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### **Mohamed Fali Should Be Released Unconditionally And Treated Fairly**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately release **Mohamed Fali**, detained solely for peacefully practicing his religion, to ensure **Mohamed Fali** has access to adequate medical care including diabetes medication and treatment, and to review all charges and cases against Algerian *Ahmadis* related to the peaceful practice of their religion.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of a coordinated campaign in Algeria to persecute the *Ahmadiyya* religious movement, including the unjustified imprisonment of the president of the *Ahmadiyya* community in Algeria **Mohamed Fali**.

We strongly believe that you and the Algerian government have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Article 18* – the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. If your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to take action to hold any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Minister Mohamed Aissa, Ambassador Hocine Meghar, Mme. Fafa Benzerrouki Sid Lakhdar