

Kabylia Organization/Algeria

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, thanks to give us a chance to say some words that are burning our Kabylia hearts. I was afraid to do not have this chance today because what happened yesterday. We are here to discuss about minority issues, so I will present here some Kabylia issues and big problems.

Before to start, I want just to give a comment. So, first issue I guess, this is the case for all of us here. Almost all of us, we are not minorities. We are minorized. So this is different. Kabylia is 12 million people. 40,000 kilometers square. Kabylia is bigger than 60% of the countries in United Nations in terms of population and it's larger than 30% of countries in United Nations in terms of territory. So, Kabylia has its own territory, it has her own culture, her own language, her own people. So you understand we are not a minority, we are minorized.

Now, let's discuss about the issues. There are many issues to say, but let's limit it to the topic of today which is the media. So not far from this week, the Algerian Parliament decided to not promote our mother tongue native language. Even though it's written as being a national and official language in the Constitution. So what is written in the Constitution is just to fool, but it's not the real case about being our mother tongue language to be really officially, it's not the case. So, they put it in the Constitution just in order to stop the... (cut off by chair)