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Sayeli Sidi Abdala El Meki, Saharan human rights activist

We have been informed of the arbitrary detention, without trial, of the Saharan human rights activist Sayeli Sidi Abdala El Meki. A teacher and former deportee, he was arrested on the night of 26 November 2005 by the Moroccan police and subjected to hours of interrogation and torture at the judicial police station in El Aaiun. On 28 November he was transferred to the Central Commissariat and later to the Black Prison in El Aaiun, where he remains held, still without trial.

A human rights activist and member of the Saharan section (dissolved by the Moroccan authorities) of the Forum for Truth and Justice, Sayeli Sidi Abdala El Meki had been deported to Benguerir (Morocco) in autumn 2003.

Is the Council aware of these facts? Does it intend to raise the issue in the framework of bilateral relations with Morocco?

Answer:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2006-1040&language=EN>