



July 26, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

Re: Urgent Request for International Protection from Genocide of the Kabyle People

Once again, Kabylia is engulfed in flames. For the second time in less than two years, the Algerian military and its colonial regime are orchestrating synchronized fires using widescale means to exterminate the Kabyle people who are asserting their right to self-determination. Thousands of acres of forest are being incinerated right now as a result of deliberately set fires, resulting in 34 deaths so far according to reports, loss of people's livelihoods, and serious ecological damage.

While Kabylia is barely recovered from similar fires in 2021, Algeria refuses any international assistance to extinguish them. Instead, the regime is making a pretense of mobilizing relief efforts to give the impression of taking action, but that subterfuge is only to buy time and allow the fires to claim more Kabyle civilian victims and cause more devastation to Kabylia.

The Kabyle people once again are being subjected to the terror of the Algerian government. However, these more than 100 raging fires are not only affecting Kabylia and the Kabyle people, but they are also seriously impacting Europe's present climate conditions.

I have sent a similar letter to the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres seeking UN protection for the Kabyle people from Algeria's attempt once again at genocide.

Given the urgency, on behalf of the Kabyle people, I implore you as President of the United States of America to take immediate action:

1. Intervene and send a message to Algeria using all diplomatic tools available that the US is not standing idly by;
2. Take action to extinguish the fires;
3. Support the request of the Kabyle people for international protection by the United Nations Security Council; and
4. Meet with a Kabyle delegation to hear our concerns and address the Algerian government's repeated violations of international law.

With the greatest respect for democracy and the rule of law,
I am sincerely yours,

Ferhat MEHENNI
President of the Movement for the Self-Determination of Kabylia

Signed at Paris, July 26, 2023

*This material is distributed by Elisabeth R. Myers on behalf of
The Movement for Self-Determination of Kabylia.
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