



THE ALGERIAN WAR

No fewer than 4 dates commemorate the Algerian War in France: 19th March, 25th September, 11th November, 5th December. This large number of dates demonstrates the complex nature of our memories of a conflict that is yet to cease causing rifts in both French and Algerian society.

A collection of 4x52 minutes

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On both sides of the Mediterranean, the war affected both civilians and soldiers, women and men, disrupting the lives of millions. Between 1954 and 1962, more than 1.2 million French nationals were called up and sent to Algeria. For eight years, 8,000,000 Algerians lived lives punctuated by division, threats, and violence from all sides.

This docuseries will have you relive the conflict through the stories of those who lived it. From Paris or Algiers, the war has neither the same face nor the same name. Each individual's experience is unique: everyone was there, but everyone was somewhere different with their own unique point of view. The memories of these men and women remained buried long after independence in 1962.

Over 3 years, the INA will gather the testimonies of people who had a role in the war: *Pieds-Noirs*, conscripts, Harkis, *maquisards*, members of various military organisations, "straightforward" fighters or militants, etc., not to mention the women who have rarely had their voices heard.

It is now important to make all of these diverse voices heard, to initiate dialogue, to put a face to these stories, and to provide a fresh perspective on this nameless war that so greatly affected both countries for several generations.

But this war was not only a war between the Algerian and French people, it is also a symbol that has triggered deep reflection and numerous discussions on anticolonial struggles in other countries.

With the help of a committee of historians from around the world, using previously unseen or little known archive materials, and shot in France and Algeria, **THE ALGERIAN WAR** will contextualize the conflict within a large time frame, from the French conquest of Algeria in 1830 to Algerian independence, without forgetting the memories of the war since 1962. It will re-examine the story so that everyone can better understand the complexity of these events.

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