

HOUSSINE TARKHANI

TUNISIAN NATIONAL

“I was beaten with a stick all over my body, given electric shocks and threatened with death. When I asked to read the police report, which I had been forced to sign without reading, I was subjected to further beatings.”

Houssine Tarkhani, speaking to his lawyer

Houssine Tarkhani was forcibly returned from France to Tunisia, and was detained on arrival in Tunis on 3 June 2007. He was held in incommunicado and unacknowledged detention in the Department of State Security of the Ministry of Interior.

His family were only notified of his whereabouts nine days after his arrest. He was denied access to an independent legal counsel until after his appearance before an investigating judge. Houssine Tarkhani has been charged with terrorist offences and is awaiting trial. His lawyer's request that he receive a medical examination for evidence of torture remains unanswered.

ACT NOW

Call on the Tunisian authorities to:

- Ensure that the allegations that Houssine Tarkhani was tortured and otherwise ill-treated are promptly, effectively, independently and thoroughly investigated, and any perpetrators brought to justice.
- Ensure that Houssine Tarkhani is fairly tried and that no evidence obtained as a result of torture or other ill-treatment is admitted in proceedings against him.
- Publicly condemn and take effective measures to prevent torture and other ill-treatment, incommunicado detention and enforced disappearance.

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