

The war is raging in the Western Sahara, the parties in the conflict are using each other

For a year now, Saharawi separatist fighters from the Polisario group have resumed their military operations against the Moroccan army, after almost three decades of ceasefire.

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Sahrawi Red Crescent headquarters in Rabouni. © RFI/François Mazet

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The asymmetric conflict that they hope will re-start talks over the disputed territory, amid diplomatic tensions between Morocco and Algeria.

Recently, the Secretary General of the United Nations signaled the resumption of fighting between Morocco and the Polisario Movement for the Liberation of Western Sahara in the disputed area and announced that the situation in the area a year ago has become significantly worse.

Morocco recognizes the region of Western Sahara as part of its territory; However, the Polisario Movement, which is internationally recognized as the representative of the people of the Western Sahara region, has been fighting for the freedom of the region for many years now.

The war for freedom between the Polisario movement and Morocco started in 1975 and continued until 1991 and then the two sides stopped fighting with the mediation of the United Nations.

In his recent report before the Security Council, the Secretary General of the United Nations said that the Polisario Movement in November last year after a tug-of-war with Morocco announced that it would no longer honor the ceasefire agreement between it and Morocco.