

**APPEAL TO REVOLUTIONARY PARTIES AND ARAB PROGRESSIVE FORCES
FOR THE WEEK OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS, 15-22 OCTOBER 2016
DEMAND FREEDOM FOR OUR COMRADE GEORGES ABDALLAH**

The parties of the Arab left who belong to the camps of resistance and struggle and who view themselves as revolutionary and progressive must examine their conscience in the month of October, as they will have to present before the world what action they will take for our comrade Georges Abdallah: that is, to say what they plan to do concretely to express solidarity with our comrade, in action and in the streets.

In this context, one question deserves an urgent answer today: how should we deal with the policy of the French state, which continues to unjustly imprison our comrade Georges Abdallah for over 32 years? Certainly Georges Abdallah - like his comrade Ahmad Sa'adat - never complains. However, these attitudes and revolutionary morale should not induce us not to advocate for them and to ignore these two great leaders. To do so is a crime against our comrades, and it is a thousand times better to admit our inability to act for them (by our open criticism) than to continue to live in illusion or to pretend.

Comrades, are there higher priorities than genuine struggle for revolutionary political prisoners, headed by our comrade Georges Abdallah? In our view, no; that is why we urge active participation in the international week of action from 15-22 October 2016 to demand the release of our comrade Georges Abdallah. Participate through actions in front of and inside the embassies and consulates of the French state, wherever possible; join in the united march to the Lannemezan prison on 22 October; take action by organizing popular demonstrations in Palestine, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere in the world, to make 2016 the year of the release of Georges Abdallah.

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