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In North African countries, not only in Libya but also in Egypt, Tunisia and Sudan had a long-term dictatorship. In Egypt Hosni Mubarak climbed up to vice president from an air force officer through four wars with Israel. He was elected to the president in 1981 when Anwar Sadat was assassinated. Since then he had been the Egyptian president until the end of the Arab Spring in 2011.

Ben Ali became Tunisian president in 1987. He was the first victim of the Arab Spring. He resigned and exiled to Saudi Arabia (He died there in 2019). The seventh dictator in MENA region was Omar al-Bashir of Sudan. After graduating from the cadet in Cairo, Egypt, al-Bashir was promoted in the army and grabbed the power by the coup in 1989. His presidency has been 30 years until he retired in 2019.

All seven dictators started from the lower class in the society and climbed up to the top. But in the Middle East there is another type of powerful dictator. They are the ruling family of the Gulf monarchy such as Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is an autocratic country ruled by the Saud family. GCC (Gulf Cooperation Organization) countries consisting of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain have been the hereditary monarchy for more than one hundred years.

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