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Support for writer Boualem Sansal

The arrest of Boualem Sansal on November 16, 2024 on his arrival in Algiers is yet another example of the repression of intellectuals by regimes determined to stifle any form of criticism or dissent.

Accused of "undermining the integrity of national territory" in Algeria, he faces a life sentence, or even the death penalty.

At a time when fundamental freedoms, particularly freedom of speech, are increasingly under threat around the world, support for persecuted intellectuals must go beyond diplomatic considerations. We call on the French government, human rights organizations and the international intellectual community to mobilize for the release of Boualem Sansal.

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