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Your Excellency,

I write to you to urge you to ensure that all charges against peaceful renowned activist Mohamed Tadjadit, known as the “poet of the Hirak”, are dropped and that he is released immediately.

Police arrested Mohamed Tadjadit on 16 January 2025 and held him in custody for three days without visits from his family or a lawyer. On 20 January, the Rouiba Court in Algiers sentenced to five years in prison and a fine. Authorities tried Mohamed Tadjadit in expedited proceedings without sufficient time to prepare his legal defense, thus undermining his right to a fair trial.

Since 2019, the Algerian authorities have detained and prosecuted Mohamed Tadjadit in at least six separate cases, all related to his peaceful activism and expression of dissenting views.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

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