

A portrait of Sonia Dahmani, a woman with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a white top with silver trim and large hoop earrings. The background is a light pink world map with red grid lines.

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A red-tinted image of a cityscape, likely Tunis, Tunisia, showing various buildings and structures.

LOCKED UP AND SILENCED FOR SPEAKING OUT

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📍 Tunisia

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Sonia Dahmani loves the sea, long days at the beach with friends and quiet evenings spent watching movies. She has a deep appreciation for art in all its forms, from paintings and exhibitions to theatre and music. But what matters most to Sonia is her family, including her beloved dog, Carla.

Sonia is a lawyer and media commentator who has dedicated her life to defending human rights, standing up for the marginalized, and saying what others are afraid to, no matter the cost. She is a vocal critic of inhumane prison conditions and racism, regularly addressing these issues on television and radio shows.

On 11 May 2024, masked policemen violently raided the Tunisian Bar Association in Tunis and arrested Sonia. They detained her in Manouba prison, where she has been held ever since. The Tunisian authorities have convicted and sentenced Sonia for “spreading false news”, with more politically motivated investigations still pending. She faces many years in prison for speaking out against injustices. Her imprisonment is a clear attempt to silence her.

Sonia is being held in inhumane conditions. Her cell is rat-infested. She has endured degrading treatment by prison authorities. She is being denied medical care, including the medication she needs.

Demand Sonia's release now.

WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT

Call on the Tunisian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Sonia Dahmani, quash the sentences and drop all charges against her as she is detained solely for exercising her right to freedom of expression.

ADDRESS: President of Tunisia
Carthage Presidential Palace
La Goulette Road
Carthage Archaeological Site
Tunis
Tunisia

SALUTATION: Your Excellency
EMAIL: contact@carthage.tn
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/Presidence.tn
X: @TnPresidency
HASHTAGS: #FreeSonia, #W4R25

SHOW SONIA THAT SHE IS NOT ALONE

Send Sonia messages of hope and solidarity. Let her know you support her in her fight for human rights in Tunisia. You could draw pictures of dogs (Sonia has a dog called Carla) to accompany your message.

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