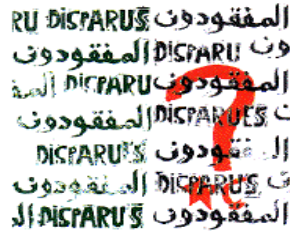


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Press release

For International Women's Day,

SOS Disappeared and the Collective of Families of the Disappeared in Algeria called for a gathering on:

8 March 2015 at 11 am at Place du 1er Mai in Algiers

SOS Disappeared and Collective of Families of the Disappeared in Algeria (CFDA) used International Women's Day to remind Algerian citizens that mothers, wives, sisters and daughters have been actively protesting for many years and have daily battles in uncovering the fate of their missing loved one(s).

This horrible practice of enforced disappearance has led to terrible psychological and economical consequences for families of the missing. As a result, women whose husband, brother or son have fallen victim to enforced disappearance now find themselves in a very vulnerable position. From one day to the next, they are forced to assume the role of head of the family, alone. Their daily lives are filled with anxiety and intolerable waiting for the reappearance of their loved ones. Not only are they suffering the pain of loss, but they are unable to grieve due to the material and emotional disarray, as well as the questions on social and legal status, and inheritance and parental authority.

These mothers, wives and daughters, like many women across the world, fight every day, every hour, every minute to have their cause heard, for justice to be done and for a different society, one with no injustice or impunity, to materialise.

Faced with this situation, CFDA and SOS Disappeared unite to urgently request the Algerian government to put an end to impunity, to shed light on each victim of enforced disappearance and to condemn this practice.

We therefore call on all members of the Algerian civil society to join us in supporting all these women by gathering this Sunday 8 March 2015 at 11 am at the Place du 1er Mai in Algiers.

Algiers, 7 March 2015

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