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**Khaled Drareni – Algeria**

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Your excellency

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I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Khaled Drareni, an independent journalist currently in pre-trial detention simply for doing his job. He was reporting on a Hirak demonstration on 27 March when he was arrested. He has been detained ever since.

Khaled just wants a fairer, better Algeria that cares for and benefits everyone. He is currently held on the sham charge of inciting an unarmed gathering and “harming the integrity of the national territory".

If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison.

Khaled should be back on the streets, reporting the news, not locked up for his principled journalism.

Please, release him without delay.

Yours sincerely