

URGENT ACTION

SYRIAN REFUGEES RELEASED FROM DETENTION

Seven of the 12 Syrian refugees detained in Düziçi camp, Osmaniye province, in southern Turkey, were released on 20 May. The other five, a woman and her four children, requested to be voluntarily returned to Syria and were taken to the Syrian border on 19 May.

Lara (not her real name), one of the **12 Syrian refugees** who had been held in Düziçi camp after they were returned to Turkey from Greece, explained to Amnesty International on 25 May that seven of them were released on 20 May. They were provided with travel permits to go to their cities of designated residence. Five out of the seven travelled to the Bursa province, where they are required to register with the authorities to be granted Temporary Protection status in Turkey and are expected to be issued with identity documents. Of the remaining two refugees who were released, Abu Ahmad (not his real name) is currently in Istanbul, while Abu Ali (not his real name) has left Turkey to join his family members in Lebanon. According to Lara, the camp authorities transferred the other woman and her four children to the Syrian border on 19 May on her request. In a previous communication, the mother had told Amnesty International that she wanted to be returned to Syria in order to be reunited with her husband.

Lara explained that she was grateful for all the appeals that supporters had sent and that she believes they helped speed up their release from Düziçi camp.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

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