



## **Algeria - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on 30 July 2010**

### **Information on corruption in Algeria**

A report by the *UN Economic and Social and Cultural Rights* notes:

“The Committee notes with concern that corruption remains widespread, despite recent efforts to curb the phenomenon, including the passing of Act No. 06-01 establishing a national anti-corruption programme” (UN Economic and Social and Cultural Rights (7 June 2010) *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant : concluding observations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights : Algeria*)

A May 2010 *Freedom House* report states;

“High levels of corruption still plague Algeria’s business and public sectors. Customs police face particular scrutiny, both in the press and by government monitors; by the end of May 2009, 202 customs officers had been arrested on bribery charges. Algeria was ranked 111 out of 180 countries surveyed in Transparency International’s 2009 Corruption Perceptions Index.” (Freedom House (3 May 2010) *Freedom in the World: Algeria*)

A March 2010 report from *Reporters Without Borders* states;

“It has also reported cases of alleged corruption in which government officials are implicated. Its reports have been picked up by the Algerian media, to the government’s evident annoyance.” (Reporters Without Borders (19 March 2010) *Does blocking of independent radio station’s website herald start of Internet censorship by Algeria*)

A March 2010 *Amnesty International* report notes;

“Impunity for human rights violations is taking place in the context of the general public’s increased disillusionment with the political system and state institutions’ ability to address the population’s socio-economic grievances such as unemployment, housing shortages, low wages, corruption and other problems” (Amnesty International (30 March 2009) *A Legacy of Impunity: A Threat to Algeria’s Future*)

A *UNDP –POGAR* report notes;

“Algeria scored 2.8 on Transparency International’s Corruption Perception Index 2009. The scale runs from 0 (high corruption) to 10 (no corruption). It is ranking in the 111th position among 180; the same as Egypt and Djibouti, ahead of Syria but behind Morocco. Algeria had scored 3.2 in 2008 and was in 92nd place, ahead of Lebanon but behind Morocco, among 180 countries.

In 2007 Algeria scored 3.0 and was in 99th place, tied with Lebanon and ahead of Egypt as well as Mauritania, among 180 countries. In 2006 Algeria scored 3.1 and was in 84th place, tied with Mauritania, among 163 countries.” (UNDP – POGAR (2010) *Anti-Corruption: Algeria*)

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