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Spokesperson available for interview on trial of Moroccan journalist Ali Anouzla

Ali Anouzla, a Moroccan journalist and editor, who is a well-known critic of government policies, will be brought to court today. He was arrested after an article was published on the news website he runs about a video released by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM).

On 24 September he was charged with “advocacy of acts amounting to terrorism offenses”. Amnesty International considers him a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for exercising his profession as a journalist. The organization is calling for him to be released immediately.

Amnesty International’s researcher on Morocco, Sirine Rached is in Rabat and available for interviews regarding the case.

For further information about Ali Anouzla please refer to the following documents issued by Amnesty International about his case:

Press Release: Morocco holding independent editor over coverage of al-Qa’ida video

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/morocco-holding-independent-editor-over-coverage-al-qa-ida-video-2013-09-18>

Urgent Action: Journalist charged under Anti-Terrorism Law- Ali Anouzla
<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/MDE29/013/2013/en/be40d1c7-12a5-4111-a409-5386789a79db/mde290132013en.html>

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