

CHAD

TADJADINE MAHAMAT BABOURI (MAHADINE)

Tortured for criticising the government



Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri, better known as Mahadine, was arrested on 30 September 2016 after posting videos on Facebook criticising the government's alleged mismanagement of public funds and expressing concern about the country's economic crisis.

On 10 October, he was charged with undermining 'the constitutional order, territorial integrity and national security and intelligence with an insurrectional movement'. In detention, he was beaten and electrocuted, periodically refused food and water, and repeatedly denied access to his lawyers and family.

As a result, Mahadine's health sharply deteriorated. In March, following recommendations from two different doctors, his lawyers requested his immediate transfer to the capital, N'Djamena, for medical care. The next month one of the lawyers met the justice minister, who ordered Mahadine's transfer to Am Sinene prison in N'Djamena. But he still has not been transferred.

'I do not regret the position taken, even if I have to die for it. If I am freed, I will continue this fight.'

Mahadine

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SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Collectif des Associations et Mouvements Jeunes du Tchad (CAMOJET)

National Headquarters

Boulevard des SAO

Quartier Moursal

N'Djamena, Republic of Chad

- » **Language:** English, Arabic or French
- » **Suggested message:** Cher Mahadine, J'admire le courage dont tu as fait preuve en osant t'exprimer ouvertement. Critiquer le gouvernement n'est pas un crime. Tu n'es pas seul dans ce combat. Nous sommes à tes côtés et espérons que tu sois libéré rapidement. Solidairement. (Dear Mahadine, I admire the courage you had to speak up. It is not a crime to criticise the government. You are not alone in this fight. We stand with you and hope you will be released soon. In solidarity.)

CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **No**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **No**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge President Idriss Deby Itno to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri.

- » **Write to:**
President Idriss Deby Itno
P.O. Box 74
N'Djamena, Republic of Chad
- » **Salutation:** Your Excellency
- » **In your letter:** Urge the president to immediately and unconditionally release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri. Pending this, call for him to be transferred to Am Sinene prison, for an end to the torture and ill-treatment, and for him to be given access to his family, lawyers, and adequate medical care. Also call for an independent investigation into the torture allegations, and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

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