

# URGENT ACTION

## ENVER AYDEMIR RELEASED

**Conscientious objector Enver Aydemir was freed on 8 June, after a medical report concluded that he had an "antisocial personality disorder" and was "unfit for military service". The report was issued even though Enver Aydemir had refused to undergo psychiatric tests at the hospital. He had been referred to the Gülhane Military Medical Academy on 1 June at the request of military judges at his trial for "persistent insubordination".**

Enver Aydemir had been in military custody since 24 December 2009, and was facing four separate prosecutions for "persistent insubordination". On 29 March 2010, he was convicted of "desertion" and sentenced to 10 months in prison, reduced to four months to take account of time he had already spent in custody. His lawyer told Amnesty International that the four charges of "persistent insubordination" were likely to be dropped as a result of the medical report, but that the Military Supreme Court of Appeals was likely to confirm his conviction for "desertion". If Enver Aydemir is imprisoned because he has been convicted of "desertion", or any other offence relating to his refusal to perform military service, Amnesty International will consider him a prisoner of conscience.

Enver Aydemir thanked those who had sent appeals and restated his commitment to being a conscientious objector to military service.

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