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Your Excellency,

Khaled Drareni is an independent journalist who wrote many articles about the Hirak movement. This movement has created hope for positive change in Algeria. Khaled Drareni played a critical role in analyzing, documenting, and livestreaming weekly mass protests on his widely followed social media. He also documented excessive police violence that was used to control the protesters.

Khaled Drareni was arrested on the 27th March and has been locked up ever since. On 15th September he was sentenced, on appeal, to two years in prison for "incitement to unarmed gathering" and "harming the integrity of national territory". His arrest and imprisonment signal an escalation in the crackdown on freedoms in Algeria and are a major blow to Algerians' hopes for reform.

Please release Khaled Drareni immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely

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