

URGENT ACTION

RETURN TO TURKEY NOT IMMINENT FOR TWO SYRIANS

The first two Syrian refugees that became at risk of being forcibly returned to Turkey under the illegal EU-Turkey deal have now been released from detention. In both cases a court has also ordered the suspension of their deportation until other court hearings take place at the end of September.

The cases of Syrian refugees **M.F.** and **J.B.** are the first two known cases in which asylum applications were found inadmissible by the Appeals Committee under the illegal EU-Turkey deal. The Appeals Committee found that Turkey is a safe third country for M.F. and J.B., putting them at immediate risk of being returned to Turkey, where their safety and protection is not guaranteed.

M.F. and J.B. have now been released from police custody. M.F. was released on 1 July and J.B. on 22 July. On 28 July, a court order suspended temporarily their deportation until end of September, when court hearings on their request to get the Appeals Committee's decisions overturned will take place, removing the imminent risk of deportation for the two refugees.

Amnesty International remains in contact with M.F. and J.B. and their lawyers and will continue monitoring their cases closely.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network at this stage.

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