

### STATEMENT NO. 03

#### On the Arbitrary Detention of Trade Unionist Ali Mammeri

The Trade Union of Productive Forces strongly condemns the arrest of Ali Maamri, President of the National Trade Union of Culture Civil Servants (SNFC), and his placement in pre-trial detention on the basis of serious criminal charges under Article 87 bis of the Penal Code. He has been transferred to Oum El Bouaghi prison in a disturbing psychological state, the victim of an unjust persecution. This arbitrary arrest is part of a broader strategy aimed at silencing independent trade union voices.

We denounce the repeated misuse of Article 87 bis, which has become a tool of repression against trade unionists. The Committee on Freedom of Association has explicitly stated in its latest recommendations to the Algerian government that this article must not be applied to legitimate trade union activities<sup>1</sup>. Nevertheless, Algerian authorities continue to ignore these directives, obstructing the free and independent exercise of trade union rights.

From the very first day of Ali Maamri's arrest, we called for urgent intervention from the Director-General of the International Labour Office. To date, no response has been received. We warn of the increasing severity of this case, as unfounded terrorism charges continue to be fabricated against peaceful trade unionists, in blatant violation of fundamental rights and international commitments.

In light of this unacceptable situation, we call on all human rights organizations and trade union federations worldwide to publicly express their solidarity and take concrete action to bring Ali Maamri's case before UN special rapporteurs and the International Labour Office. It is imperative to exert all necessary pressure to put an end to these serious violations targeting independent trade unionists in Algeria.

**The repression of trade union movements under the pretext of countering terrorism represents a deeply alarming authoritarian drift. We refuse to remain silent in the face of these attacks on the fundamental rights of workers and trade unionists.**

The Executive Committee  
Trade Union Confederation of Productive Forces



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<sup>1</sup> See the report of the Committee on Freedom of Association, Case 3434 Algeria:

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