held a memorial service to mark the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks in Sousse. Tunisia's Tourism Minister Selma Elloumi Rekik and British Foreign Office official Tobias Ellwood laid flowers to remember the victims of the shooting in the town of Port El Kantaoui south of the capital.

### Tunisia: Our Voices Will not be Silenced – Women's Struggle for Justice in Tunisia – All Africa – June 21, 2016

The International Center for Transitional Justice reports on its project in Tunisia to encourage women to come forward to file submissions to the Truth and Dignity Commission regarding violations of their rights under the former regime. The "Transitional Justice is also for Women" network has worked to raise awareness and ensure that women's testimonies are heard relating to abuses suffered by Tunisian women at the hands of the regime from 1955 onwards, including torture, imprisonment, victimization and sexual violence.

### UK Considers Easing Travel Warning Imposed after Tunisia Attack – The Guardian – June 29, 2016

The UK is expected to lift its advisory not to travel to Tunisia—a welcome change for the Tunisian tourism sector, the Guardian reports. The UK would likely lift the advisory in phases, starting after the end of Ramadan.

## Social Media

- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jun 29**  
We strongly condemn the terrible #Istanbul attack. Our condolences to the victims' families. Standing united with #Turkey against terrorism
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jun 25**  
#Ennahdha delegation led by @R\_Ghannouchi received by head of Foreign Affairs Commission at the French Senate... <http://fb.me/587XCKlo0>
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jun 23**  
#Ennahdha delegation led by @R\_Ghannouchi received by @Michel\_Menard president of the #France-#Tunisia friendship... <http://fb.me/8aZKBwv2i>
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jun 22**  
#Ennahdha delegation to Paris led by @R\_Ghannouchi received by #France Foreign Affairs Minister @jeanmarcayrault
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jun 20**  
#Ennahdha president & delegation visit HQ of the Truth and Dignity Commission #Tunisia #TransitionalJustice
- **Anna Gainey @annamgainey Jun 17**  
Fascinating, insightful convo w/inspiring Tunisian women members of National Assembly. @Int\_IDEA @carlena
- **Ennahdha Party @EnnahdhaParty Jun 16**  
#Ennahdha president @R\_Ghannouchi receives Anna Gainey, president of the Liberal Party of #Canada



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