

UN Security Council extends peacekeeping mandate in Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara

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United Nations, November 2 (RHC)-- The United Nations Security Council has extended the UN peacekeeping mission in Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara for another year. The resolution calls for a

resumption of U.N.-brokered talks between Morocco, which has occupied the northwest African territory since 1975, and the Polisario Front, the Sahrawi liberation movement seeking independence.

Morocco's invasion set off decades of torture, disappearances, killings and repression against pro-independence Sahrawis living in occupied Western Sahara. Last November, Morocco violated a 29-year ceasefire with the Polisario Front, and war returned to the territory for the first time since 1991.

Western Sahara has been called "Africa's Last Colony."

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