

URGENT ACTION

SYRIAN MAN FACING DEPORTATION RELEASED

Mohamed Zaher Asade, a Syrian man facing deportation from Spain to Syria, was released on 15 April.

Mohamed Zaher Asade, a Syrian man at risk of imminent deportation to Syria from Spain, was released from Madrid's Aluche Centre of Detention for Foreigners (*Centro de Internamiento para Extranjeros – CIE*) on 15 April, following a decision by Granada's Third Administrative Court (*Juzgado Contencioso Administrativo nº 3 de Granada*) the same day.

Mohamed Zaher Asade's lawyer paid tribute to the contribution of Amnesty International activists, saying "the release of Asade has been possible thanks to the work of Amnesty International and especially thanks to the reports of the organization".

Mohamed Zaher Asade, 43, lives in Granada, Spain, with a pregnant Spanish wife and a two-year-old child. On 30 March 2011, he was detained in Granada and transferred to the Aluche CIE, in view of an imminent deportation to Syria, where he would have been at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

In January 2009, while he was imprisoned for terrorism-related offences, he was issued an expulsion order by the Representative of the National Government (*Subdelegado del Gobierno*) in Granada, on grounds of public order and security.

As the expulsion order has not been withdrawn yet, Amnesty International will keep monitoring the case, and take further action if required.

Thank you for sending appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network at this time.

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