

Zohra Drif Bitat (Arabic: ??????????, romanized: Zuhra Drif Bitat, born 28 December 1934)[1] is a retired Algerian lawyer, moudjahid (a militant of the Algerian War of Independence), and the vice-president of the Council of the Nation, the upper house of the Algerian Parliament.[2] Drif was born in Tissemselt, Algeria, part of the province of Tiaret, where her grandfather was an imam and her father served as a lawyer and judge in Tiaret. Drif's father was a well-established lawyer and reached the status of qadi.[3] She attended an elite secondary school, Lycee Fromentin, in Algiers, and later studied law at the University of Algiers from 1954. She was a part of the FLN's bomb network and during the Algerian War of Independence, she worked with Ali La Pointe, Hassiba Ben Bouali and Yacef Saadi, head of the Autonomous Zone of Algiers. Drif developed ideals that were both feminist and anti-colonial.[4] In her memoir, Drif cites her family and friends as a key influence on her ideals, in particular her mother but also her brother who was also involved in the freedom struggle and suffered with mental health difficulties as a result. Also her relationship with Samia Lakhdari's family with whom she had philosophical debates which proved fundamental in founding her beliefs. to discuss the problems that interest our two populations to be frank". In the same speech, she indicated that "since the Declaration of the 1 November 1954, the FLN said, and remained constant, that they fought against colonial forces and not the French people." Drif was married to Rabah Bitat, one of the heads of the FLN and president of the National Assembly. She is best known for her activities on behalf of the National Liberation Front (FLN) during the Algerian War of Independence. In Algeria, she is considered as a heroine in the Algerian War of Independence against French colonisation. It was at Lycee Fromentin that she met her close friend, and later fellow member of the FLN, Samia Lakhdari. However, her increased involvement in the FLN affected her grades and she was forced to put her studies on hold. Early life Drif was born into an upper class, traditional Algerian family and was raised in the countryside. Her time in the war is most known in connection with the Milk Bar Cafe bombing in 1956. She grew up in Vialar.????