

MOROCCO / WESTERN SAHARA | NASSER ZEFZAFI



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Locked up for 20 years for demanding change

Nasser Zefzafi was living peacefully with his family in Rif, a region long marginalised by the Moroccan government, when peaceful protests broke out in his home town in 2016. They were sparked by the death of a fishmonger, who was crushed by a rubbish truck as he tried to recover fish confiscated by the authorities. Millions marched peacefully to express their sadness and frustration and demand change. The Hirak El-Rif movement was born and Nasser, a firm believer in justice and equality, became a prominent figure in it.

The security forces subsequently arrested hundreds of protesters. In May 2017, Nasser was arrested for interrupting a sermon at a mosque and accusing the imam of acting as a mouthpiece for the authorities. After being tortured and ill-treated in police custody, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison in June 2018.

He was held in solitary confinement until 31 August 2018. Prison conditions have badly affected his health: he suffers from nerve pain and respiratory and eyesight problems, but the authorities have denied him the necessary medical care.

Send a message of support and solidarity

Nasser Zefzafi
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Rabat 10080
Morocco

Language Arabic, French, Amazigh or English

Suggested message I act with you in hope for your freedom

Can I

Send a religious card or message? Yes

Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? Yes

Include my name and address? Yes

Send an appeal letter

Urge the government to release Nasser Zefzafi immediately and unconditionally and quash his conviction.

Write to Aziz Akhannouch
Head of Moroccan Government
Palais Royal – Touarga
Rabat 10070
Morocco
Fax: +212 537771010

Salutation Your Excellency
In your letter ask him to release Nasser Zefzafi immediately and unconditionally and quash his conviction.

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'The beautiful thing about this popular movement is that it created hope among young people... this movement is different from previous ones... people demand hospitals, universities, infrastructure and other fair and legitimate matters.'

Nasser Zefzafi

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