

Some examples of commemorative naming practices in Tunisia

1. Places named after living persons :

a: Late President Habib Bourguiba :

- Situated in the North of Tunisia, Ferryville called by the French Minister Jules Ferry during the French colonisation, is currently called Menzel Bourguiba which means "house of Bourguiba" in Arabic.
- It was attributed this name in 1956 by Habib Bourguiba, who has obtained the independence of Tunisia the same year and who becomes the next year, the first president of the country.

- Habib Bourguiba name was attributed to several places throughout his reign (1956-1987), those names still unchanged until today:



Habib Bourguiba Monastir
Airport (situated in Monastir,
hometown of the President),



Habib Bourguiba Avenue (ex- Jules Ferry Avenue)
(In the middle of the capital Tunis)

b: Ex- President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali:

During his reign 1987 -2011, his name and the date of beginning of his reign were attributed to few places, but just after the revolution of 14th January 2011 that put end to his power, those places have been renamed :



Enfidha Zine El Abidine airport

becomes

Enfidha Hammamet Airport *



El Abidine mosque



becomes

Malek Ibn Anas mosque**





Place 7 Novembre *

becomes



Place 14 Janvier 2011**

2. Places named after martyrs :

- a. On 4 December 1955, a mausoleum in the capital Tunis was built in memory of the leader syndicalist Farhat Hached, (assassinated December 5, 1952)



b: Martyrs of 2011 revolution

Since the revolution of 2011, several places were attributed names of martyrs, also some streets names have changed to bear names of martyrs. Those names are attributed immediately by the government after the death:

1. Official names (Given by municipalities-Minister of Interior)



Place Chokri Belaid (assassinated on 6th February 2013)



Place Colonel Tahar Ayari (martyr 18 May 2011)

Old name	New name
Rue* 61441	Rue Colonel Tahar Ayari
Rue 61442	Rue Lt. Kamel Chouaibi
Rue 61444	Rue Adjudant Major Lazhar Kthiri
Rue 61445	Rue Adjudant Major Ali Al Omrani
Rue 61446	Rue Adjudant Marin Sofien Ben Jammala

2. Unofficial place names (By citizen initiative until they are officially approved by the government):



3. Other cases:

Several places bear names of late (either Tunisian or foreigners) historians, singers, scientists, politicians, poets...:

- Avenue Hedi Chaker (Tunisian politician)
- Place Pasteur (Louis Pasteur, French scientist)
- Place Ibn Khouldoun (Tunisian historian and philosophe)
- Boulevard du Leader Yasser Arafat (President of Palestine)
- Rue Mendes France (French politician)
- Rue Oum kolthoum (Famous Egyptian singer)
- Etc...

Conclusion:

No implementation of UNCSGN resolution in the Commemorative naming practices in Tunisia. It is one of the issues to be tackled by the National Committee of Toponymy.