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**LOCKED UP FOR 20 YEARS
FOR DEMANDING CHANGE**

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Nasser Zefzafi (he/him) was living a peaceful life with his family in the Rif region of northern Morocco, an area struggling with poor healthcare, education and employment opportunities. Its population has been marginalized by successive governments in Morocco.

Triggered by the death of a fishmonger who was crushed by a rubbish truck as he tried to recover fish confiscated by the authorities, in October 2016 peaceful protests began in Nasser's town. Millions of people marched peacefully to express their sadness and frustration. They had had enough. They were demanding change. The Hirak El-Rif movement was born, and Nasser, a firm believer in justice and equality, became a prominent figure in the movement.

In the months that followed, Moroccan security forces arrested hundreds of protesters. On 29 May 2017, Nasser was arrested for interrupting a sermon at a mosque and accusing the Imam (Islamic prayer leader) of acting as a

mouthpiece for the authorities. Whilst in custody, police officers subjected Nasser to torture and other ill-treatment. On 27 June 2018, Nasser was sentenced to 20 years in prison, just for speaking out. He has been detained in prolonged solitary confinement since his arrest.

Forced to live in terrible conditions in prison, Nasser's health has deteriorated significantly. He's suffering from health conditions including respiratory and eyesight problems and nerve pain. The prison authorities have denied him the medical care he needs.

Tell the Moroccan authorities to free Nasser today



ACT NOW

Tell the Moroccan authorities to release Nasser Zefzafi immediately and unconditionally and quash his conviction.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails, or write a letter with the salutation "Your Excellency,".

SHOW NASSER YOU'RE WITH HIM

Print off the solidarity letter template and send him your messages of friendship and hope to help lift his spirits in prison.

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
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Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2023.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2023 and make sure that Nasser gets your solidarity messages.