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Journalist Khaled Drareni shares a common dream of freedom and equality with many Algerians. When people took to the streets in February 2019 to demand these principles, Khaled joined in.



He made sure the world knew what was happening inside Algeria. Through his journalism, he made a point of covering the Hirak protest movement, which embraces freedom and respect for rights and liberties. Like many young Algerians, Khaled sees the Hirak movement as a chance to build a fairer, better Algeria.

When the Hirak movement first emerged, Khaled was one of the first independent journalists to cover the weekly protests and made sure to document police violence when it occurred. This placed him at odds with the authorities who targeted him, detaining him many times.

On 27 March 2020, Khaled was arrested while covering a demonstration. He was charged with inciting an unarmed gathering – despite the fact that he was simply doing his job as a journalist. He has been sentenced to prison.

“Why should anyone refrain from telling the truth?” Khaled has often told his friend, Nabila. Why indeed. Khaled is a journalist determined to keep reporting on the realities the country is facing. Let’s make sure he can.

**Tell Algeria to free Khaled now.**

## WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT OF ALGERIA

Tell him to free Khaled immediately and unconditionally, and drop all charges against him.

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