



COLLECTIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE SAHARA

**SOME CHILDREN ARE STILL
REPORTED BY THE POLISARIO
TO CUBA**

**STOP THE BREAKING UP
OF FAMILIES**

**LET THE CHILDREN
GO BACK TO THEIR MOTHERS**

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Behind the campaigns of propaganda and indoctrination carried out by the Polisario in its attempts to show "its revolutionary nature and its tendency to fight against occupation and injustice", is hidden the true face of this movement which, does not hesitate to achieve its ends.

Thus, within the context of its vile policy of enrolment and indoctrination of the confined people in Tindouf camps, in the South of Algeria, the Polisario has since, the beginning, opted for radical means though they are denounced by the whole International Community.

Inspired from the communist model, a structure was set up. Its goal is to break the bonds within the family by setting apart each member in a political-military cell where he undergoes permanently systematic indoctrination and brainwashing by the political commissioners. Children and women are the category the most targeted by this practice.

The indoctrination lessons have for aim to give the appropriate training so as that the person (the child for example) can no more identify himself to his family and is relegated to a stage of an instrument used blindly by the organization of the Polisario.

It is within this context, under cover of education, that thousands of children are dragged away from their parents at the age between 7 and 9 years old and sent to Cuba. On the spot, the reality is different, as it is revealed in the reports of some neutral and impartial international bodies, notably an overwhelming

document written by Mrs. Marie Françoise Mirot, president of the "little girl" group at UNESCO.

Thus, after many displacements and survey, Mrs Mirot, who was accompanied by Mrs. Francine Henrich, Former Ambassadors of the European Community and permanent representative of the International Alliance of Women to the UNESCO, asserts that once in Cuba, brothers and sisters are driven apart and sent to "the island of youth".

According to Mrs Mirot testimony, besides enrolment and indoctrination, these children are exploited by the Cuban Mafia, as a cheap labour force, used in fields and in cigar factories. Girls are working as servants in special houses.

The Qatari channel "Al Jazeera" has broadcasted the 13^{est} November 2002, a programme on this subject. "Al Jazeera" assesses that the number of the children sent abroad since 1976 is about 5.800 children.

Once back to Tindouf, the shock is dreadful. The deportees do not recognize their parents if they are still in the camps and they are fortunate enough to be still alive.

The breaking up of family ties is total

Unfortunately, this is the tragedy of hundreds of families

As for the parents who try to rebel against sending their children for indoctrination in Cuba, they are subjected to all kinds of ill-treatments and to a sordid blackmail.

How come that at the beginning of the third millennium, we still stay powerless in front of the deportation of innocent children?

This is one of **the most painful aspect** of the Sahara conflict.

Before this iniquitous and outrageous situation, all the people defending freedom and human rights should shed light on such ignoble situation which we thought has vanished for ever. **Unfortunately, the demons of the polisarrio with the benediction of their Algerian protectors are still here to resurrect it.**

It is the duty of the international community and notably the NGO to pay a particular attention to the tragedy of these children who have been dragged away from their parents and who are the innocent victims of this long standing conflict.

In the name of universal values, an investigation should be carried out to know the truth and to save these children.

Keep no more silent,

**Let's work together
to save the children
of Tindouf camps**

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