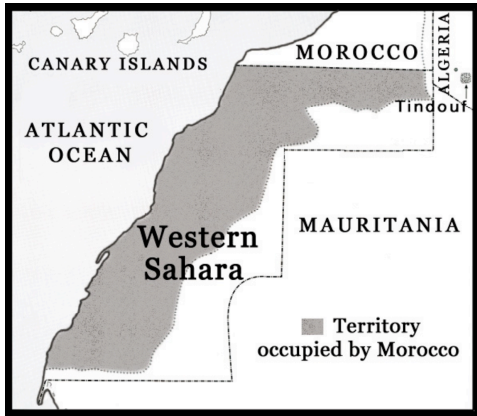


Background

Africa's last colony: for 30 years the people of Western Sahara have been striving for self-determination. Morocco continues to block the decolonisation process, obstructing the UN referendum. Malainin Lakhali's tour will raise awareness of this struggle and build support for self-determination for the Saharawi people.



Malainin Lakhali grew up in Western Sahara under Moroccan occupation. In 2000, sought by police for his part in peaceful protests in favour of independence, he escaped to the refugee camps near Tindouf in Algeria. Here he helps to bring the daily human rights abuses inflicted by Morocco on his fellow Saharawis to the notice of the world.

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A journalist from Western Sahara tells his story

Malainin Lakhali

Secretary General of the Union of Saharawi Journalists and Writers, human rights activist



Malainin Lakhali has been invited by the **Australia Western Sahara Association**, assisted by:

Australian Council of Trades Unions, Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, Australian Services Union, Australian Workers' Union, Community & Public Sector Union, Maritime Union of Australia, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance, Union Aid Abroad (Apheda), Unions NSW, WA Unions.

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**In Melbourne 4-8 June &
28 July – 4 August 2007**

Program



Malainin Lakhall will speak in Melbourne on:

Tuesday 5 June

2-3pm: ***A journalist from Western Sahara tells his story.***
Victoria University, School of Social Sciences, Room
G470 Footscray Campus, Cnr Ballarat and Geelong Rds,
Footscray.

6pm-7pm: ***Human Rights issues in Western Sahara*** with
parliamentary Amnesty group, hosted by Don Nardella
MLA. Victorian Parliament Building, Spring Street, Room
K. Please book with Ron Guy 0428 173 970.

7.30pm: Welcome Dinner, Nyala African Restaurant, 131
Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. \$30. Please book with Ron
Guy 0428 173 970.

Wednesday 6 June

12noon-1pm: ***Western Sahara: violation of Saharawi indigenous
rights in the last colony in Africa*** Seminar at
Australian Centre for Indigenous Studies, Monash
University.

7pm: *Melbourne Documentary Group night cancelled. Film :
To the world through your eyes (Hacia el mundo en tus
ojos) by Astrid Oster, will be shown during film festival
on 1 August.*

Friday 8 June

12 noon Geelong Trades Hall, 127 Myers Street, meet Malainin
Lakhall over a snack lunch.

6pm Film Night at Geelong Trades Hall: *It's a long way to
Tifariti* (made during the Australian delegation to the
Saharawi refugee camps near Tindouf in 2004).

Sunday 29 July

2-5pm Illustrated Talk at Travelstore, Smith Street, Collingwood

8pm Musical Evening at The Railway Hotel, Brunswick in aid
of APHEDA (date to be confirmed)

Monday 30 July

Evening Australian Volunteers International, Kerr St, Fitzroy

Tuesday 31 July

4pm ***The plight of the Western Sahara: background to
the intifada of independence.*** Centre for Citizenship
and Globalisation
Deakin University (Burwood campus) **Building D,
Faculty of Arts, Deakin University, 221 Burwood
Highway, Burwood VIC 3125, Australia**

Wednesday 1 August

One-day Sahara film festival, Cinema Nova (further
details later)

Thursday 2 August

12.00-2.30pm: ***Natural Resources, Human Rights and the issue o
Western Sahara*** Centre for Dialogue, Latrobe
University, Bundoora

7.30pm ***Update on the Decolonization Process in Western
Sahara***, Institute of Postcolonial Studies, 78-80 Curzoi
Street, N Melbourne