



Statement Denouncing the Illegal Arrest of Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Mouloud

Today, the free world as well as peace lovers are shocked and most perturbed to witness the most blatant human rights violations against the peaceful Sahrawi citizen Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud who was illegally arrested by the armed Polisario militias while he was crossing the area of Mheiriz to meet his family and relatives in the camps of Tindouf.

Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud was directly led to Algeria. The latter fact undoubtedly proves the involvement of this country, in collaboration with the Polisario militia, in every conspiracy against peace and redemption of the Sahrawis in Tindouf camps from slavery and tyranny.

Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud is one of Sahrawis ' most respected leaders in the camps of Tindouf who has peacefully advocated the right of the Sahrawis to express their opinions loudly in favor of the Morocco's autonomy and against the cruelty inflicted on those people who share the same opinion in the Camps.

Arresting Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud on account of expressing his opinion about autonomy and the emancipation of the Sahrawis is just another attempt to silence an inconvenient human right voice who calls for the freedom of his people.

In view of this fact, we, the members of **FORSATIN** **, strongly protest and denounce the arrest of Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud and we express our solidarity with his brave initiative.

We affirm the right, which is protected in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in International human rights law, to freedom of expression

Hence, we urgently call upon the international community and Human Right organizations to express their solidarity with Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud and speak out against any act of repression against his people in the camps of Tidouf.

We also call upon them to guarantee an immediate and unconditional release of this Sahrawi Citizen, respect for his physical and moral integrity, and assurances that his dignity will be saved.

We demand Algerian authorities to take seriously its obligations and commitment to respect the right to freedom of expression and drop any kind of charges against Mr. Mustafa Salma Ould Sidi Mouloud and allow him meet with his family and relatives in the Tindouf camps.

We urge all the Sahrawis in the camps of Tindouf to stand up for their fellow citizen in his dilemma and rise up against the Polisario tyranny.

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