

URGENT ACTION

STUDENT FREE AFTER SENTENCE REDUCED

Tunisian student jailed for engaging in homosexual relations free after his sentence was reduced on appeal on 17 December.

A 22-year-old Tunisian student, referred to by the pseudonym “**Marwan**”, was sentenced to one year in prison on 22 September 2015 by the Court of First Instance in Sousse under Article 230 of the Penal Code, which criminalizes same-sex sexual relations. He was released on a bail of 500 Dinars (247 US\$) on 5 November so he could complete his final university exams, according to his lawyer.

During an appeal session held on 17 December, Marwan’s sentence was reduced to two months in prison and a 3,000 Dinar fine (1,459 US\$). Having already served this time in detention, Marwan was free on 17 December.

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

This is the second update of UA 216/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/MDE30/2842/2015/en/>

Name: “Marwan”

Gender m/f: M

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