

URGENT ACTION

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR RELEASED FROM PRISON

On 12 October, conscientious objector İnan Süver was released from prison in Istanbul, Turkey, on the grounds that time previously spent in pre-trial detention should be subtracted from his sentence.

Conscientious objector **İnan Süver** was released from Silivri prison on 12 October, on the basis that the time he had spent in pre-trial detention should count towards his sentence. His lawyer said that the execution of another custodial sentence relating to his refusal to perform military service is still pending.

On 12 September during a routine identity check, İnan Süver was re-arrested in Bağcılar district of Istanbul, following the confirmation of a five-month prison sentence in absentia for his April 2011 escape from hospital while serving a prison sentence for his refusal to perform military service.

İnan Süver declared his conscientious objection in a letter to the military authorities in 2009, in which he explained that for reasons of profound conviction, he refused to perform military service. On 26 November 2010, İnan Süver was declared “unfit for military service” by the military authorities, and therefore was no longer required to perform military service. However according to İnan Süver, he has been punished for his refusal to perform military service since 2001. He was considered a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned because of his refusal to perform military service on grounds of conscience.

Should İnan Süver be imprisoned again because of his refusal to perform military service on grounds of conscience, Amnesty International would again consider him to be a prisoner of conscience.

No further action by the UA network is requested at present. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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