

# SABER RAGOUBI TUNISIA



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### WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT OF TUNISIA, ASKING HIM TO:

- Commute Saber Ragoubi's death sentence
- Ensure he is treated humanely in prison
- End his isolation and allow him to meet with his family
- Order a fair retrial for Saber Ragoubi and all the men arrested with him and disregard any evidence obtained under torture and other ill-treatment.

#### Send letters to:

President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali  
Palais Présidentiel  
Tunis, Tunisia

Fax: + 216 71 744 721 / 731 009  
Salutation: Your Excellency

### WRITE A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO SABER RAGOUBI, IN FRENCH OR ARABIC:

Je vous écris pour vous exprimer ma sympathie et pour vous donner du courage. Je pense à vous et milite pour que votre sentence soit commuée.

أكتب إليك كي أشد من أزرك وأتمنى لك الصبر  
والثبات. قلوبنا معك ولن نكف عن النضال من أجل  
تخفيف الحكم عليك.

(I write to you to express my sympathy and wish you courage. I think of you and will campaign for your sentence to be commuted.)

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Saber Ragoubi was sentenced to death in Tunisia after being convicted of national security and terrorism-related charges, which he denies. His trial was unfair and he was convicted on the basis of a “confession” he said he was forced to make under torture.

Saber Ragoubi was arrested along with 29 other men near the town of Soliman, some 40km south of Tunis, in December 2006. All 30 were charged with terrorism-related offences, including conspiracy to overthrow the government and belonging to a terrorist organization. The men denied all the charges against them, but were found guilty after an unfair trial. Saber Ragoubi is the only one sentenced to death.

Saber Ragoubi was arrested following clashes between the security forces and an armed group. He told his lawyers he was tortured in the custody of the Department of State Security of the Ministry of the Interior, in Tunis, and later in prison before his trial. At his trial, he told the judge: “I was assaulted in Mornaguia prison and lost three of my front teeth.” However, the court did not adequately investigate the allegations that he and the other men were tortured and forced to “confess”. Amnesty International believes

that Saber Ragoubi was tried unfairly. For example he was tried on the basis of information obtained from him and other co-defendants under torture.

Saber Ragoubi’s death sentence was upheld by a higher court in 2008. Tunisia has not carried out any executions since 1991, but prisoners remain on death row in dire conditions. Saber Ragoubi is held in solitary confinement. He is not permitted to receive visits from his family, nor receive correspondence.

Saber Ragoubi’s father told Amnesty International: “I am not allowed to see my son... I would like to visit him to see how he is.” He told Amnesty International that being denied any news about his son is agonizing.