

**Aminatou Haidars arbejde:**

**Aminatou Haidar** (born 24 July 1966), sometimes known as *Aminetou*, *Aminatu* or *Aminetu*, is a [Sahrawi](#) human rights activist and an advocate of the independence of [Western Sahara](#). She is often called the "Sahrawi [Gandhi](#)" or "Sahrawi [Pasionaria](#)" for her nonviolent protests.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> She is the president of the [Collective of Sahrawi Human Rights Defenders](#) (CODESA). She was imprisoned from 1987 to 1991 and from 2005 to 2006 on charges related to her independence advocacy. In 2009, she attracted international attention when she staged a [hunger strike](#) in [Lanzarote Airport](#) after being denied re-entry into Moroccan Western Sahara. Haidar has won several international human rights awards for her work, including the 2008 [Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award](#) and the 2009 [Civil Courage Prize](#).