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Solidarity and mobilisation after the killing of Chokri Belaïd

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Chokri Belaïd, one of the main leaders of the Tunisian radical left, was shot dead this morning [6 February] outside his home.

The NPA expresses its horror at this odious crime. It extends its full solidarity to his family as well as to the Tunisian activists who have shared his struggle.

Chokri Belaïd was the general secretary of the Parti des patriotes démocrates unifiés (Watad – Party of United Democratic Patriots), and was thus one of the spokespersons of the “Front populaire pour la réalisation des objectifs de la révolution” [Popular Front for the Realisation of the Objectives of the Revolution].

He had been subjected to a hate campaign by Islamists for his involvement in the social mobilisations underway. On February 2, he had already been attacked by Salafists during his party’s congress. On the eve of his murder, he went on television to stress the responsibility of the government led by Ennahdha in the verbal and physical attacks to which he was subjected.

The NPA calls for support for the mobilisations organised in France to denounce this crime and demands that all the facts around it are brought to light.

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Montreuil, France