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Algeria spares no efforts to drag Morocco into a war despite Rabat's restraint against Algiers' repeated provocative moves.

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Rabat - MINURSO members are in the buffer zone in Western Sahara to investigate the alleged killing of two Algerian truck drivers and their guide.

The MINURSO officials are set to prepare and file a report to the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, on the case.

FAR-Maroc Forum, a Facebook page specialized in Morocco's military affairs, shared photos of MINURSO members at the site of the incident.

"This event confirms that the incident location is within the buffer zones, which are areas where any movement is prohibited by international law."

The forum added that Algeria is "sacrificing" its citizens to support the Polisario Front, in order to push the international community to "open a new discussion about the Sahara conflict."

The source quoted by the forum added that Algeria's goal is to mire Morocco in controversy in the search for a statement, condemning Morocco and its sovereign practices in its territory.

The forum said that in October, Algeria used the same method, bringing international journalists and leaving them alone in minefields to internationalize the Sahara conflict.

The Algerian regime and media are now again launching a hostile campaign against Morocco, sharing misinformation about alleged Moroccan military involvement in the killing of Algerian truckers with drone strikes.

Moroccan sources have denied the alleged attack, emphasizing that Morocco will not be dragged into an open conflict with Algeria.

AFP quoted a high-ranking source from the Royal Armed Forces (FAR) who emphasized that the Algerian drivers died after "two Algerian trucks crossed a mined field" in the region carrying supplies for the Polisario.

However, the official did not specify the location.

Algerian media referred to the Bir Lahlou area, which serves as a buffer zone within Western Sahara between Algeria, Morocco, and Mauritania.

Algeria's presence in the buffer zone is another violation and a provocative move despite the UN's firm and repeated calls on the Polisario Front separatists to not carry out any move that would change the status quo of the region.

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