

9th July 2010

H.E. Mohammed Abdelaziz
President SADR
Secretary General Polisario Front

Excellency,

Re: The passing of H.E. Mr. Mahfoud Ali Beiba-President of the Saharawi Parliament

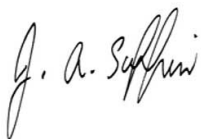
We write to express our sadness upon hearing of the passing last week of your colleague the late Mr. Mahfoud Ali Beiba, and to convey to you our condolences. We further ask that you convey our condolence and sympathy message to Mr. Mahfoud Ali Beiba's family, friends and colleagues.

We also wish to pay respects and acknowledge the work of Mr. Mahfoud Ali Beiba, as a founder of the Polisario Front, his efforts in the long drawn out United Nations led peace talks with the Kingdom of Morocco and his work in both establishing the Saharawi Parliament and building it as a force for democratic governance. This is challenging enough in ordinary times, but in the situation of your people, who are occupied and exiled, it is even a more remarkable commitment.

It has been too many years since I visited Tindouf and met with you, whereby you were a most gracious host, and I want you to know that I and a number of my colleagues here in the Australian Parliament support your efforts for the self-determination of your people. To that end we work closely with your very active and effective representative to our region Mr. Kamal Fadel.

Be assured Excellency of our support.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. A. Saffin'.

Janelle Saffin MP
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