

## Report About repression to which were subject human rights defenders In Western Sahara on December 10<sup>th</sup>

For the commemoration of the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights, the Sahrawi Association for the Victims of Grave Violations of Human Rights Committed by the Moroccan State (ASVDH) called for a sit-in on December 10, 2006, under the slogan:

All for the respect of the human rights and fundamental freedoms in Western Sahara

For this event, ASVDH sent; in accordance with the laws in force, on December 7<sup>th</sup>, a notification to the Pasha of El-Ayoune via the daily express postal mail after the office of order of the Pasha refused to receive it directly.

Given that the Association had not received either written or verbal notification prohibiting the sit-in, preparations were continued in collaboration with a number of human rights committees, such as the Committee of Support for the Referendum in the Western Sahara; the Committee of the Families of Disappeared Sahrawi; the Committee of the Families of Martyrs died in Moroccan centres of detention, the group of the Victims of Forced Disappearance survivors of the secret centres of detention of Kalaat Megounat-Agdez and El-Ayoune; the Committee of Support for the UN-African Plan and for the Protection of the Natural Resources in Western Sahara; Families of the Victims of Clandestine Immigration; and the Families of the 15 disappeared victims of clandestine immigration.

Also, ASVDH informed the media and the human rights organizations of this event.

### **Events of December 10:**

- On Sunday, December 10, there was strong monitoring around the place of the sit-in and all ways leading to and from this place were closed by a large number of the various Moroccan security bodies: Auxiliary Forces, Gendarmerie, Judicial Police and the Army.

- At 16: 45, a group of ASVDH members -- human rights defenders and victims of forced disappearance -- moved towards the place of the sit-in. On their arrival, they were surprised by the Moroccan security forces, under command of the officer Aboulhassan ICHI, who attacked them without any notice, beating them and pushing them far from the place. This happened in the presence of representatives of the Moroccan authorities (the Pasha of the city, the Wali of security and his Assistant) and even a member of the CORCAS (called Abdelmajid BELAGHZAL).

This violent intervention towards against Sahrawi citizens and human rights defenders, and without any notice, is not only a violation of the Moroccan law, but also a violation of the human rights agreements and conventions, especially the universal declaration of the human rights, commemorated that day.

This violent intervention resulted in serious injuries of several citizens and members of the ASVDH:

- Mr. Brahim DAHANE, president of ASVDH, was wounded on his back and thighs, following the violent attack to which he was subjected by the torturer Aboulhassan ICHI and a group of policeman in civil clothes.

- The vice-president of ASVDH, Mrs. Elghalia DJIMI, was so violently beaten by Aboulhassan ICHI that she fell by ground and lost consciousness.

- Mr. Sidi Mohamed DADACH, president of the Committee of Support for Self-determination in the Western Sahara, was detained and locked up in a police car. He also was maltreated and threatened with torture before being thrown from the car far from the place of the sit-in.

- Mr. Hmad HAMMAD, human rights defender, was isolated from the demonstrators and was severely beaten by a group of policemen in civil clothes until he lost consciousness. Some citizens took him to his family's house where he was looked after and still confined to bed.

- Mr. Saleh DAILLAL, member the coordination council of the ASVDH, was viciously attacked and seriously wounded on his thighs and his right hand. In a similar way, the human rights defender Mr. Mohamed HAMMIA, was also savagely attacked and seriously wounded.

In this same context of repression, several other citizens were detained in the judicial police centres where they were tortured and ejected out of the city. Among these citizens, Mr. Elkouri SHERIF, who was subjected to physical and psychological torture, was also threatened with sexual abuses and false charges (i.e., trade of drugs and clandestine immigration). In the same way, the ex-political prisoner Mr. Brahim LABRAS, was tortured and currently his front teeth tremble.

Afterwards, the car of the human rights defender, Mr. Mustapha DAH, was stopped at 20:00, following his visit to the house of Mr. Hmad HAMMAD, in the company of the wife of Mr. Sidi Mohamed DADACH and her mother, Gajmoula ISMAILI, Mr. Daha ERRAHMOUNI and Mr. Mohamed Fadel ELHAIRACH, both members of the ASVDH. All were questioned and searched.

#### **List victims of the violent intervention of December 10, 2006**

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Full Name</b>
Elghalia DJIMI	Sidi Mohamed DADACH	Brahim DAHANE	Hmad HAMMAD
Mohamed Saleh DAILLAL	Mohamed HAMMIA	Daha ERRAHMOUNI	Mohamed Fadel ELHAIRACH
Mohamed MAYARA	Aghalmanhoum FADAH	Embarka Alina ABBA ALI	Emastahya Haimouda ELBALLAL
Yahdiha Haimouda ELBALLAL	Saleh ZEIGHAM	Taher ELIAZIDI	Said ELBALLAL
Mohamed Lamine TERSAL	Ahmed Salem Barka ELBOUHALI DAIHAN	Mustapha DAH	Nasser ERAIGAS
Mahfoud HAMMA	Essaghir ELMAGHRAOUI	Sid Ahmed LAMJEYID	Ghalia ELJOU MANI
Fatimatou HHAYOUN	Elazza KHAROUB	Lalla ELJOU MANI	Raghia ELJOU MANI
Fdaili ABAlH	Brahim Labras	Aziz HAIDAR	Cherif ELIDRISSI
Yareb ERRACHIDI	Fatimatou DAHOUAR	Elyadassya Sid Ahmed	Mohamed Salem TOUHAMI
Mohamed Lamine ELAYACHI	Yahdih BANI	Salek DAILLAL	Mohamed LABHIH
Othman BOUTSOUFRA	Othman SOUEYAH	Mohamed Ali ELKARCHA	Ali Hassan
Mohamed Salem ELOTHMANI	Elmahjoub NOUMRIA	Mohamed BOUTABAA	Cherfi ELGARHI
Hmattou Ould Abdeljalil	Zibour HAMADI	Amneina ment ELBAH	Aghlana ment Ahmed Salem ould Omar ould BARHAH
Brahim ELGARHI	Elbachir BOUTABAA	Mustapha IDRIS SI	Daida MOHAMADI

Mahmoud ELAYACHI	Hamadi ELMASSOUDI	Ahmed TALBI	Mohamed Ali Belgassem
Mokhtar BOUDHEN	Salka Ment Lahcen	Salka AYACH	Glaimina Elyazid ANDOUR
N'habouha Sidi Mahmoud BOUTANGIZA	Btaila AZRIGINAT		