

# URGENT ACTION

## FILM DIRECTOR INES BEN OTHMAN RELEASED

**Film director Ines Ben Othman, sentenced to two months' imprisonment on 7 January, was released on 16 January.**

**Ines Ben Othman** was released from prison following a decision by the Ariana Court of Appeal to change her sentence from two months' imprisonment with immediate implementation to a suspended sentence. The court session was held on 16 January 2015 and her lawyers told Amnesty International that they were able to present their defence with a noticeably reduced police presence in the court compared to the previous hearing. The court announced its verdict on the same day and Ines Ben Othman was released later that evening.

Ines Ben Othman was detained on 19 December 2014 and sentenced to two months' imprisonment on 7 January for "verbally insulting a public official while carrying out their duties" after going to Ariana police station in the suburbs of Tunis to complain about months of harassment by the deputy head of the station on Facebook.

Ines Ben Othman is now happily reunited with her daughter and family. Her lawyers say she plans to pursue her complaint against the deputy head of Ariana police station.

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

This is the second update of UA 3/15. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE30/002/2015/en>

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