

URGENT ACTION

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS RELEASED AFTER 18 MONTHS IN ARBITRARY DETENTION

On 24 November 2025, Tunisian authorities released Mustapha Djemali and Abderrazak Krimi after a court sentenced them to two years' imprisonment, with 6 months suspended, allowing for their release since they had already spent more than 18 months in arbitrary detention. Their prosecution marked the first trial in Tunisia targeting NGO staff solely based on their humanitarian and human rights activities assisting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

On 24 November 2025, Tunisian authorities [released](#) Mustapha Djemali and Abderrazak Krimi following Tunis Court of First Instance decision convicting and sentencing them to two years in prison while suspending the execution of the remaining of their sentence after taking into account their time in pretrial detention. As the two men had already been arbitrarily detained for more than 18 months, they were released shortly after the ruling.

The authorities prosecuted Mustapha Djemali and Abderrazak Krimi in connection with their legitimate work supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, in what represented an unprecedented criminal prosecution of staff of a non-governmental organization in Tunisia based solely on their activities.

Amnesty International raised concerns throughout the proceedings that their detention and prosecution meant the criminalization of legitimate humanitarian and human rights work.

Amnesty International called on Tunisian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release the detained human rights defenders, drop the charges against them, and end the targeting of civil society organizations working on migration and asylum issues. Supporters worldwide mobilized through the Urgent Action network, while sustained international engagement contributed to maintaining scrutiny over the proceedings and obtaining their release.

While the release of Mustapha Djemali and Abderrazak Krimi is a welcome development, their conviction remains deeply concerning and sets a dangerous precedent for the criminalization of humanitarian and human rights work in Tunisia. The case highlights the growing restrictions faced by civil society organizations operating in the country.

NAME AND PRONOUN: Mustapha Djemali (He/Him) and Abderrazak Krimi (He/Him)

THIS IS THE THIRD AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 45/25

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: [Tunisia: Human Rights Defenders on Trial: Mustapha Djemali and Abderrazak Krimi - Amnesty International](#)

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