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He's an online activist and father of seven. In September 2016, Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri, commonly known as Mahadine, posted videos on Facebook. In them, he accused the Chadian government and people close to it of corruption and misusing public money. He also complained about the economic crisis gripping this oil-dependent nation which is suffering from falling oil prices worldwide.

Making and posting the videos was a bold thing to do in a country where speaking out like this carries serious consequences.

Within days, Mahadine was snatched from the street in broad daylight by a group of men believed to be intelligence officers. He says he was beaten, electrocuted and chained up for weeks, and moved from one prison to another. His wife and children were told nothing of his whereabouts and had to track him down themselves.

Mahadine now faces a life sentence, and faces charges including threatening national security. He is gravely ill, having caught tuberculosis in prison. He needs urgent medical attention. He should not have to spend the rest of his life locked up for courageously expressing his opinion.

**Tell Chad to release Mahadine without delay.**

**WRITE A LETTER  
CHANGE A LIFE**



### Write to the President of Chad

Tell him to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri, known as Mahadine, without delay.

President Idriss Deby Itno  
PO Box 74  
N'Djaména  
Chad

Email: [contact@presidence.td](mailto:contact@presidence.td)  
Twitter: [@PrsidenceuTcha](https://twitter.com/PrsidenceuTcha) / [@PR\\_IdrissDeby](https://twitter.com/PR_IdrissDeby)

Salutation: Your Excellency



### Help keep Mahadine's spirits up

Tell him his courage inspires you and that you won't give up on him.

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