ALGERIAN ACTIVIST WOMEN TARGETED BY STATE REPRESSION

CFDA published a new thematic report in june intitled "Women imprisonment in Algeria". This report occurs in an Algerian context where many women advocating for human rights (including "hirakists" activits) are hunted down by the current government, sued and convicted by justice system.



After summing up the current context, especially regarding algerian law facing numerous violations of fundamental rights and liberties , the report points out the case of 39 women detailing their arrest conditions and arbitrary detention. Most of the time, the charges these women are hunt down for, are identical ("encouraging gathering", "violation of national unity integrity" etc) because of the extended definition of terrorism in Article 87 of the Penal Code. Severe sentences were pronounced towards them, from 3 years jail

conviction or Kamira Naït Sid, who is still waiting her appeal trial, and up to 10 years jail conviction for Amira Bouraoui.

LITTERARY CAFÉS AT THE CPMDH

Chachou Ibtissem and languages history

Writer and language science professor,, Ibtissem Chachou, hosted a litterary café on the 1st of June at the CPMDH in Oran, in order to introduce her last book intitled « Introduction à l'Histoire des langues en Algérie ». Mrs Chachou's career stands out by its voracious curiosity, which encourage her to attend colloquium and field studies, to write many scientific and publish many books. This event was an opportunity for the teacher-researcher to detail and explain the sociolinguistic approach she adopted while writing her book.



Her book explore deeper the langages in Algeria from an historical and linguistic point of view. During her demonstration, Ms Chachou has drawn tribes' history. She mentioned the origine of the first native peoples of North Africa and the settlers who occupied this large territory. She also discussed the romanisation of the region,

the arrival of arabic tribes Banou Hilal from Yémen, the turkish influence on local dialect, the Franca Language, dialects and French sabir, therefore highlighting everything that has leave a mark on Amazigh language and Algerian lexicon. This journey within the algerian cultural diversity was followed up by a sale and an autographe session of her book.

Algerian culture according to Moussaoui Abderahmane

On Monday June 24, the guest of the CPMDH was the professor <u>Moussaoui Abderrahmane</u> of the University of Lyon who introduced his book « *De la culture en Algérie, Un présent de l'histoire* ».



the conference, the professor analyzed the key points which shape Algerian culture and he explained their importance in contemporary societies development and their culture. According to him, the country's history is steeped by aspects of national culture, diverse including traditions, habits, values and artistic expressions. Moussaoui Abderrahmane also pointed out the steady evolution of Algerian identity, emphasize ils wealth and diversity due to the influences and historical changes of the country. As always, this litterary café has produced particularly interesting interactions between the professor and the audience.

THE GRADUAL CREATION OF A PROTECTED DATABASE

As part of its fight for Truth and Justice and against impunity, CFDA endeavor to gather the files of the missing people in hope of establishing of a Truth commission in order

to get accountable the Algerian state at the right time by fournishing proofs. These last weeks, the team of the Collectif insisted to update the disappeared people's files – thanks to the interviews made by the agerian offices in Alger and Oran which welcome families and close people – and also feed the Memorial of disappeared people, which offers visibility to the storys of these people. Following this perspective, the team keeps improving its database UWAZI and secure the files of disappeared people facing the constant threat of algerian authorities that weight on the association.

ADVOCACY MISSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL OF GENEVA



From 25 to 28 June, the président of the Collectif went to Genève within the score of a defence speech mission related to the introduction of the visit report in Algeria of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

The mission included meetings of defence speeches beside many targets such as Permanent mission of the countrys of NU, special procedures and working groups. Dutour had the opportunity participate to the Working Group Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID), with teams of Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD), Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, as well with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Within the occasion of World press freedom day on the the 4th of May, CFDA organized a round-table discussion on North African situation of press, with the NGO Riposte Internationale.



The event took place in and reunited about fifty people. We could rely on experts intervention on the sibject such as Chawki Smati (algerian journalist), Néji Khachnaoui (tunisian journalist and writer) et Othmane Sehaki (moroccan Sorbonne student and researcher). The interesting lectureswere followed by quality debates and more than interesting interactions. Ιt was the opportunity for the speakers and the participants, to express their support towards the journalists who resist to the algerian power and suffer daily harassment, but also towards prisoners of conscience

PREPARATION OF THE WORLD CONGRESS ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

As part the preparation of the world congress on enforced disappearances, a Regional consultation with victims and groups of the Middle-East and North Africa (MENA) civil society was organized on May 31. For the occasion, CFDA president Nassera Dutou shared her experience, her expertise and her recommandations on enforced disappearances.

These Regional consultations, where stakeholders cooperate and interact, will allow to identify the subjects that need to be discussed during the World congress, that will take place from January 14 to 16, 2025 in Geneva. One of the aim of this event will be to develop efficient strategies for prevention, the investigation and the pursuit

of enforced disappearances by leaning on the interventions of the civil society organizations (SCO) from many places (Asia, Africa, Middle-East and North Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean). This event initiative is from International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPAPED), in partenership with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances with the support of the WGEID.

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SOLIDARITY AT THE HEART OF CFDA ACTIONS

The Collectif commit to defend and support, in every one of its actions, wrongly imprisoned people for practising their fundamental rights and freedoms in Algeria and everywhere else.

National campaign for the release of 228 prisoners of conscience

During the Ramadan, the Collectif joined organizations from Algerian civil society, regional and international for a National campaign for the release of 228 prisoners of conscience in Algeria. A joint statement, with the CFDA signatory, called for the release of prisoners of conscience, imprisoned for having express their opinions and calling for the end of systematic repression targeting Algerian civil society. Find some portraits of prisoners on our social networks.



The campaign أطلقوهم# (Free them) was aiming to put a light on their arbitrary detention, widely unknown by a big part of Algerian and international public opinion. It was also the occasion to publicy support the prisoners and their family. This initiative

set in a context of repression of liberties, where thousand of peaceful citizens are imprisoned and surffer from a judiciary and safety persécution since 2019.

Joint statement on freedom of the presse in Algeria



The Collectif took part to the writing of a statement published on the 3th of May 2024, related to the freedom of press in Algeria, intitled "Freedom of the press in Algeria: free expression is not a crime". With EuroMed Rights, the Safeguard Committee of the Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights, the IFHR (International Federation For Human Rights) and many other signature organizations, the CFDA draw a dark report on the current state of freedom of speech, opinion and the press in Algeria.

Taking account of the current context in Algeria, the signature organizations asked the algerian governement to immediately release and without any terms, the journalists and human rights defenders imprisoned, and cease the employ of the legal arsenary to heighten the repression. They also urged the algerian authorities to the establishment of a legislation which guarentee the freedom of the press and the Rights of the journalists and respect the international commitment of the State regardant Human rights.

Support to the Tunisians

On Wednesday 15th of May, the president of CFDA took part to the gathering near the Ambassy of Tunisia in Paris in order to denounce the application of a racist speech from the current tunisian authority. This gathering follows the alert thrown by the Committee for the Respect of Freedoms and Human Rights in Tunisia (CRFHRT) regarding

Subsaharian migrants hunting but also to the associations working on the safeguard of Human dignity.



Joint statement on the ban for the Saturday Mothers in Turkey

CFDA support the Saturday Mothers and the families of the disappeared people in Turkey. The 21 May, the Collectif united with à Amnesty International, and with seven other organizations, to express their solidarity towards the mothers who gather every weeks in the center of Istanbul, since May 1995, to demand truth and justice regarding the faith of their disappeared person, victims of enforced disappearances since the 1980s and the 1990s.

This statement steps in in a difficult context, wher families of disappeared people and Human rights defender watch their fundamental rights and libertins declining, such as the right to protest. The signatory NGO – including the Collectif – demanded to open the Galatasaray square again, for their 1000th gathering to take place on Saturday 25th of May.

International week of disappeared people

As part of International Week of the Disappeared, the Collectif has joined forces with the International Coalition Against Enforced Disappearances (ICAED) to urge states, including Algeria, to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and enact legislation to ensure its effective implementation at national level.

This international treaty - signed by Algeria

on February 6, 2007 - is the first to deal specifically with enforced disappearances, giving families the right to know the truth about the fate of their loved one(s). Seven-teen years after it was signed, Algeria has not taken a single step towards ratifying this convention.

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