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## **Translation of Tunisian Video**

Title: From the Heroes of Tunis: Hero Mohamed Al-Noury

## Written Portion

The introduction of Mr. Mohamed Al-Noury, President of the Movement

Mr. Mohamed Al-Noury is a lawyer with the Court of Cassation and is a founding member for human rights activity. He is in charge of the young lawyers and a former member of the national lawyers and chairman of the international association for the defense of prisoners...

Help by Mr. Mohamed Al-Noury and his family with the system of the...

## **Speaking Portion**

Brothers and Sisters, there is a Human Model Request that we will present to you on the basis of expansion and opening. We are presenting to the youth, first to know part of their history. The people that I'm going to talk about are part of Tunisia's History. The people that don't know their history and don't know the correct history... Mohamed Al-Noury is a part of Tunisia's history. Kemal Hashem Jamal, Kemal Aleed al-Salam, part of Tunisia's History and this part is bright, the part that allows every one of us to be able to honor him. Why? This man, today, is 71 years old. He is claimed to be from Gaza. He participated in satiation of life and to carry the love of the Tunisian people. For our siblings and family in Gaza. He insisted, 71 years of age, can you imagine one walking in Gaza in these circumstances. They can kill him, steal from him. But he insisted on going which is very important thing, first because he showed up. There are feelings, we are empathetic towards the Palestinians. At the same time, there are people who can, in the same age group. But this man becomes marvelous because at 70 years of age, he participated in a hunger strike. He didn't have any traveling rights. He was prohibited to travel. He said, I have the right. A man who is 70 years old and attempts to get his rights, didn't get tired. He didn't let people take pity on him. And this is a man who is 70 years old. This man is a man who shared in the creation of the Tunisian Civil Society. He participated in the building of the Youth Lawyers Society. He participated in building the Tunisian Judiciary Center. He participated in building the second great mission and now started the free state. He participated in building the National Council for Liberties. He was always in all the fights that had specific freedoms, he was present. You know that the dictatorship forbade the Tunisian people from organizing. "We're going to organize you. We're going to place you." "We're going to place you in policed societies, who'll rule the area. The man said we need rights. I can choose myself, the police should not enter our societies. ... is present in this man. This man... in the year 2005, participated in a hunger strike. Himself and other activists, for a month until October. He could have killed his life. Why? To confirm to the Tunisian people the right and necessary freedoms. Can you imagine? A man who is over 70, participating in a hunger strike for a month? This man also has ...

He is the one who walked in front of the arbitrators of injustice, the oppressors, the dictatorship...an Islamic witness...

This man stood up, honorably and defended all the oppressed, to a degree that he went to the military court at 71 years of age, went to the military court and the military court ruled 6 months in jail...

He was prepared to sit 6 months in jail. A man who has a doctorate in rights, this isn't something simple. A man who is a judge and has a doctorate in rights, ready to be in jail, and its ok, 6 months? was degraded...

This man stood up for all the political umpires, stood up for the lower class while he was a youth. During his youth, he was also one of the volunteer youth that spent their time for the Tunisian Union for students. If you look at his history, from his return to Gaza until the beginning of his commitment to the political movement, all of this...

The man, during all of his years, took his wealth, displaced his children...

This is from the highest means of the dictatorship, to get to the mother and father through their children...With all of what they did to him, he doesn't stop.

...That isn't it; today he is living in Tunisia and is experiencing severe repression and besiegement and he isn't jolted.

...Those who don't approve of degradation, injustice, the ones who stand up, this is the correct way, what we love. All the people will get hopeful and... take on the example. You tell me it's exceptional people, No, it's not exceptional people. These are ordinary people, people from our nation, people that came out of the Tunisian society. Overthrow...win...the people who stood up, until they beat the degradation and injustice, they won against themselves. They beat the fear that is inside...they beat the part that is..in his personality, we reject this part...Courage is not when a person isn't afraid. Courage is the ability to beat the fear. This is courage. All people are afraid...but where is their strength? They don't accept fear. The don't accept...greediness...This is the first victory for Mohamed Al-Noury. Mohamed Al-Noury didn't win until he beat Mohamed Al-Noury. This is modification. Even one of us, no one can tell me a person, unless he has had victory over himself...he went through all of that pain and pressure on his family and children...he is always victorious. This is true victory, a person who is victorious over himself, is victorious over all essentialities. I wish that you are from the victorious. To be victorious, you have to be victorious over your souls...

... "the people, who talk to me and say, give me, in two hours, the resolutions. What resolutions? The best resolution is for every one of you to beat their fear...

And look, it is very hard but at the same time very easy. It is very hard, because it is harder for a person to beat his fear and to be victorious over himself and at the same time, when he achieves this, everything will be allowed....

We interact with the sheikhs and youth, what I do not want is to interact with the sheikhs and the youth (might be the opposite, not sure about wording)...

These people stayed with the youth, to this day. The youth that are understood, that are strong with the ability of giving, the ability of Jihad, the ability of...the ability of patience, the ability of command...this man reached 70 years old. You feel that he didn't do this for himself. He did it for his children and grandchildren. These were sacrifices for the future. I want you to be thankful for these sacrifices. This man and others sacrificed more than you can imagine. You must be thankful for these sacrifices.

...you need to spread it...the load is very heavy, you need to lighten the load off of him and all of those heroes who honored us and ...

...I'll talk to you in the next episode. Peace be upon you and so long and thank you very much for your attention, interaction, responses, and the spread of these episodes to your friends and relatives because in my view, this voice needs to reach the most people because the people...the revolution is something from the heart, it must reach the heart. God willing it will lead to change, in interactions, minds, and hearts. Peace be upon you.