



Interpellation of the Prime Minister of Senegal, Mr Ousmane Sonko, regarding the abductions of activists, journalists, and political leaders in Guinea !

Senegalese civil society organisations have made a solemn appeal to the Senegalese people and the authorities of the Republic of Senegal, particularly to Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko, to mobilise against enforced disappearances and the brutal repression exercised by the transitional authorities of Guinea against civil society activists.

Since 9 July 2024, Oumar Sylla, alias "Foniké Mengué", National Coordinator of the National Front for the Defence of the Constitution (FNDC), and Mamadou Billo Bah, Head of Branches and Mobilisation for the FNDC, have been abducted by elements of the Special Forces Group and the National Gendarmerie Intervention Group, on the direct orders of the transitional president, Mamadi Doumbouya. They have now been missing for almost a year, without any judicial proceedings, while participating in a citizens' campaign denouncing media censorship and the high cost of living in Guinea.

Their abductions are part of a broader wave of repression targeting dissenting voices in Guinea. Other citizens, including Sadou Nimaga, former Secretary-General of the Ministry of Mines and Geology; Habib Marouane Camara, investigative journalist and administrator of the website lerevelateur224.com; and Ousmane Gnelloye Diallo, a political activist, have also been victims of enforced disappearances orchestrated by the Guinean authorities.

Currently, in Guinea, criticising the excesses of the transition is to offend its leader. Aliou Bah, President of the Liberal Democratic Movement (MoDeL), has suffered the consequences. He was sentenced on appeal to two years in

prison for “offence and defamation” against the transitional president, Mamadi Doumbouya.

The case of Habib Marouane Camara is particularly alarming: he was violently abducted on Tuesday, 3 December 2024, by plainclothes gendarmes near the home of businessman Kerfalla Person Camara in Lambanyi (Conakry). He was forcibly removed from his vehicle after the agents broke his windscreen. His abduction has raised deep concern among his family, colleagues, and human rights organisations. These illegal and recurrent acts reflect an extremely worrying authoritarian drift in Guinea, where the rule of law, fundamental freedoms, and human rights are systematically trampled by the military regime in power.

In light of this concerning situation, ahead of his 48-hour friendship and working visit to the Republic of Guinea, we plead with the Senegalese Prime Minister, Mr Ousmane Sonko, to use his voice, his pan-African legitimacy, and the immense hope he embodies for African youth, to demand from Colonel Mamadi Doumbouya the immediate and unconditional release of all political and opinion detainees.

We also call upon the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Union Commission on Human Rights and Peoples, as well as the entire international community. These bodies must act firmly to demand answers from the Guinean authorities and ensure the protection of the fundamental rights of all Guinean citizens.

As a West African nation committed to peace and justice, Senegal shares the responsibility of not turning a blind eye to human rights violations in the region. Solidarity among the peoples of West Africa requires us to act courageously to defend those who are persecuted for their ideas, civic engagement, and their struggle for democracy.

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