

## MOROCCO: The demand for justice continues to grow

HRWF (14.10.2019) - Last week, HRWF published an [article](#) about the courageous movement *خارجة-على-القانون* (*Moroccan Outlaws*) that formed after the sentencing of Hajar Raissouni at the end of September 2019. The *Moroccan Outlaws* published a manifesto denouncing obsolete and unjust laws within the Moroccan penal code, and have released this statement today (courtesy of Sonia Terrab):

### AT FIRST, WE WERE 490.

Today, we are more than **10 000**.

**10,000** Moroccan citizens to declare ourselves as outlaws. **10,000** Moroccan citizens to manifest our anger, our rejection of injustice and social hypocrisy. **10,000** Moroccan citizens who no longer wish to endure the law of silence and who refuse to ignore the individual tragedies to which the laws penalizing non-marital sexual relationships, adultery and abortion lead.

Rejecting these laws also means rejecting social inequalities since it is first and foremost the poor and the vulnerable who suffer from this legislation, and who are subject to daily pressures, extortion, and humiliation.

Our collective is becoming a movement. A youth movement, a citizen movement, led by female and male voices who herald the Morocco of tomorrow

This movement is gaining momentum, and it will need all the energies and talents at hand to become a force to be reckoned with.

### WE HAVE TAKEN ACTION.

We are, at this moment, in the process of delivering two letters to the following addresses :

## Statement of the 10,000

Monday, October 14, 2019

- To the Royal Prosecutor to the Court of Cassation and President of the public ministry, Mr. Mohamed Abdennabaoui, inviting him to pursue a criminal law policy which is more faithful to the spirit of the Moroccan Constitution and to the international Human Rights Charter, and asking him to immediately suspend the application of these repressive and arbitrary laws, and to abandon the prosecution and enforcement of sentences related to consensual, non-marital sexual relations between adults, to abortion, and to adultery.

- To the President of the HACA, and to the executives of television stations, radio, and public media, inviting them to schedule a slot in their programs de-

icated, over the maturity of the movement, to debating on individual liberties in Morocco with the intervention of deputies, political entities, civil society representatives, artists, and intellectuals, in order to guarantee a fair and balanced public debate which will in itself reflect the current state and evolution of Moroccan society

Additionally, we are preparing a petition which we will submit to Parliament demanding the repeal of these laws. The Constitution offers us this possibility, and we must seize it

To this end, we will need even more signatures. And we will get them.

Ultimately, we will launch a platform with the complete list of our names as signatories and more information regarding the procedure to be followed to support our bill and join our movement.

It is only the beginning.

### ALL OUTLAWS, UNTIL THE LAW CHANGES.

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