

The fight for self-determination in Western Sahara

For 30 years the people of Western Sahara, in northwest Africa have been striving for self-determination. Led by the Polisario Front the Saharawis have waged a struggle against the Moroccan regime, which invaded their country after they had won independence from Spain, the former colonial power.

Morocco has continued to block the decolonisation process, obstructing the UN-sponsored agreement to hold a referendum on self-determination. In the occupied territories of Western Sahara violent repression of the struggle by Moroccan authorities continues.

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Malainin Lakhal

Secretary General of the Union of Saharawi Journalists and Writers.

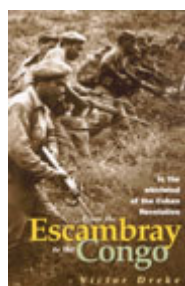
In 1999 following a crackdown by the Moroccan occupying forces on a peaceful sit-in by Saharawis, Lakhal escaped through the minefields and the military wall, which divides Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara from the territory held by the national independence movement, the Polisario Front.

Since August 2000 he has been living in the Saharawi refugee camps near Tindouf in Algeria, working as a teacher and journalist.

Lakhal is being hosted in Australia by the Australia Western Sahara Association



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