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**THE NEW NORTH AFRICA**

A wave of protests has erupted throughout North Africa. A combination of the global financial crisis, rising costs of living, high unemployment especially of educated youth, frustration from decades of living under authoritarian and corrupt regimes, have all combined in different ways in various countries, leading to a wave of rising anger. However, if protest has a successful end, many things will change in North Africa.

According to economic experts, the South European countries will improve the commercial relations of natural resources, providing enough incomes to improve other economic areas as industry, agriculture and services to the citizens. However, countries supporting rebels will have the responsibility of rebuilding the infrastructures destroyed during the conflict, so the economy of these countries will be improve too.

The fallen of authoritarian states, not only will allow citizens to gain access to information; besides, they will be able to share their culture with people all around the world and of course get an open mind. On the other hand, young people could see the opportunity to emigrate to Europe, causing a negative effect.

From the military point of view, is expected that new governments will need new weapons, military equipment, and advisors, so the military relations will be improved and the borders with sub-Saharan countries will be safer.

In spite of the optimistic situation, it is very important don´t forget that there are certainly many risks, including, in the short to medium term, the risk that a reactionary, Islamist alternative may prevail.

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