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The Maqam Echahid memorial is devoted to heroes who perished in Algeria's war of independence (1954-1962). The monument was designed by Polish sculptor Marian Konieczny.

The memorial was unveiled on 5 July 1982 on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Algeria's independence. It consists of three stylised 140-metre palm leaves converging at the top, representing the three stages of the Algerian revolution – industrial, agrarian and cultural. There is a 7.6 metre Islamic turret where the leaves come together at a height of 47 metres. The turret is topped by a dome of 6 metres that accommodates a viewing platform. There are three sculptures at the bottom of the Memorial and an eternal flame in the centre.