

# RELEASE HIRAK DETAINEES



**To: President Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Algeria**

Over 260 people remain deprived of their freedom in Algeria solely for participating in the Hirak protest movement, criticizing the authorities, denouncing state corruption, or expressing solidarity with detainees.

Many are being held in pretrial detention for excessively long periods of time. Others have been handed sentences of up to five years on overly broad, trumped-up charges such as “harming” national security, “undermining national unity”, “offending” public officials, “inciting unarmed gatherings”, spreading fake news, and terrorism.



We call on you to:

- Immediately release all Hirak detainees who have peacefully exercised their rights to freedom of expression, association, and assembly.

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