



PRESS STATEMENT!

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**IN DEFENCE OF COMRADE HAMMA HAMMAMI: AGAINST THE POLITICS OF
ASSASSINATION**

The Pan-African Progressive Front stands in firm solidarity with Comrade Hamma Hammami, Secretary-General of the Tunisian Workers' Party, following the circulation of a video on 13 July 2026 in which a supporter of President Kais Saied openly called for his assassination. The individual, speaking without concealment, incited violence against Hammami and other opposition figures, coupling his threats with degrading language and baseless accusations of apostasy and treason. That such a video could remain online for days without removal, and that its author could act without fear of prosecution, tells its own story about where power in Tunisia now stands and who it is willing to protect.

This is not an isolated provocation. It is the latest escalation in a campaign that has, in recent days, already spread false claims of Hammami's arrest and imprisonment, and it follows years of documented death threats against him dating back to the aftermath of the 2011 revolution. Tunisia has already paid the price for tolerating this kind of rhetoric. In 2013, at the height of a similar climate of religious denunciation and violence, Chokri Belaid and Mohamed Brahmi, founders and spokespersons of the Popular Front, were assassinated in broad daylight. Their killers have never been brought to justice. To allow the same conditions to fester today, under the watch of a Public Prosecutor's Office that has so far chosen silence over action, is to invite history to repeat itself.

The Front notes that this alarm is not confined to Tunisia's left. The Tunisian League for Human Rights raised the same concern on 15 July 2026, warning of an escalating pattern of hate speech and incitement to violence spreading across Tunisian social media. A day later, the Party of the European Left added its voice, condemning the threats against Hammami and calling on Tunisian authorities to guarantee his security, open a genuine investigation, and prosecute those responsible. When human rights monitors and international left formations converge on the same warning within the same week, it is no longer a matter of partisan dispute. It is a matter of a state failing, whether by neglect or by design, to protect a citizen's most basic right to hold and voice a dissenting political opinion.

We recall, too, that this is a life already marked by decades of struggle. Hammami was imprisoned and tortured under Ben Ali for his opposition activism, played a leading role in the movements that brought down that regime in 2011, and has for years lived under police protection that was itself withdrawn at a previous moment of heightened threat against him, forcing his partner, the human rights lawyer Radhia Nasraoui, into hunger strikes simply to demand his safety. That a man who has given his entire adult life to Tunisia's democratic and revolutionary project should once again have to fear for his life, five years after Kais Saied's July 2021 power grab dismantled so much of the country's post-revolutionary order, is an indictment of how far that order has been allowed to erode.

Accordingly, the Pan-African Progressive Front demands the following:

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1. That the Tunisian authorities guarantee, without delay, the physical security of Comrade Hamma Hammami, in line with the state's basic obligation to protect its citizens under active and documented threat.
2. The immediate removal of the video inciting his assassination from all platforms, alongside a transparent, independent investigation into its author and anyone who assisted in its production or distribution.
3. The formal prosecution of the individual identified as R.N. for incitement to murder, pursued with the same urgency Tunisian courts have shown in politically motivated cases against opposition figures.
4. An end to selective justice, with equal application of the law regardless of political affiliation, given the precedent set by the unresolved assassinations of Chokri Belaid and Mohamed Brahmi.

The Pan-African Progressive Front therefore condemns, in the strongest terms, this criminal and terrorist rhetoric, which has nothing to do with freedom of expression and everything to do with silencing dissent through fear. We hold the Tunisian state directly responsible for the physical safety of Comrade Hamma Hammami and for any harm that may befall him. We stand with the Tunisian Workers' Party, with the country's progressive and democratic forces, and with all signatories of the joint statement of 16 July 2026, in demanding the immediate identification and prosecution of those inciting his assassination. And we call on Progressive, Pan-Africanist and revolutionary movements across our continent and the Global South to add their voices to this solidarity, because an attack on any comrade who dares to speak truth to authoritarian power is an attack on the political space all of us depend on to do the same.

Solidarity is not sentiment. It is the refusal to let silence become complicity.

In Solidarity,

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