

# SABER RAGOUBI

TUNISIAN NATIONAL, aged 24

**“I was assaulted in Mornaguia prison and lost three of my front teeth; I request an investigation into the assault. I was also stripped naked to force me to shave my beard.”**

Saber Ragoubi, at his trial in December 2007

Saber Ragoubi was arrested in the town of Slimane, 60km south of Tunis, as he surrendered following confrontations between the security forces and an armed group. He was tortured while in detention at the Department of State Security of the Ministry of Interior and was charged with terrorism-related offences, together with 29 other men.

Saber Ragoubi was tried unfairly and sentenced to death in December 2007, largely on the basis of information obtained from him and other co-defendants under torture. The court repeatedly refused to order a medical examination of the detainees for evidence of torture. When their defence lawyers walked out in protest, they were assaulted by security officials in full view of the court. In February 2008, his death sentence was upheld on appeal.

## ACT NOW

Call on the Tunisian authorities to:

- Retry in proceedings that meet international fair trial standards or release Saber Ragoubi and all those who have been convicted in unfair trials.
- Ensure that the allegations that Saber Ragoubi and others in his case were tortured and otherwise ill-treated are promptly, effectively, independently and thoroughly investigated, and any perpetrators brought to justice.
- Commute the death sentence imposed on Saber Ragoubi.

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