

URGENT ACTION

SYRIAN WOMEN RELEASED

Syrian student Ranim Khalil Ma'touq was released on 11 June under the presidential amnesty of 9 June. Human rights lawyer Jihan Amin had been released on 29 April after being questioned by an investigating judge of the Anti-Terrorism Court.

Ranim Khalil Ma'touq was released on 11 June, under the terms of a presidential amnesty that pardoned individuals charged with certain offences under the Anti-Terrorism Law of 2012, which contains overly broad definitions of terrorism-related acts and has regularly been used by the authorities to repress peaceful activists. The amnesty was announced in Legislative Decree No. 22, issued on 9 June. **Jihan Amin** was released on the order of an investigating judge of the Anti-Terrorism Court after being questioned about "financing terrorism".

The two women had been arrested on 17 February at their homes in Sahnaya, near Damascus, and held incommunicado until mid-April, when they were transferred to 'Adra prison. They were both awaiting trial before the Anti-Terrorism Court when they were released.

No further action is requested from the UA network, but thank you very much to everyone who took action for Ranim Khalil Ma'touq and Jihan Amin.

This is the first update of UA 38/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE24/009/2014/en>

Names: Ranim Khalil Ma'touq, Jihan Amin

Gender m/f: f

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