



## **DJIBOUTI: IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF TEACHER YACOUB HASSAN**

Since September 1, 2026, teacher Yacoub Hassan, a member of the Gadaboursi community, has been detained at the Port of Djibouti police station.

According to the information available to us, he is accused of having collected money to finance the conflict in the Awdal region.

We categorically reject this accusation, which we consider false and without foundation.

Yacoub was taken from his home by Police Lieutenant Colonel Salah Mohamed Hersi without a court order and due process. Such practice against the Gadabursi community has been in place since Djibouti's accession to independence.

The Gadaboursi community has not forgotten the Café de Paris affair, nor the mass arrests and torture of innocent people, some of whom continue to suffer the consequences to this day.

We will never again accept being the silent victims of abuses committed by the Djiboutian authorities.

We call on the Djiboutian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Yacoub Hassan.

We also call on human rights organizations, as well as French and American representatives present in Djibouti, to pay close attention to this case and to demand explanations from the Djiboutian authorities regarding Yacoub Hassan's situation.

Finally, we urge the entire population of Djibouti to preserve civil peace, reject hate speech, and defend the rights of all citizens, regardless of their community.

The conflict taking place in the Awdal region must not be imported into Djibouti or become a source of division and confrontation between the country's different communities.

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