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Now have reports that Tunisian police/military are on compound trying to clear it but they're having problems doing so.

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Still a bad situation. Undetermined number of protesters (embassy estimates between 50 and 300, but hard to get a count) are roaming the compound looting and setting fires. They have set fire to a dumpster and pushed it up against the chancery. At this point we do not think that is a serious problem but it's indicative of the protesters' intentions. No sign of weapons on protesters. Local police/military are struggling to control protesters outside the compound but are not present on the compound.

All staff remain in the chancery. No injuries.