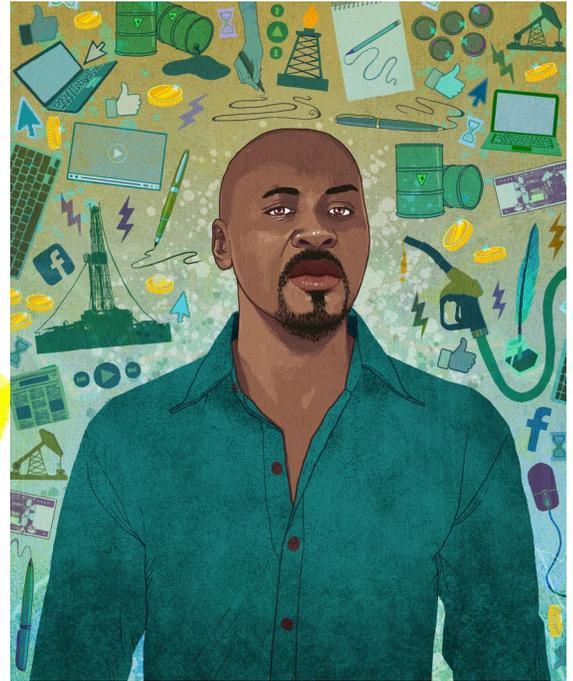


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Mahadine faces life in prison for criticizing the government on Facebook

His friends call him Mahadine but his full name is Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri. In September 2016, human rights defender Mahadine posted videos on Facebook that are critical of government policies. Now he faces life in prison. He is gravely ill with tuberculosis.



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Making and posting the videos was a bold thing to do in a country where speaking out against government policies carries serious consequences. In the videos, Mahadine accused the government and people close to it of corruption and misusing public money. He also highlighted the impact of the economic crisis gripping this oil-dependent nation as oil prices fall worldwide.

Within days of posting the videos, a group of men snatched the online activist from the street in the middle of the day. The men are likely intelligence officers.

Mahadine says he was beaten, electrocuted and chained up for weeks. His wife and their seven children were told nothing of his location and had to track him down themselves. That was difficult because the authorities moved him from one prison to another. He is battling tuberculosis which he contracted in prison and needs medical attention urgently.

Mahadine now faces charges that include threatening national security. He could be imprisoned for the rest of his life. Mahadine should not have to spend the rest of his life locked up for courageously expressing his opinions.

Mahadine defended the right to free expression. We defend his rights.

Tell Chad to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri without delay.

To take action, go to the next page.

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

Everyone has the right to freedom of ... expression.

Articles 5 and 19,
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights

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Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the President of Chad.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are.
- ◆ Note that using peaceful methods to criticize the government is not a crime and that punishment for doing so violates the right to freedom of expression.
- ◆ Ask the President to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri without delay.

Send your message to

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Email: contact@presidence.td

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Sample Tweets

.@PrsideduTcha Please #FreeMahadine.
Peacefully criticizing the government is not a
crime. #FreedomOfExpression

Ask @PR_IdrissDeby to release
#humanrightsdefender Mahadine, jailed for
posting videos on Facebook. #W4R2017
#Write4Rights

Support Mahadine!

Send him a non-religious greeting to tell him his courage inspires you and that you won't give up on him. You may mention Amnesty International but **please do not include your return address.**

Mail your message to

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