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Your Excellency,

I write to you to urge you to ensure that all charges against peaceful activist and renowned poet Mohamed Tadjadit, known as the “poet of the Hirak”, are dropped and that he is released immediately. His conviction and five-year prison sentence are based on his recent social media publications expressing dissatisfaction with the political and economic situation in Algeria.

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 him to five years in prison and a fine. Authorities tried him 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 him in at least six separate cases, all related to his peaceful activism and expression of dissenting views.

I call on you to release Mohamed Tadjadit immediately and unconditionally as he is detained solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours faithfully,