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**APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

Following the large mobilization of the Justice sector's civil servants during the unlimited general strike-- followed by 95% of workers nationwide-- the Government, instead of opening dialog, decided to repress the peaceful protest movement, and specifically targeted women as they account for the majority of workers in the Justice sector.

In its attempt to undermine these women's mobilization, the authorities launched an outright campaign carried out by the security forces against women trade unionists who were protesting peacefully. Thus, during the April 24th national gathering, an army of raging police officers attacked, abused and wounded more than 150 women in an unprecedented show of violence against women. The police fiercely attacked and wounded the female trade unionists who had come in large numbers to protest peacefully. One hundred and fifty of them were arrested and taken for questioning to police stations in the capital. In Oran, Belbah Nadjat suffered a miscarriage on the location of the protests following her questioning by the Oran prosecutor. Lahouel Naima and Abderrahmane Naima were beaten as they exited the Courthouse and Kara Nadjiba suffered injuries including a fractured leg, requiring 21 days of disability leave. Tabrinat Houria, who was shoved by the prosecutor as he attempted to push her out of the Courthouse had a serious fall, lost consciousness and had to be transported to the Ain Defla hospital for intensive care. Yahni Khadidja, yet another victim, had to be delivered early by C-section after being physically abused, threatened, mistreated and transferred by Chleff Prosecutor.

Administrative repression against union movements has become a major concern since April 18th, when women unionists were arbitrarily transferred, suspended, dismissed and subjected to unjustified withdrawal of wages.

From a judicial perspective, arrests, questioning and convictions have become common.

In order to denounce this extremely grave situation as well as the serious infringements of the freedom of association, federal members of the Justice sector started an unlimited hunger strike on May 6, 2012. They are courageously and selflessly entering their 21st day of hunger strike amid complete silence, indifference and disdain by the authorities.

While proclaiming their supposed reforms, the authorities strongly clamp down on all legal or peaceful initiatives and only heed the voices of those who pay allegiance to them.

Encouraged by the silence of the international community and lending little value to domestic reactions, the authorities have multiplied their violations of legal texts, of which Articles 56 and 57 of the Algerian Constitution, laws 91/11 and 91/14 as well as Conventions 87 and 13, which are ratified by Algeria.

Today, at this very moment you hear these painful accounts and allegations, six women, of whom three are mothers to young children, are faced with a slow death and the silence of the authorities after more than 20 days of hunger strike.

These women have reached a stage of severe physical deterioration and can hardly speak. Their blood pressure is 7 / 4, their blood sugar between 30 and 50, and they are suffering generalized muscular pain because they are no longer mobile.

The authorities remain completely indifferent to the health condition of these strikers, published daily through independent press releases.

These courageous women are using the ultimate means of action available to them by going on a hunger strike so as to make their voices heard, as well as those of all working women who must contend with authoritarian, anti-democratic systems and to denounce the ongoing violation of core national and international laws.

As the Secretary-General of SNAPAP, member of the National bureau of the Women's Committee and representative of the group in support of the hunger strikers, I appeal to all organizations, all Women's Committees, and all women activist to take tangible action in solidarity with the hunger strikers.

**Secretary-General**  
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