

URGENT ACTION

JOURNALIST AHMAD MAHER RELEASED

On 18 January 2025, journalist Ahmad Maher was released from Bir Ahmad prison in Aden, Yemen. On 25 December 2024, the Aden-based Specialized Criminal Court of Appeal acquitted him after he was sentenced by the Specialized Criminal Court to four years in prison following a grossly unfair trial on charges of disseminating false and misleading news, a crime that is not recognized under international law, and forging identity documents.

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

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Ahmad Maher has spent more than two years in detention during which he was subjected to a litany of human rights violations including torture and other ill-treatment. While detained, he has been denied the right to adequate defence, to access a lawyer of his choosing, to presumption of innocence and not to self-incriminate, rendering his detention arbitrary.

In a social media post published on 18 January, Ahmad Maher thanked everyone who took action and called for his release.

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Ahmad Maher (he/him).

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