

Morocco's Ambassador: The Western Sahara Conflict Is Over

The diplomat slammed Algeria for interfering in Morocco's domestic affairs and for its hostility towards Rabat's position over Western Sahara.

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Rabat - Morocco's permanent ambassador to the UN, Omar Hilale, has responded to [Algeria's allegations](#) about Western Sahara by pointing out the country's role in exacerbating tensions in the region.

During a meeting of the UN C24 committee in Dominica, Hilale slammed Algeria's UN representative Sofiane Mimouni, accusing him of misleading the audience about the history of and current developments in the Western Sahara conflict.

"For Morocco, the regional dispute on the Moroccan Sahara is definitively settled," Hilale said.

The Moroccan diplomat [reassured the international community](#) there is no conflict in the Western Sahara, citing the stability and vastly improving living standards the region has witnessed in recent years..

"They fully enjoy all of their rights, as stated by Mrs. Ghalla Bahiya, Vice-President of the Region of Dakhla Oued Eddahab, who participated in the seminar."

Bahiya took part in the event at the invitation of the President of the C24.

Ghalla was elected during the 2015 regional elections in the southern provinces;

Morocco's next general elections are scheduled for September 8 this year, and Hilale emphasized that the country's southern provinces will take part in the elections.

"There will be a renewal of elected officials. This is the Sahara, this is participatory democracy, generational inclusiveness," the diplomat said.

Hilale recalled the support Morocco generated for the autonomy plan from the C24 members.

The diplomat said that despite Algeria's hostility towards Morocco and its interference in Moroccan internal affairs, Morocco has always remained committed to the exclusive UN political process for 45 years.

Hilale also renewed Morocco's commitment to the UN-led political process.

"Morocco remains engaged with the UN and awaits the appointment of a Personal Envoy to resume the political process of the round tables."

Morocco also slammed the Polisario for the delay in appointing a new personal envoy after the resignation of Horst Kohler.

Kohler resigned in 2019, citing a health crisis. The German envoy managed to establish round table discussions between all parties involved, but the position of personal envoy has remained vacant since his resignation.

"Algeria and its puppet the 'Polisario' who are delaying the appointment of a new Personal Envoy of the Secretary General," Hilale said, reaffirming Morocco's involvement in the political process.

"Algeria is a stakeholder, no offense to its Permanent Representative, who intervened before me," Hilale said.

Algeria has severed ties with Morocco, accusing its neighbor of being responsible for causing the wildfires in the Kabyle region.

Morocco responded to the claims, saying that such allegations are "unexplainable."

Rabat has also regretted Algeria's decision, declaring that the Moroccan government will remain loyal to the Algerian people.