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For International Children's Day, SOS Disappeared called for a gathering on 1 June 2015

at 10 am at Place du 1^{er} Mai in Algiers

This Monday 1 June at 10 am, families of the missing will gather at the Place du 1^{er} May for International Children's Day.

In Algeria, more than a hundred teenagers disappeared in the prime of their lives after having been arrested by agents of the State in the 1990s.

The disappearances of these young teenagers whose dreams and projects have been broken by the crimes of these agents of the State have left behind unhealable wounds for their families.

The mothers who have experienced having their source of love and happiness violently snatched away from them have been fighting relentlessly to track down their children.

Aside from the right to Truth and Justice consecrated by international law, SOS Disappeared reminds us that Algeria ratified the International Convention on the Rights of the Child (CIDE) on 16 April 1996.

By ratifying this Convention, Algeria recognises that all children have an inherent right to life (art. 6). The Convention obligates the States Parties to ensure that children are not separated from their parents against their will and to inform the latter if they are to be separated as a result of measures taken by the State, such as detention, imprisonment, exile, expulsion or death (art. 4).

Yet, the rights of these missing children have been systematically disregarded and violated by both the agents of the State and the State, which refuses to conduct any effective investigations into their fate.

On this symbolic date, the families demand that all light be shed on the fate of all of the missing and that the State finally recognises its responsibility.

For this reason, SOS Disappeared calls on a gathering for Monday 1 June at 10 am at the Place du 1^{er} May.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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