MOROCCO AND WESTERN SAHARA: FEMINIST AND LGBTI RIGHTS ACTIVIST IMPRISONED FOR PEACEFUL EXPRESSION (UA 103.25)

Moroccan feminist and LGBTI rights defender, **Ibtissame ("Betty") Lachgar**, is serving a 30-month prison sentence for posting on social media a photograph of herself wearing a T-shirt bearing the slogan "Allah is lesbian." On September 3, 2025, she was found guilty under Article 267-5 of the Moroccan Penal Code, which criminalizes "intentional insult to Islam or sacred symbols" via publications, including online. She was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment and a fine of 50,000 dirhams (approximately 5500 USD).

Call on the Moroccan Head of Government to release Ibtissame Lachgar and quash her sentence and conviction

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