



## **Our Message to the Public**

### **On the Assassination of Freedom Fighter Chokri Belaid**

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The signatories, after the assassination of freedom fighter Chokri Belaid, coordinator-general of the Democratic Patriots' Movement, feeling the country's critical political, security and social conditions, which have led to an increase in a violence cycle that threatens to bring about overwhelming chaos, and being aware of the need to protect the homeland against imminent dangers that it faces, pray for mercy on the revolution's martyr, Chokri Belaid, and pay condolences to his family and friends and all Tunisians.

They consider the assassination of Chokri Belaid to be political and denounce this heinous crime; they put it in the context of a policy where violence is a growing approach to political groups; they believe this wouldn't have taken place if violence wasn't disregarded and if justifications close to compliance did not occur; this approach is getting even more dangerous because it is taking place while the homeland and the region face major threats.

Taking into consideration the dangers faced by the homeland,  
The undersigned urge all parties to avoid the fall into violence, to practice self-restraint and be fully alert and to work on concerted efforts to bring the country out of its crisis and to put a complete end to violence of all forms, they underscore the need to protect the homeland from all dangers.

And they:

- 1- Call for putting into effect measures that immediately end all forms of violence and prosecute those responsible for it, including individuals, groups and organizations,
- 2- Call for criminalizing violence and pleas for grudge and division among Tunisians; they urge all political groups to join the Declaration of Peaceful Dealing and the Rejection of Violence, which was issued by the Arab Institute for Human rights, and to abide by the declaration's principles,
- 3- Hold the institutions and counter-revolution forces of the current regime responsible for the spread of political violence and the increase of its repercussions on national peace,
- 4- Consider that the national situation, which reached a high level of danger, requires the formation of a national salvation government of neutral, independent and skilled persons that puts into effect an urgent plan to deal with security, economic and social difficulties; this would allow for completing the transitional stage in suitable conditions for the upcoming elections,
- 5- Urge the Constituent Assembly to focus on concluding soon enough a new constitution that establishes the revolution's goals and the principles of democracy, universal human rights and social justice, and a new election law,
- 6- Strongly urge for supporting and actuating the Tunisian General Labor Union's initiative to develop a joint national vision on the requirements of democratic transition.

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