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### **Morocco/Western Sahara: Amnesty International to investigate allegations of torture**

Two Amnesty International delegates will visit Morocco/Western Sahara next week to investigate allegations of torture and meet with torture victims in Rabat, Casablanca and Laayoune. The team will stay for one week during which it will be talking to families of victims, human rights activists and lawyers.

The delegates will focus on torture allegations raised by political detainees such as Islamists accused of involvement in acts of violence and people perceived to be actively in favour of independence for Western Sahara.

Amnesty International will present its findings to the United Nations Committee Against Torture, which will convene in Geneva on 12-13 November to examine Morocco's implementation of the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. An Amnesty International team visited Morocco/Western Sahara last year.

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