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Jeremy Corbyn joins WSC and Aminatou Haidar in parliament



Speaking alongside leading Saharawi human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Aminatou Haidar, Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn emphasised the importance of the rights of the Saharawi and stated that human rights should be at the centre of everything that the UK does.

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The Western Sahara Campaign and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Western Sahara were delighted to host them both at an event in parliament on June 25 at chaired by Ben Lake MP. Carne Ross of Independent Diplomat and Mark Leutchford from the Western Sahara Campaign also spoke at the event.

Aminatou Haidar has been in London to meet with foreign office officials, parliamentarians, trade unions and human rights organisations in a trip organised by the Campaign, to ask them to take action to stop the human rights abuse that is a daily occurrence on the streets of her homeland.

Reflecting on his longstanding involvement with Western Sahara, Jeremy Corbyn described how he had recently written to Prime Minister Theresa May over UK trade with Morocco to ensure it protects the rights of the Saharawi.

Ben Lake MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Western Sahara said:

"We're concerned the UK appears to be putting trade interests ahead of the human rights of the Saharawi people. The British government needs to reiterate its support for a referendum for Western Sahara, protect human rights and tackle the wall of silence from the international community"

John Gurr from the Western Sahara Campaign said:

"The UN has been promising the people Western Sahara a referendum since 1991. The violence and torture that the Saharawi suffer is a direct result of the failure of the UN Security Council to deliver this. It's time for the British government to take its responsibility as a member of the UN Security Council to stop this and call for a date to be set to deliver that referendum."

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