

# URGENT ACTION

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER EXTRADITION HALTED

On 15 May, a court in Norway rejected a request from Greece to extradite human rights defender Tommy Olsen, ending the immediate risk of extradition. The court confirmed that the actions for which Tommy Olsen is prosecuted in Greece are not punishable under Norwegian law and that the charges represent “a real risk of violation of his freedom of expression”. The decision will not be appealed. The case followed his arrest in Norway in March 2026 under a European Arrest Warrant issued by Greece in relation to his work documenting pushbacks and other abuses at Europe’s borders.

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

On 15 May, the Hålogaland Court of Appeal in Norway rejected a request from Greece to extradite human rights defender **Tommy Olsen**, ending the immediate risk of extradition. The court found that the actions forming the basis of the charges, which include his communication with refugees and migrants and supporting them in applying for asylum, are not unlawful under Norwegian law, and raised concerns that the charges against him in Greece raise risks for his right to freedom of expression. The decision will not be appealed, making it final at this stage.

Tommy Olsen, founder of the Aegean Boat Report, has spent years documenting pushbacks and human rights violations against refugees and migrants at Europe’s borders. He was arrested in Norway in March 2026 under a European Arrest Warrant issued by Greece in connection with this work. While Tommy Olsen is not at risk of extradition from Norway, the European Arrest Warrant against him remains valid and the charges against him in Greece remain in place.

Speaking to Amnesty International, Tommy Olsen thanked everyone who took action in support of him, saying:

*“I am deeply grateful to Amnesty International and everyone who took action in support of me during this process. This case was never only about me personally, it was about whether documenting human rights violations and standing in solidarity with people on the move can be treated as a crime in Europe.*

*The European Arrest Warrant against me still remains active, meaning I continue to face restrictions on my freedom of movement and ongoing uncertainty. While this urgent action now ends, the situation in the Aegean continues. The need for solidarity, accountability, and independent monitoring has not disappeared.”*

**NAME AND PRONOUN:** Tommy Oslen (he/him)

**THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 22/26**

**LINK TO PREVIOUS UA:** [Norway: Do not extradite NGO worker: Tommy Olsen - Amnesty International](#)

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