

Press Release

Family of Sahrawi Human Rights Defender and Political Prisoner Naâma Asfari

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After 47 days of the open-ended hunger strike carried out by our son, Sahrawi human rights defender and political prisoner Naâma Asfari, the family wishes to clarify that he received today, at Kenitra Prison, a visit from a delegation representing the Moroccan General Delegation for Prison Administration and Reintegration.

During this visit, the delegation committed to responding to one of his demands that falls within the mandate of the General Delegation for Prison Administration, namely his transfer to a prison facility close to his family's place of residence, which would allow us to maintain contact with him and better monitor his situation.

The family of Naâma Asfari welcomes this commitment made by the General Delegation for Prison Administration and Reintegration and considers it a positive step towards addressing one of the legitimate humanitarian demands raised by their son since the beginning of his open-ended hunger strike.

At the same time, the family calls on the competent Moroccan authorities to assume their responsibilities and respond to the remaining legitimate demands of Naâma Asfari, foremost among them the implementation of the decisions and opinions issued by the relevant United Nations bodies, particularly the decisions of the UN

Committee against Torture and the opinion issued by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, in order to ensure respect for his fundamental rights, especially his right to liberty, provide justice, and repair the harm suffered.

The family also reaffirms its determination to continue its struggle and its full support for all steps that its son Naâma Asfari may decide to take in order to achieve his remaining legitimate demands, while reaffirming its commitment to his rights, dignity, and physical integrity.

The family of Naâma Asfari renews its full solidarity with all Sahrawi political prisoners held in Moroccan prisons and calls for respect for their rights and an end to all forms of restrictions and violations they are subjected to.

The family also pays tribute to the broad solidarity campaign received by Naâma Asfari from national and international human rights organisations and institutions, lawyers, parliamentarians, mayors, as well as the media attention shown by news outlets, all of whom have expressed their support for his legitimate demands and their concern regarding his health and human rights situation.

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