

Frente POLISARIO

Representación para Europa



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Dear Sir, Madam,

For more than a week, waves of brutal repression are descending upon Saharawi students in Agadir, Marrakech, Casablanca and Rabat. The toll of the interventions by the Moroccan order troops has reached terrifying heights; numerous arrests, many wounded, some of which severely.

The repressive forces, assisted by militias of recruited delinquents that are directed by the Moroccan security forces, are conducting a real “witch-hunt” at the university campuses. The Saharawi students residing the campus are fiercely expelled.

The current repression is especially aimed at Saharawi students, and is extending to those close to them, living in the territory illegally occupied by Morocco. It's also targeting human rights defenders and all those who dare to demonstrate their solidarity with the “outlawed” students.

A sad example of this barbarity is the case of the young Saharawi student SULTANA KHAYA, who was subjected to continuous violence by the Moroccan forces, to the point where she lost her right eye. SULTANA has been hospitalized since the horrific events; her condition remains critical.

KHAYA SULTANA has her eye punctured, her face mutilated, her body bruised due to torture, because she had dared to peacefully call for the liberation of her detained fellow students.

We are launching an SOS, aimed at the European authorities and their leaders, so that they would demand Morocco to put an end to its criminal activities, and to its systematic campaigns of racist violence targeting the Saharawi.

We ask the European Union to condemn these flagrant and serious human rights violations, and to demand the Moroccan authorities to annul the arbitrary trials against the Saharawi and to immediately release all the Saharawi prisoners of opinion, among them the students that are held in Agadir, Marrakech, Rabat and Casablanca.

The association agreements that link the European Union to the Kingdom of Morocco, obliges the EU to be severe with their Moroccan partner in the field of human rights, the founding principle of the Union.

We are therefore entitled to ask the Union for a rapid and determined reaction denouncing the grave human rights violations committed by Morocco in Western Sahara. The Union should carry out an investigation, or send an emissary if need be, in order to examine the tragic situation enforced upon the Saharawi by Morocco.

Isn't this a reason to re-launch the mission of the European Parliament's ad hoc delegation, whose visit to the illegally occupied territories has been blocked by the Moroccan authorities until this very day?

The Moroccan authorities act and clamp down, with complete impunity, on the Saharawi, who peacefully demand their people's legitimate rights to self-determination and peace. Morocco has crossed the threshold of the intolerable, and the European Union shouldn't remain deaf to the appeals, to the screams of women and men, whose only "sin" is to be Saharawi and to proclaim it.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you my highest regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohamed Sidati', written over a horizontal line.

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N.B.: Attached to this letter are a few documents on the current repression in Western Sahara

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