

## Press release

For Mother's Day, SOS Disappeared attempted to host a gathering for families of the missing in front of the National People's Assembly's (APN) head office.

Surprised by the strong police presence, the families of the missing, barely arrived, were prevented from leaving the planned location due to all the violence, and were pushed towards the fishing ground, whilst others were being boarded into police vans in an undignified way. Among those arrested were very elderly men, two young female interns of the Collective of Families of the Disappeared in Algeria as well as one of the association's lawyers, Koceila Zerguine.

The families of the missing, joined by the families of those missing at sea, were hoping to assemble peacefully in front of the Assembly's head office to question members on the fate of their missing loved one(s), but the authorities seem to have decided to turn their backs on all of the victims.

The families of the missing reaffirm their request to the Assembly members to make the issue of the missing a central issue at the heart of the National People's Assembly (APN) so as to finally have Truth and Justice.

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