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**Ihsane El Kadi**

Dear President Tebboune,

I am writing about the case of *Ihsane El Kadi*, who was arrested on 24 December 2022 and has been arbitrarily detained ever since. The 65-year-old prominent journalist, well-known for his independent and critical publications, is the founding director of the media group *Interface* *Médias*, which was arbitrarily dissolved in June 2024.

The journalist has been handed a combined prison sentence of more than seven years: In 2022 he was first sentenced to six months in prison for "publishing false information", and then in 2023 to five years in prison, including two years suspended, for "receiving funds for political propaganda" and "harming the national security of the state". The latter sentence was later extended to seven years in prison (including two suspended).

I respectfully ask you to pardon *Ihsane El Kadi*, as he has already unjustly spent more than 600 days behind bars. I also urge you to ensure that authorities stop targeting journalists and peaceful activists, and that all those arbitrarily detained are released.

Yours sincerely,