

Algeria President Renews Support for Polisario Despite Claims of Commitment to End Crisis with Morocco



Algeria knows that a crisis to the dispute means the abandoning of its support for the Polisario Front, a separatist group seeking to undermine Morocco's territorial integrity.

Rabat - Algeria's President Abdelmadjid Tebboune renewed his support for the separatist group of the Polisario Front, reflecting the Algerian regime's desperate attempts to challenge Morocco's territorial integrity and sovereignty over the Moroccan southern provinces in [Western Sahara](#).

Tebboune made his unsurprising remarks during a [speech](#) before the Algerian Parliament on Monday.

In addition to his country's "support" for the Palestinian cause, President Tebbboune claimed that Algeria will continue to support the Polisario independence claims in Western Sahara.

He claimed that the "decolonization" of the Sahara is "registered with the UN Decolonization Committee, and it is on this basis that Algeria supports the struggle of the Sahrawi people."

For decades, Algeria's regime has been attempting to establish a link between the Palestinian cause of the "independence struggle" of the separatist Polisario Front, which the Algerian regime has financed, supported, armed, and sheltered in the province of Tindouf.

Notably, Algeria has relentlessly used much of its oil revenues and diplomatic firepower in Africa and the world stage to lobby to help the Polisario Front gain international sympathy and support within the international community.

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While Tebbboune remarks in support of Polisario's separatist aspirations are not surprising given Algeria's known hostility towards Morocco's territorial integrity, they come on the heels of surprising statements made by Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Attaf.

In a recent interview with Al Jazeera's Atheer platform, Attaf strikingly claimed that Algiers can be "considered as more included" towards seeking a "quick" resolution of its lingering diplomatic crisis with Morocco.

He also alleged that his country is interested in reviving the Maghreb project.

“We are aware, as are the other states, of the construction of the Arab Maghreb and fraternity,” he said, claiming that this “dream still exists.”

Yet Attaf’s claims stand in stark contrast with Algeria’s repeated rejections or dismissals of Morocco’s calls for “frank dialogue” to end the political stalemate hampering bilateral diplomatic ties and the realization of the stagnating dream of pan-Maghrebism.

In August 2021, [Algeria](#) unilaterally announced its decision to sever all ties with Morocco, closing its land border and airspace to the North African kingdom while claiming that the country was involved in plans to undermine Algerian security and strategic interests.

Despite such unilateral and unproven accusations, King Mohammed VI has repeatedly indicated Morocco’s readiness to commit to dialogue with Algeria to promote shared prosperity and security in the Maghreb.

In his latest Throne Day speech in July, the Moroccan monarch emphasized that Morocco aims to improve the “stable” bilateral ties with Algeria, reassuring Algerians and the country’s leadership that “no evil will ever be done to them nor will any harm ever come to them from Morocco.”

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