

## Algeria commemorates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the massacres of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1961



Sixty years ago, on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1961, several thousand of Algerians living in France took to the street in Paris, during the liberation struggle, to protest peacefully against the decision of the French authorities to impose a curfew on Algerians living in the capital city in an attempt to prevent them from bringing their support to the National Liberation Front which was leading the National Liberation struggle.

The demonstrators made up of men, women and children were savagely attacked by French security forces which committed unspeakable crimes against peaceful people whose only fault was to peacefully express their refusal to be discriminated as well as their support to Algeria's independence.

More than 200 people lost their lives. Many of them drowned after being thrown into the Seine river by the police on the orders of the prefect of police, while several others were arrested, badly beaten and tortured. These massacres were intentional.

On this occasion, Algerian People bows to the memory of all these victims who did not hesitate for a single moment to scarify themselves for the noble cause of independence of their motherland, Algeria.

Glory and eternity to our brave martyrs  
Long live Algeria