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TUNISIA Human rights defenders and their relatives

Jallal Zoughlami was released on bail on 15 May, and ended his hunger strike. His brother Taoufiq Ben Brik also put an end to his 42-day hunger strike that day, thanking human rights organizations and journalists for their support.

The Appeal court in Tunis ordered Jallal Zoughlami's release at a hearing attended by international observers and a delegation of Members of the European Parliament as well as Tunisian human rights activists. The court will issue its verdict on 18 May.

International pressure helped to secure Jallal Zoughlami's release. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further appeals are requested from the network.