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**KHALED DRARENI, ALGERIA**

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Khaled Drareni is a journalist who shares a common dream of freedom and equality with many Algerians. When people took to the streets in February 2019 to demand these principles, Khaled joined in.



He made sure the world knew what was happening inside Algeria. Through his journalism, he made a point of covering protests by Hirak, a movement that embraces freedom, respect for rights and an end to corruption. Like many young Algerians, Khaled sees a chance to build a fairer, better Algeria through Hirak.

When Hirak first emerged, Khaled was one of the first independent journalists to cover the weekly protests and document police violence when it occurred. This placed him at odds with the authorities who targeted him, detaining him many times.

On March 27th 2020, Khaled was arrested while covering a demonstration. He was charged with inciting an unarmed gathering – even though he was simply doing his job as a journalist. He was sentenced in August to two years in prison

“Why should anyone refrain from telling the truth?” Khaled often declared to his friends. Why indeed! Khaled is determined to keep reporting on the realities the country is facing. Let’s make sure he can.

**Tell Algeria to free Khaled now.**

## WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT OF ALGERIA

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## ENCOURAGE KHALED TO KEEP REPORTING THE TRUTH

Post a photo of yourself with the message #FreeKhaledDrareni on social media. Remember to tag @khaleddrareni on Twitter and @Khaled.Drareni on Instagram.

Or mail him encouragement at:

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