



FACT SHEET – ALI SALEM TAMEK

- 1 Age: 36 years old, born in ÀSSA (south Morocco)
- 2 Marital status: married and has a daughter named “ATHAWRA” (revolution). His wife resides as a political refugee in Spain since 2004, after she was gang-raped by Moroccan secret services DST in 2003. Her testimony was published in the Spanish newspaper “El Mundo” in an article from the Moroccan journalist “Ali Lemrabet” on 27/06/2005.
- 1 Vice President of CODESA, the collective of Saharawi human rights defenders in Western Sahara
- 2 President of the Preparatory Committee for the CODESA Founding Congress which was prohibited by Moroccan authorities
- 3 Member of the Moroccan Association for Human Rights, branch ASSA
- 4 Member of Amnesty International, branch Morocco.
- 5 Former leader of the largest central trade union in Morocco, "Democratic Confederation of Labourers", member of their administrative committee and president of their local union in ASSA, south Morocco.
- 6 Former leader of the Moroccan human rights organization for victims of political repression “Moroccan Forum for Truth and Equity” and member of its national council and its El Aaiún branch office which was forbidden by judicial

decision in 2003.

- 7 Registered with the international organisation Frontline for the protection of human rights defenders since 2005.
- 8 Former President of the National Committee of Unemployed Postgraduates in Morocco, branch ASSA and former member of its national council.
- 9 Received awards for his human rights activism in countries such as Spain, Italy, Algeria ...
- 10 Arrested five consecutive times because of his views and his political, syndicate and human rights activities. Has spent varying periods in Moroccan prisons (from 1993 to 1994, from 1996 to 1997, from 1998 to 2002, from 2003 to 2004, from 2005 to 2006)
- 11 Prevented from entering the occupied territories of Western Sahara on 01 July 2006.
- 12 The Moroccan authorities prevented the registration of his daughter's name "ATHAWRA" (meaning "revolution") when she born on 30/09/2000. She resides with her mother as a political refugee in Spain.
- 13 Denied the right to education, prevented from registering in Moroccan universities in Mohamadia and Agadir. He's currently enrolled as a student in the private Higher Institute of Journalism and Media in Casablanca.
- 14 Was spokesperson and negotiator on behalf of Sahrawi human rights defenders and the political prisoners in Moroccan prisons, who were arrested during the peaceful INTIFADA in Western Sahara on 21 may 2005. This group of Saharawi political prisoners is known as the "group of 37".
- 15 He participated in many activities in the field of human rights and attended meetings, conferences and seminars in the following countries: Spain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Netherlands, Italy, United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, South Africa, United States of America, and recently Algeria on the occasion of the second edition of the African cultural event.
- 16 The Moroccan authorities have judicially decided to put him in the psychiatric hospital in Inzegane-Agadir, Morocco on 01 august 2005 for allegedly being mentally ill.
- 17 Injected in prison with unknown fluids which have affected his health from 2003 till now.
- 18 Was on hunger strike 22 times in Moroccan prisons, his longest hunger strike lasted 52 days.
- 19 Suffering from many chronic diseases due to the conditions of detention and hunger strikes. He suffers from acute asthma, rheumatism, allergies,

stomach, haemorrhoids and skin diseases.

- 20 Constant pressure is being exerted on his family members in order to push them to repudiate him in the Moroccan media, as e.g. happened in 2005 when relatives were forced to sign a document renouncing him.
- 21 Currently the coordinator of the international campaign to save the life of "Mohammad Lhafed laaza" led by the CODESA.