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## Skandinavisk Observatorium For Kommunikation

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**To:** Foreign Affairs Committee in Danish Parliament

**From :** Executive Committee of the Scandinavian  
Observatory for Communication in Denmark

**Subject:** Request for intervention with the Algerian authorities to find a solution to the crisis of African migrants

**Dear chairman,**

In the name of the Scandinavian Observatory for Communication, we avail ourselves of this opportunity to request your intervention with the Algerian authorities to find a solution to the crisis of African migrants.

Indeed, over 900 African migrants from 16 countries, many of whom are children and pregnant women, were loaded on buses to Malian borders where they were left in an open-ended desert without any water no food.

The dire situation of these fellow human beings, exposed to all forms of abuse and brutality, shows to what extent the Algerian military forces have no respect at all for the dignity of migrants.

Such a behavior jeopardizes and breaks the cooperation between the Algerian

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authorities and migration services within the EU, in a blatant disrespect to all international human rights conventions.

You can assess (her attached) some of these gross violations of the basic human rights that were recorded and broadcasted on Denmark's national TV, together with comments from journalists and different international news agencies.

Obviously, as a civil society organization, one of whose main roles is to identify violations of human rights in Africa, we firmly condemn these inhumane treatments that are contrary to the international law and the universal declaration of human rights.

By the same token, we call for an investigation into this serious issue by your institution in order to bring the parties concerned to respect and protect the rights of migrants on the Algerian territory.

Looking forward to a continuation from you, please accept the expression of my sincere consideration.

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