

# Information note n°6

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# Campaign for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune

# In Algeria

• 2 June, the constitutional council announced that the elections planned for 4 July will not take place. Here is the communiqué from the PT following this announcement:

# Communiqué

The Constitutional Council announced yesterday, 2 June 2019, the impossibility of holding the 4 July presidential election, officially due to "lack of candidates" and has "decreed" the prolongation of the term of A. Bensalah until the organisation of another presidential election.

For the SPBP, the Constitutional Council, which aligns itself with the power in place, has overstepped its prerogatives and collides with the will of the majority of the people who demand the departure of the system and all its symbols and who have not stopped chanting "Makach Intikhabat Yal Eissabates" (no elections organised by the gangs).

For the SPBP, the cancelling of the 4 July presidential election, planned in the framework of the continuity of the coup that based on article 102 of the Constitution, is a new victory for the revolution. At the moment when the debate is intensifying throughout the country to find a solution in conformity with the demands of the majority, the power in place and other political forces seek to impose a presidential election with the same Constitution that has conferred on the president exorbitant powers that go beyond, in many respects, those of monarchic regimes. This way of acting is akin to the policy of fait accompli, thwarted each time by the revolution.

For the SPBP, the democratic solution that will allow the people demanding the departure of the system to exercise their sovereignty, to defend the sovereignty and unity of the country, is a constituent process integrating all the layers of society, leading to a Sovereign National Constituent Assembly.

The SPBP salutes once again all the parties, unions, personalities, organisations, citizens... for the unconditional solidarity they have shown for the PT following the arrest of its general secretary, Mrs Louisa Hanoune, also supported on the international level by thousands of political and union leaders, legislators... from 54 countries, who ceaselessly demand her immediate and unconditional release.

For the SPBP, nothing, absolutely nothing, can justify keeping Louisa Hanoune in custody. It reaffirms the democratic demand for her immediate and unconditional release.

The SPBP rises up against the repression that struck yesterday's student demonstration in Algiers, the day after the moving burial of the activist K.E. Fekhar, a death in custody. It expresses its worries about the repressive measures touching the demonstrators in Algiers and the keeping of people in custody for their opinions.

The permanent secretariat of the political bureau (SPBP)
Algiers, 3 June 2019

• Furthermore, also 2 June, the letter from the family of Louisa Hanoune to the President and Chief of Staff was published in the daily newspaper *El Watan*.

#### "The family of Louisa Hanoune writes to Bensalah and Gaïd Salah

The family of Louisa Hanoune, general secretary of the Workers' Party (PT), has written, yesterday, a letter at once to the head of state, Abdelkader Bensalah, and to the chief of staff, Ahmed Gaïd Salah, in which they ask for them to release her. "You know that Louisa Hanoune has been rotting in the Blida prison for nearly a month for political reasons we will not debate", wrote the family in its letter published and signed by the older brother of Louisa Hanoune, Abdelmadjid.

"The family of Louisa Hanoune, big and little, men and women, draw your attention to the state of health of the prisoner, which does not allow her to bear the prison condition, in addition to her age (65), which does not help her to get through this ordeal. The family implores you to treat her case with humanism and with the spirit of an Algerian leader who would not want to imprison a sick woman, especially during the month of Ramadan, a month of divine mercy and clemency", underlined the family, who hope that Mrs Hanoune will pass the holiday of Aïd among her own.

The family of the head of the PT continues, assuring that "the release of Mrs Hanoune for the holiday of Aïd El Fitr will have a positive impact on all the parties and would be a factor in unfreezing the situation".

The letter from the family of Louisa Hanoune comes after an intense campaign led by her party, the PT, on the national and international levels to demand her release."

#### Louisa Hanoune's lawyers alert

Boudjema Ghechir, one of Louisa Hnaoune's lawyers, has declared, after the rejection of her provisional release, 20 May: "We cannot submit a new demand before the expiration of a one-month delay (...)." He affirms that Louisa Hanoune suffers from four illnesses: "Prison, whatever the means at its disposal, does not correspond to the needs of taking care of her pathologies", he alerted.

• Lastly, also 2 June, the coordinator of the national committee for the liberation of Louisa Hnaoune, Zohra Drif Bitat, personally addressed herself to Gaïd Salah.

Zohra Drif Bitat is a mujahida (combatant for national independence). She was the spouse of Rabah Bitat, one of the nine historical heads of the FLN. She herself is considered, in Algeria, as a heroine of the revolution. 2 June, she went herself to the general staff headquarters to drop off her letter. She asked to be received. This was done by two generals, to whom she handed her letter and explained the reasons for her action. This letter was published in the press. Here is the letter:



Open Letter from Zohra Drif-Bitat to the chief of staffe Ahmed Gaid Salah

"Mr Chief of Staff of the ANP, vice minister of National Defence

It is while still in shock from the tragic death in detention of a prisoner of conscience, Dr Kamel Eddine Fekhar, God rest his soul, that I write to you concerning the political prisoner Louisa Hanoune.

I am writing to you with the infinite hope that she as well as all the political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in our country be released as soon as possible.

These releases will be a part, to be sure, of the guarantees that will make your engagement for a new Algeria credible; they will ensure that the mobilisation of our people, in defence of its freedom and dignity, will find its full sense, unifying the nation, and that the ultimate sacrifice of Kamel Eddine Fekhar was not in vain.

Because it was indeed the ultimate sacrifice made by one of our children for free and democratic Algeria to live. You and I, as Mujahidins, understand, more than others, the impact, content, gravity, importance and honour of this type of sacrifice.

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

It has been around a month since Louisa Hanoune, general secretary of the Workers' Party, was placed under a committal order and incarcerated by the military tribunal of Blida.

I still can neither understand nor accept this arrest, which I consider at once unjust, arbitrary and an omen of dark threats against the exercise of all the democratic freedoms, notably free political and partisan action in our country.

The arrest of Louisa Hanoune has provoked and continues to provoke a deep and legitimate emotion as well as considerable indignation in our country as well as abroad. The reason is that Louisa Hanoune has been known for years, here and throughout the world, for her clear and uncompromising positions, for her countless intransigent fights in favour of the workers, of the peoples and the oppressed, in favour of the freedoms, of the rights of women and of democracy, in favour of popular sovereignty, national sovereignty and against all forms of foreign interference.

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

Who can ignore the total ceaseless engagement, notably these past ten years, of Louisa Hanoune against the dilapidation of public property, against the siphoning of public money thanks to a system in the service of faithless lawless oligarchs, against the submission of the state to the authoritarian rule of these oligarchs, against the "mafiotisation" of the institutions and functioning of the state, against the massive intrusion of money into politics?

Who does not know of the intransigent struggles of Louisa Hanoune against imperialism, its injustice and its wars? Who does not know of the positions and fights, as just as they are constant, of Louisa Hanoune on the side of and in favour of the oppressed peoples throughout the world, notably the Palestinian brother-people.

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

All these struggles, as well as many others, led without a break for 45 years, have made Louisa Hanoune a respectable political leader and activist, honourable and exemplary in her courage, clarity, uprightness, honesty and coherence, including for those who share neither her vision nor her positions.

At the same time, all recognise her high ethical and political values, her legendary constancy and courage, her undeniable sense of responsibility and her patriotism. Because, it must also be remembered that it has always been in the interest of the Algerian people and that of the country, before any other consideration, that have always guided the actions and positions of Louisa Hanoune.

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

Louisa Hanoune is an activist and political leader who fully assumes her role as the national head of a legal political party and fully exercises her right to free political action, guaranteed by our national laws – notably the Constitution – and by the International Conventions ratified by our country.

Also, when she considers all the questions that touch the past, present and future life of our people, our state and our nation, Louisa Hanoune is in her role and gets involved in what concerns her.

Is it not in this role, fully assumed by her in full responsibility, that you yourself received her as Chief of Staff and vice defence minister, at her request, in 2014?

She herself made public this meeting, and no one found it abnormal that a political leader and MP, to boot, exchanged with you on the situation of our military institution and our defence policy, just as no one saw in it the hatching of a plot against anyone whatsoever.

1 November 2015, was it not also Louisa Hanoune who, alongside of eighteen other activists, worried about the submission of the state and its institutions by "unseen, illegitimate and illegal forces", demanded an audience with the former president of the republic with the goal of verifying that it was indeed he who was taking all "the anti-social and anti-national decisions", since they already suspected that he was no longer exercising his functions?

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

You reached the same conclusions as Louisa Hanoune and her 18 co-signatories when you took action, 2 April 2019. As for the will to change the political regime in our country, Louisa Hanoune has never made a mystery or a secret of it. She has always made it a fundamental objective of her positions and actions.

She and her party initiated a national petition, from a few years ago until 2019, in favour of a Sovereign Constituent Assembly in order to give a voice to the people for them to freely choose the nature and type of the institutions as well as the political regime that must govern. This petition has already brought in hundreds of thousands of signatures from across the national territory.

Furthermore, those who decided to incarcerate Louisa Hanoune, on the motive of her will to change the regime, forget that this is the will of at least ten legal political parties who have publicly declared it by demanding the release of Louisa Hanoune, as it is also the will of the overwhelming majority of the Algerian people who have cried out for it, loudly and clearly, since 22 February.

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

Louisa Hanoune and the Algerian people want to change the regime because the current regime has deprived Algeria and its children of nearly all their fundamental rights, impeded the country from developing all while looting it and has smothered any glimmer of hope for a better future within it. But, of all the privations, that of freedom is the worst. This is because, of all the fundamental rights, freedom is the most sacred because it is the foundation of human dignity. This is why no one has the right to deprive Louisa Hanoune and all the political prisoners of their freedom.

Mr Chief of Staff and brother from the fight for liberation,

You and I know perfectly well the price of freedom because we have known the terrible privation of it, having lived under the colonial yoke. So, I ask you, in the name of the oath given to our chouhada, use your power to liberate Louisa Hanoune and all the political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in our country. Use your power to not let the supreme sacrifice of Kamel Eddine Fekhar be in vain.

Free Louisa Hanoune and all the political prisoners and prisoners of conscience and make these releases a token of sincerity with the goal of rebuilding the base of trust so manhandled by the regime in place. Without this trust, to be completely rebuilt, between the state, its institutions and the people, nothing lasting can be begun, then built in turn. *Tahia Djazair*, *Allah Yerham Echouhada*!

• These initiatives and others were decided by the national committee for the liberation of Louisa at its last meeting, 27 May:

# Communiqué 27 June by the national committee for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune

"The national committee for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune met this 27 May 2019. It observed that, despite the emotion provoked by her arrest and the formidable mobilisation on the national as well as international level, Louisa Hanoune has been kept in custody at the Blida prison by order of the military tribunal since 9 May 2019. The national committee for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune decided, at the end of its meeting, to take several initiatives to intensify the campaign to liberate Louisa Hanoune as soon as possible.

Within the framework of its activities for the release of Louisa Hanoune, it was decided, among other things, to:

- 1.- Organise a meeting to demand the immediate release of Louisa Hanoune;
- 2.- Write open letters to the Chief of Staff of the People's National Army and the President of the state;
- 3.- Bring the matter before the national union of magistrates and the club of free magistrates.
- 4.- Contact the national association of lawyers.

For the committee, **Zohra Drif**"

# On the international level

• The Coordination of the ILC, which met 31 May, notably decided to call for an international day for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune, 20 June, the day when her lawyers will again be authorised to submit a demand for her release.

# 20 June 2019

# Throughout the world:

# delegations to the embassies, gatherings for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune

Delegations have already been confirmed for 20 June in Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain France, Sweden, Brazil, Mexico and Peru.

• List of the positions taken on the international level (there are now 62 countries which participate in the campaign).

# From the Americas

#### Brazil

The Workers' Party, in a motion from its national executive committee;

The political prisoner Lula has published a message to demand the release of the political prisoner Louisa Hanoune;

Paulo Pimenta, leader of the PT group in Parliament;

The Brazilian Communist Party (PCdoB);

The national executive of the Socialism and Liberty Party (PSOL);

Vincentinho, PT federal deputy (São Paulo);

Paulo Pimenta, leader of the PT parliamentary group in Parliament;

Dialog and Action PT-ist (DAP), signed by Julio Turra and Luis Eduardo Greenhalgh, members of the ICLE;

The municipal board of the PT of São Paulo;

The Vila-Maria zonal board of the PT of São Paulo;

The PT deputy from the state of Minas Gerais, Betão;

The executive of the Workers' Party of Rio de Janeiro (PT-RJ):

The executive of the Workers' Party of Volta Redonda-RJ;

Guilherme Sampaio, municipal councillor of the PT Fortaleza (CE);

Adriano Diogo, member of the national human rights secretariat of the PT;

The Union Confederation CUT;

The assembly of the union Sinduece de Fortaleza;

The public administration workers' union of São Paulo;

The Condsef (Confederation of federal public services workers);

The SINSSP, the social security and retirement workers' union;

The Union of federal employees of the state of Ceara (Sintsef-CE); The union of public education workers of Mato Grosso (Sintep-MT);

The national confederation of municipal employees (Confetam CUT):

The leadership of the CUT of the workers of the state of Rio Grande do Sul (CUT-RS);

The union of municipal professors of Leopoldenses (Ceprol)

The Association of university professors of the university of southwest Bahia (Adusb);

The leadership of the Associatin of the professors of the Federal University of Pernambuco (ADUFERPE);

Valter Pomar and Maria Caramez Carlotto, professors at the federal university of the ABC (São Paulo);

The president of the doctors' union of São Paulo demands the release of Louisa Hanoune;

The independent movement for the housing struggle, Vila-Maria, São Paulo (MIVM);

A letter was sent, 20 May, to the Algerian ambassador in Brazil to demand the liberation of Louisa Hanoune, countersigned by officials and deputies of the PT, the president of the Cut, the president of the student union, the head of the Centrale of the workers of Brazil (CTB), of the landless persons' movement (MST); the Union

of Blacks for Equality (Unegro), the Party of the labour cause, the confederation of agricultural workers, the World March of Women, secondary school teachers' unions, the Organisation of black entities and others.

#### **Argentina:**

General secretary of the Argentine Workers' Central Union (CTA);

Bandera Roja (newspaper of the organisation Politido Obrera) demands the release of Louisa Hanoune.

#### Chile:

The Banking Confederation of Chile.

#### Mexico:

A letter sent to the Algerian ambassador, countersigned by tens of political and union activists, demanding to be received and demanding the release of Louisa Hanoune.

#### Peru:

A call from union and political leaders, including the general secretary of the GCTP.

#### **Guadeloupe:**

The UGTG and Elie Domota, its general secretary;

The general secretary of Sud PTT Guadeloupe;

The general secretary of the departmental union CGT-FO of Guadeloupe;

Travayé é Péyizan has sent a letter to the Algerian ambassador and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Haiti:

Confederation of public and private sector workers of Haiti (CTSP);

The National confederation of Haitian workers (CNOHA);

The Party Rasin Kan Pèp La;

The Movement of Liberty, of Equality of Haitians for Fraternity (MOLEGHAF).

# Martinique:

Confederation of autonomous unions of Martinique (UNSAM);

A call countersigned by leaders of 7 organisations including the national council of popular committees, the Frantz Fanon circle, the worker and farmer alliance, activists of the party communists for independence and socialism and lawyers.

#### **Dominican Republic:**

National conferderation of union unity (CNUS).

# Venezuela:

A call from constituent deputies, political leaders, lawyers and union leaders demanding the release of Lousia Hanoune;

Forming of a solidarity committee for the immediate release of Louisa Hanoune with constituent deputies and unionists.

#### Panama:

The general secretary of the National unique union of construction industry workers (Suntracs).

#### Uruguay:

Elbio Laxalte Terra, free thinker and humanist, member of the 20 September civil association.

# Ouebec:

The president and vice president of the Quebecois Secular Movement.

# **United States:**

A call from political and union activists.

# From Africa

#### Benin:

The national union of public primary school teachers of Benin (SNEP B).

#### **Cameroon:**

Union confederation National entente of the workers of Cameroon;

The teachers' union SYNAEEPCAM;

The union Synester.

#### Mali:

Party for African solidarity, democracy and independence (SADI); SNEC-UNTM (National union of the workers of Mali).

#### Mauritania:

National union of secondary education (SNES).

# Niger:

National union of petroleum workers of Niger (BEN SYNATRAP);

Progressive workers' union (ESPT);

Democratic confederation of the workers of Niger (CDTN);

General confederation of free unions (CGSL).

# **Democratic Republic of Congo:**

National union of the workers of Congo (UNTC).

#### Senegal:

A collective of 12 union federations has published a common declaration;

Confederation of autonomous unions of Senegal (CSA);

CNTLS:

The national confederation of the workers of Senegal FC;

Confederation of democratic unions of Senegal;

Union of democratic unions of Senegal (USDS);

The president of young scientists of Senegal;

The assistant general secretary of UNSAS;

The general secretary of the National Federation of the Workers of Senegal (FNTS).

# **Ivory Coast:**

National union of the workers of the Ivory Coast (UNATRCI);

The Federation of autonomous unions of the Ivory Coast (Fesaci);

The president of the Federation of education unions of the Fesaci.

#### Guinea

Union confederation of the workers of Guinea (USTG)

#### Morocco:

Editorial committee of Informations ouvrières.

#### Tunisia:

The general secretary of the Free-Thinker Movement of Tunisia;

The local teachers' union UGTT.

# **Mauritius:**

Mauritius Labour Congress.

# Togo:

Union confederation Unsit;

Common declaration from the Democratic Convention of African Peoples and the Democratic Party of urban and rural workers.

#### Chad:

Union of the teachers of Chad (SET);

The collective for the literacy, health and education of women.

#### Rwanda:

Union of agricultural workers.

#### **South Africa:**

Call from union leaders, Black Consciousness militants and political activists;

The Black Consciousness Movement;

The Socialist Party of Azania.

# Sudan:

The Union of Sudanese women.

# From Asia

#### Korea:

Hyunsu Hwang, international leader of the KTU (teacher federation).

#### Iran:

The Communist Party of Iran (CPI)

# **From Europe**

# Germany:

Socialist Youth of the SPD (JUSOS), national leadership;

Leadership of the Land of Berlin of the labour commissions of the SPD (AfA);

SPD - Labour commission of Niederrhein;

Labour commission of the SPD, district of Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf;

Leadership of the Labour commission of the SPD in Berlin Tempelhof-Schöneberg;

Labour commission of the SPD, city public servants and enterprises group (Frankfort);

SPD - Labour commission of Düsseldorf;

SPD - Labour commission of Berlin Reinickendorf;

Section 76 of Chalottenburg-Wilmersdorf;

SPD – Union local Heidelberg Alstadt-Schlierbach;

SPD - Union local Frankfort Nordweststadt Süd;

General Assembly, 60+ SPD under-sector of Düsseldorf;

Hilde Mattheis, Member of the Bundestag, member of the national leadership of the SPD and president of Forum DL 21 (Democratic Left in the SPD);

Cansel Kiziltepe, SPD Member of the Bundestag;

Dr. Clara West, Member of the Abgeordnetenhaus of Berlin, assistant president of the SPD group;

Susana dos Santos-Hermann, SPD Member of the Landtag of North Rhine-Westphalia;

Andreas Kossiski, SPD Member of the Landtag of North Rhine-Westphalia;

The congress of the teachers' union (GEW) of North Rhine-Westphalia, held from 23 to 25 May 2019 in Essen, demands the immediate release of Louisa Hanoune;

The leadership of the teachers' union (GEW) of Schleswig-Holstein;

Ver.di, union local Berlin Centre-North;

Ver.di, union local Berlin North-West;

Ver.di, sector of Südholstein;

Dorothea Schäfer, Land director, in the name of the teachers' union (GEW) of North Rhine-Westphalia;

Meeting of the Frankfort social work network of 15 May 2019, in which representatives of 12 enterprises and 2 unions participated (Ver.di and GEW);

Leadership of the writers' association of Berlin;

Ver.di, leadership of sector 13 of Berlin;

Work Group FoKuS in sector 13;

The union representatives of the hospital LVR in Cologne;

Teachers' union (GEW), leadership of the Neumünster district;

The members of the board of directors of Ver.di of the Land of North-Rhine Westphalia;

The members of the board of directors of the union Ver.di in the Land of Berlin-Brandenburg;

A very broad call from unionists, SPD activists, Die Linke, and regional and local elected officials.

#### France:

A broad call from personalities from the PS (Jean-Marc Ayrault, former Prime minister and PS deputies), PCF (Fabien Roussel, general secretary of the PCF and PCF deputies and senators), LFI (Jean-Luc Mélenchon and LFI deputies), Benoît Hamon, Olivier Besancenot, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, Philippe Martinez (general secretary of the CGT), Yves Veyrier (general secretary of the CGT-FO), from the FSU (Bernadette Groison, general secretary of the FSU), a great many union bodies including a number of national federations of the union confederations, democrats like Henri Leclerc and university professors like Benjamin Stora. This call collected thousands of signatures in a few days. A press conference was held in Paris, 22 May.

# **Belgium:**

A call countersigned by FGTB unionists and university professors; Circle of Free Thought.

# Croatia, Slovenia...

A series of personalities.

#### Moldavia:

Boboc Vitalie, of Popular Resistance; Andrei Podgourski, VNKPM.

# Spain:

# Press Conference of the Parliament of Catalonia, 6 June

A press conference was organised, 6 June, in the Parliament of Catalonia in the presence of MPs Jordi Albert (ERC), Vidal Aragones (CUP), Susanna Segovia (ECP) and Frances de Dalmases (JxCay) – Ferran Pedret (PSC) apologised for his absence while supporting the decisions announced – and Josep A Pozo, spokesman for the committee in Spain for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune.

In particular, it was announced that steps would be taken to ask for a delegation of Catalan MPs to be able to go to Algeria to meet with Louisa Hanoune in prison.

The MPs also announced that they would address themselves to the Spanish government for it to declare itself in favour of the release of the general secretary of the PT.

The spokesman of the committee in Spain informed that in the framework of the international day of 20 June, a gathering will take place in front of the Algerian consulate in Barcelona with the participation of MPs, union leaders, etc.



Press conference, 6 June, in the Catalan Parliament for the liberation of Louisa Hanoune

The parliamentary group (deputies and senators) of Esquerra Republicana (ERC);

Vidal Aragones, deputy in the Parliament of Catalonia (Cup);

Jordi Albert I Caballero, MP and member of the parliamentary group of the parliament f Catalonia for ERC addressed himself to the embassy in Madrid;

José Ignacio Molina Arroyo and Inmaculada Nieto Castro, deputies in the Parliament of Andalusia;

City councillors of municipalities in the departments of Valencia, Castellon, Madrid, Seville;

Association Trabajo y Democracia;

Europa Laica;

Coordination 25 September (Madrid).

Editorial board of *Tribuna socialista*;

Group of labour lawyers of the UGT of Valencia;

Executive commission of Labour commissions (CCOO);

Executive commission of the UGT:

Confederal Committee of the UGT.

General secretaries of the UGT of Basque country;

Members of the Confederal Council of CCOO:

Members of the executive commission of the Healthcare federation of Andalusia;

Public services federation of Basque country;

General secretary of the UGT of Catalonia;

Federal executive committee of the services federation of the UGT;

Executive committee of the printing sector of the CCOO of Madrid;

José Alcazar and Ruben Ranz of the Airbus 8, prosecuted for striking on the basis of article 315-3 of the penal code;

Jordi Aragunde, general coordinator of the International Dockworkers Council (IDC);

Union sections and general secretaries of John Deer, the Madrid Underground, Schneider Electric, Corrugados, Peugeot, Plastic Omnium, Sabadell city hall (Catalonia), the prefecture of Barcelona, the posts of Tarragona, Union local of Baix Llobregat;

Tens of activists of the UGT, CCOO and Stem teachers' unions;

And positions taken by the unions UGT and CCOO in the regions of Madrid, Andalusia, Basque Country, Valencia and Catalonia;

Group of UGT and CCOO activists of the sectors of industry, healthcare and construction of Valencia and Castellon;

Two delegations to the embassy of Algeria in Madrid and a delegation to the consulate in Barcelona have been realised.

#### **Greece:**

The President of Penen (union of commercial fleet sailors) demands the liberation of Louisa Hanoune;

The general secretary of the Dockworkers' Union of the port of Piraeus;

A member of the secondary school union OLME.

# **Portugal:**

# The Parliament has voted to approve a demand for the release of Louisa Hanoune

Vote n°829/XIII/4a: "The Assembly of the Republic, gathered in plenary session, shows its great concern and condemns the detention of Louisa Hanoune, demanding her immediate and unconditional release."

Isabel Moreira, Socialist Party MP in the Assembly of the Republic;

Pedro Filipe Soares, João Vasconcelos, José Manuel Pureza and José Soeiro, Left Bloc MPs in the Assembly of the Republic;

Antonio Chora, member of the national leadership of the Left Bloc;

# Raquel Varela, historian;

The general secretary of the UGT;

The union SINDETELCO (post and telecom);

The nurses' union SE;

The SINDEQ;

Dockworkers union (SEAL);

Commission of the workers of Groundforce;

Collective of young workers of Madère;

Alexander Café, leader of SITE CSRA and city elected official;

Letter to the ambassador from the commission of workers of the Lisbon airport.

#### **Turkey:**

The union confederation of public employees (KESK)

#### Romania:

The Association of the workers of Romania:

The National union of Tarom (the national airline);

The union federation Hermes;

The union University Solidarity;

The association for the emancipation of the workers (AEM);

A new call countersigned by a deputy and presidents of union federations;

A call signed by political activists and union leaders.

#### **Great Britain:**

A call from union and Labour Party activists (from Momentum, the Communist Party, the Socialist Party of south Devon, Unite unionists, the NEC, the Association of Women of Colour, etc.).

#### Switzerland:

Jean Ziegler, vice-president of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the UN;

Melik Özden, director of the CETIM;

Laurence Fehlmann Rielle, national councillor, PS Geneva;

Manuel Tornare, national councillor PS Geneva;

Fabian Molina, national councillor PS Zurich;

Nicolas Rochat Fernandez, national councillor PS Vaud;

Françoise Pitteloud, former national councillor PSV;

Eric Voruz, former national councillor PSV;

Jean Tschopp, Unia and MP in the Grand Conseil Vaud;

Jean-Charles Rielle, PSG MP;

Pierre Eckert, MP Green GE;

Jocelyn Haller, MP Together on the left Geneva;

Pablo Cruchon, MP Together on the left Geneva;

Emmanuel Deonna, municipal councilor and substitute MP PSG;

Christian Zaugg, MP Together on the left GE;

Nicolas Walder, president of the Greens-Geneva;

Iean Burgermeister, MP solidarities GE:

Christian Dandrès, MP PS Geneva;

Nicole Valiquer Grecuccio, MP PS Geneva;

Carole-Anne Kast, PSG;

Anaïs Tmofte, vice president of the Popular Labour Party Vaud;

Resolution from the 80<sup>th</sup> national congress of the transportation union (SEV) and 104 delegates from the congress signed the call;

Katharina Prelicz-Huber, national president of the SSP-VPOD;

Graziano Pestoni, president of the union federation of Tessin;

Marc Simeth, president of the Inter-union cartel of the state personnel-Geneva;

Vania Alleva, vice president of UNIA;

Pierre-Yves Maillard, president of USS;

The assembly of delegates of the Swiss Trade Union Federation (USS);

The Genevan Union Action Community (CGAS);

#### Italy:

Eurostop (Potere al popolo).

#### Serbia:

A call from political activists and union leaders;

Coordinator of "Women in Black".

# Sweden:

The Socialistiska Partiet:

Officials of the professors' union, of the metal workers union and members of the Left Party.

#### Poland:

The editorial committee of the information site *Straijk* demands the immediate release of Louisa Hanoune.

# Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belorussia, Latvia and Armenia:

A common call from political activists from these six countries of the ex-Soviet Union.

# From the Middle East

#### Bahrain:

The association of the women of Bahrain.

# Jordan:

The association of Arab women.

#### Iraq:

The association of Iraqi women.

#### Lebanon:

The vice president of the national federation of the union workers and employees;

The general secretary and member of the executive council of the General Confederation of the Workers of Lebanon;

An official of the federation of woodworking and construction unions;

An official of the union of decoration and painting workers.

Lebanese section of the International Federation of journalists;

The president of the union of Arab lawyers;

A position taken by political and union activists;

A leader of the workers' liberation front;

Arab regional centre of the world federation of women democrats;

The president of the Lebanese women's rights league;

The Palestinian democratic women of Lebanon;

Leaders of the World Mothers' Movement - Lebanon;

A leader of the national union of Lebanese women;

A leader of the national committee for the elimination of discrimination against women.

#### Syria:

The league of Syrian women.

# Palestine:

Salah Salah in the name of the Palestinian National Forum;

Union of Arab workers of Nazareth:

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (FPLP): "We denounce and condemn the incarceration of the respected comrade Louisa Hanoune and demand her immediate release.";

Ghada Karmi, author and university professor.