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I had a fascinating 45-minute cal	11 with	mostly	on Tunisia. First, he's delighted S wants to	1.4(D
see him, and he welcomes our s		-	, on runnia. This, he s deligned a wants to	(_
see min, and he welcomes our s	uggestion for	dutes.		
cautioned us against too mu	ıch triumphali	ism in talking about what happ	ened. The story isn't over yet. There's a	B1
			79. While moderate Tunisians wouldn't	1.4(B
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•		<u> </u>	osing down access to the media of secular	1.7(D
oppositionists (like my personal	friend Nejib C	Chebbi) that the only figure we	Il known to Tunisians who was always	
against Ben Ali is the Islamist lea	ader of an-Nat	nda (a banned Islamist party) R	tachid Ghannouchi, resident in London.	
•			chnocrat PM.) Rachid Ghannouchi is all over	
			ns feel their grievances aren't being	
addressed, the Islamists, as the	only know alto	ernative, might get momentun	n.	
•	•		e riots continue and/or it appears as though	
the Islamists might seize power.	. This would b	oe like Algeria circa 1991. We o	don't want that either.	
	·		the state of the s	B1
			policing in many areas. This on the one	1.4(B
			security excesses than was the army.	•
analyzes that it was the arm	y that forced	the interim presidency to shift	from PM Ghannouchi to Parliament Speaker	1.4(D
Mebazza (going from one const	itional clause	to another) to reinforce the fac	ct that Ben Ali was permanently gone and	
			ve role, that could quickly change if the	
violence doesn't stop or the Isla		_	de la company de	
violence doesn't stop of the isla	iiiists seeiii to	gain ground.		
As formed by acutioned us again	et aboet thum	ning triumphant statements	To the extent we need to continue to make	
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			e lawless riots and looting. He said we	
			each out to Tunisia's moderate opposition	
figures and bring them in. Tunis	sia needs a na	itional unity cabinet to get thro	ough presidential elections.	
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There's an Arab Economic Sumr			Tunisia (along with MEP and	1.4(B
Lebanon) will be a topic of conv	rersation.	keep me informed.		1.4(D
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Just FYI: the secular, moderate	opposition fo	ilks in Tunisia are personally kn	own to me. When I was posted in Tunisia, I	
was friends of many of them. I	saw them aga	ain last spring when I visited Tu	ınisia. So, in coordination with Embassy	
Tunis, I'm going to call them, so	they've been	contacted by Washington.		

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