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TUNIS (Reuters) - Tunisian President Ben Ali has replaced his interior minister and ordered the release of all those detained in a wave of violent clashes. Prime Ministeraid Ghannouchi said the president had ordered the creation of a special committee to investigate corruption and the actions of some officials. Ahmed Friaa, a former academic and junior minister, was appointed as the new interior minister.

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