

# URGENT ACTION

## SAHRAWI DETAINEES END HUNGER STRIKE

**The Sahrawi detainees have ended their hunger strike, after the authorities pledged to improve their prison conditions.**

Six of the men, **Mohamed Baber, Abdelmoutaleb Sarir, Mahmoud El Haissan, Aaliayne El Moussaoui, Abdelkrim Bouchalga** and **Abdelfattah Dallal**, ended their hunger on 22 September 2014, after the Laayoune Local Prison authorities pledged to improve their detention conditions. This came after relatives of the detainees lodged a series of complaints about torture and other ill-treatment, including beatings, on 19 and 22 September. The authorities are not known to have ordered any medical examination or investigation.

The seventh man, **Abdessalam Loumadi**, was transferred to Ait Melloul Local Prison on 20 September, over 600km away from his family, who live in Laayoune. He ended his hunger strike on 25 September, after the prison administration pledged to submit a request to transfer him to a prison closer to home.

The director of Laayoune Local Prison filed a complaint against the seven detainees, alleging that they assaulted prison guards; claims which they reject.

Conditions in the cell where the men were held before they ended their hunger strike were very poor: part of the ceiling had collapsed. The prison authorities said they would move the men to a larger cell, allow visits by people other than immediate family, let the men study and provide access to medical care.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**

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