

KHALED DRARENI, ALGERIA

Journalist Khaled Drareni shares a common dream of freedom and equality with many Algerians. When people took to the streets in February 2019 to demand these principles, Khaled joined in.



He made sure the world knew what was happening inside Algeria. Through his journalism, he made a point of covering the Hirak protest movement, which embraces freedom and respect for rights and liberties. Like many young Algerians, Khaled sees the Hirak movement as a chance to build a fairer, better Algeria.

When the Hirak movement first emerged, Khaled was one of the first independent journalists to cover the weekly protests and made sure to document police violence when it occurred. This placed him at odds with the authorities who targeted him, detaining him many times.

On 27 March 2020, Khaled was arrested while covering a demonstration. He was charged with inciting an unarmed gathering – despite the fact that he was simply doing his job as a journalist. He has been sentenced to prison.

“Why should anyone refrain from telling the truth?” Khaled has often told his friend, Nabila. Why indeed. Khaled is a journalist determined to keep reporting on the realities the country is facing. Let’s make sure he can.

Tell Algeria to free Khaled now.

WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT OF ALGERIA

Tell him to free Khaled immediately and unconditionally, and drop all charges against him.

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SHOW KHALED YOU'RE WITH HIM

Post a photo of yourself with the message #FreeKhaledDrareni on your Twitter and Instagram channels. Remember to tag @khaleddrareni on Twitter and @Khaled.Drareni on Instagram.

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Your excellency

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Khaled Drareni, an independent journalist, sentenced to prison simply for doing his job. He was reporting on a Hirak demonstration on 27 March when he was arrested. He has been detained ever since.

Khaled just wants a fairer, better Algeria that cares for and benefits everyone. He is held on the sham charge of inciting an unarmed gathering and "harming the integrity of the national territory".

Khaled should be back on the streets, reporting the news, not locked up for his principled journalism.

Please, release him without delay.

Yours sincerely



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EL HIBLU 3, MALTA

Your Excellency

I urge you to drop all charges against the El Hiblu 3 and close the case.

These youths, two of whom were just 15 and 16 years old at the time of the alleged incident, could be jailed for life for opposing their return to suffering and torture in Libya. Yet there is little to no evidence to support the serious charges against them.

The youths had acted as interpreters on the El Hiblu, an oil transporter, to help preserve their lives and those of their fellow passengers after they were rescued at sea.

They have been through grave hardship and trauma. Deliver justice: drop the charges, close the case.

Yours sincerely



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