

Minister of Justice

Lotfi Boudjema

Ministère de la Justice

8, Place Bir Hakem, El Biar 16003 Alger

Your Excellency,

I am writing to urge the immediate and unconditional release of poet **Mohamed Tadjadit**, who has been arbitrarily detained since January 2025. On April 30, 2026, he faced trial alongside 12 other activists, including whistleblower Mohamed Benhlime. They face charges such as “conspiring to incite citizens against state authority,” which carries the death penalty. These charges stem solely from peaceful activism and social media posts regarding Algeria’s political situation.

Furthermore, the Algiers Court of Appeals recently upheld a three-year sentence against Tadjadit for “glorifying terrorism” and “offending public bodies” — convictions based entirely on his poetry and the peaceful exercise of free expression.

I call on you to quash these convictions, drop all charges against Tadjadit and his co-defendants, and ensure their release. Please end the criminalization of peaceful dissent in Algeria and uphold the country's international human rights obligations.

Yours sincerely,

Send a copy of your letter to:

c/o Ambassador Sabri Boukadoum

Algerian Embassy in the United States

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Washington DC 20008