



TAZMAMART CELL 10

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In the early '60s, 58 officers and petty officers get arrested because they are involved in two attempted coup d'État against the Morocco's monarchy. They are deported to Tazmamart, a non-place the existence of which was denied by the authorities for a long time. They were held in inhuman conditions, stripped of any dignity, tortured and left to die in agony. Only twenty-eight of them managed to survive and go back home, after eighteen years of terror.

It's a woeful tragedy; heinous, almost unbearable. It's identical to the one that thousands of young people are still living today in the prisons of these Countries run by a dictatorship, to whom the western governments wink at, in sign of friendship and agreement. A true story. A story about the past and the present.

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DETAILS

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Ahmed Marzouki is former military; he's a Moroccan whose traces were lost after the attempted coup d'État in Skhirat. He inadvertently participated to that coup by following his superiors' orders. Marzouki was held for eighteen years in Tazmamart, a jail-fort situated in the Eastern region of Meknès-Tafilalet, a place that became infamous during the reign of Hassan II. Ahmed Marzouki told his story in the book "Tazmamart, Zinzana 10" (Tarik edition), which became a best-seller and one of the most successful books in Moroccan history. Because of this unprecedented success, the prestigious Parisian publisher Gallimard translated and published the work in France, where it ended up being just as successful. For Italy and for the rest of the World, CSA Editrice owns the publishing rights.

