

## **Call to Free Louisa Hanoune and All the Political Prisoners in Algeria!**

*(call issued and endorsed by U.S. unionists and activists)*

Since February 22, millions of Algerians have been demonstrating to demand democracy and sovereignty — chanting in unison "Regime, Out Now!"

In response, the Algerian regime has unleashed repression against political activists, attorneys, young people, and trade unionists. In particular, the regime has targeted (listed in the order that they were arrested):

- **Hadj Ghermoul**, a young activist of the Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights and of the National Committee for the Defense of the Rights of the Unemployed, who in February was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for waving a sign in January that read, "No to the Fifth Term!" (of former President Bouteflika).

- **Kameleddine Fekhar**, a human rights activist, and his comrades, who was arrested in Ghardaïa on March 31 and has been imprisoned ever since. [**LAST MINUTE**: We learned on May 28 that Dr. Kameleddine Fekhar died in jail after waging a 56-day hunger strike; see statement by POID of France.]

- **Louisa Hanoune**, General Secretary of the Workers Party (PT), who was arrested on May 9 and charged with "conspiracy against the State authority and the military authority."

Many other activists also have been arrested and imprisoned.

We — the undersigned labor and community activists in the United States — express our solidarity with the Algerian people and *call for the immediate release of all political prisoners!*

*Appeal initiated by Mya Shone, Alan Benjamin and Ralph Schoenman,  
on behalf of The Organizer Newspaper*

[**NOTE**: We are still gathering endorsers on this statement. Please send your endorsement to the email address above and/or to <[theorganizer@earthlink.net](mailto:theorganizer@earthlink.net)>. We, in turn, will forward the compiled lists as they come in to our colleagues in Algeria.]

### **First List of Endorsers of Appeal Issued by Mya Shone, Alan Benjamin and Ralph Schoenman**

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### I join in this call

Name, first name : .....

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I sign on my own behalf

I sign on behalf of my organization