

Elections in occupied Sahrawi territories: AU refuses Rabat's request to send observers

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Addis Ababa, 4 September 2021 (SPS) - The African Union refused Morocco's request to send observers to monitor the conduct of the legislative elections of September 8, which were to illegally include the occupied Sahrawi territories, sources said on Friday.

The AU validated the position of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) supporting the illegality of the Moroccan electoral operation, extended to the occupied Sahrawi territories, according to the same sources.

This is a stinging disavowal for Rabat, which wanted to involve Saharawi citizens in an electoral process that does not concern them, organised by a military occupation force whose record is full of violations of fundamental human rights.

On 18 August, Sahrawi President Brahim Ghali called on the UN SG to intervene to prevent Morocco from including occupied Western Sahara in these legislative elections and to stop all illegal activities carried out by Rabat in these territories.