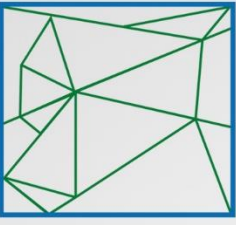


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'Asayish', the security service forces of the Autonomous Administration, released several Kurdish politicians and opponents northeastern Syria during October and November 2018.

The two Kurdish Future Movement member Riyadh Ahmed and Milad Delli, who were arrested together from [Qamishli/Qamishlo](#), on June 21, 2018, freed each alone later; Milad in the following day, 22nd of June, while Ahmed hold for 150 days and released on November 21, 2018.¹

Moreover, the Asayish released Abdulrahman Na'so aka Abdulrahman Abou, member of the Central Committee of The Kurdistan Democratic Party/KDP on November 14, 2018, after 494 days of detention.²

On October 29, 2018, Ahmed Ibrahim, a member of the Kurdish Future Movement, was set free after 132 days behind bars, being arrested by the Asayish in Qamishli on June 20, 2018 following his return from Iraq Kurdistan, leaving the ranks of Rojava Peshmerga Forces³.

Riyad's relatives didn't know his whereabouts throughout his detention, though they asked about him several times at the center of Asayish in Qamishli, but were given no clues, STJ's researcher reported.

The Asayish has earlier released several Kurdish politicians and dissidents in northeastern Syria during October 2018, including the two PDK region committee members, Abdulhameed al-Khalil and Abdulmajeed Mousa, after about 95 days in detention. Besides the release of Shorash Murad, a member of the administrative body of the Martyr NasraDin Burhek Coordination and of the Kurdish National Council in Syria.⁴

Additionally, the Asayish detained a number of Kurdish politicians and opponents during April 2018, including Faisal Yusuf⁵, the general coordinator of the Kurdish Reform Movement, Ne'mat Dawood⁶, secretary of the Kurdish Democratic Equality Party in Syria, and Fadi Marei⁷, head of the public relations office for the Kurdish Future Movement in Syria, and all of whom were subsequently released.

¹ "Arrests of Kurds Politicians and Opponents in Northeastern Syria- June 2018", STJ, June 28, 2018, <https://stj-sy.com/en/view/606>

² "'Asayish' Forces Free the Kurdish Politician Abdulrahman Abou after a Year and Four Months in their Detention", STJ, November 19, 2018, <https://www.stj-sy.com/en/view/980>, (Last edit: November 23, 2018).

³ Peshmerga: military forces based in the federal region of Iraqi Kurdistan, includes Syrian Kurds defected from the Syrian army along with volunteers. Its fighters estimated at thousands, and they fought against the Islamic State organization, aka ISIL.

⁴ "Update: Pro-Autonomous Administration Asayesh Forces Free Kurdish Political Opponents Northeastern Syria", STJ, November 15, 2018, <https://stj-sy.com/en/view/977>

⁵ "Appeals for the Release of the Kurdish Reform Movement's General Coordinator Faisal Yusuf", STJ, April 9, 2018, <https://stj-sy.com/en/view/490> (Last edit: November 16, 2018).

⁶ "Pro-Autonomous Administration Asayesh Forces Arrest Ne'mat Dawood, Secretary of Kurdish Democratic Equality Party in Syria", STJ, April 19, 2018, <https://stj-sy.com/en/view/514>, (Last edit: November 16, 2018).

⁷ "The Asayish Arrests Fadi Marei, Head of the Public Relations Office for the Kurdish Future Movement in Syria", STJ, May 10, 2018, <https://stj-sy.com/en/view/532>, (Last edit: November 16, 2018).

The recently released Riyadh Ahmed, 47 years old, told STJ on November 21, 2018, that he was been brought before a court of Asayish, located near Qamishli, three times through November, the last was on the 19th of it, two days prior his release:

“On June 21, 2018, I was with my friend Milad Delli at my house in Qamishli, when the Asayish militiamen burst into, and arrested both of us. They brought us, blindfolded, to a detention center. However, Milad was freed in less than 24 hours, while I confined in an isolated cell for 94 days, during which I was interrogated several times, that I was accused of recruiting youths for some political or military entities. I was then transferred to another prison of Asayish in the village of Nav Kore, near Qamishli, where I spent more 56 days, luckily in a group cell, which made things better.”, said Riyadh.

Riyad’s family suffered during his arrest, since he was the only breadwinner, besides being concerned about his fate, as his whereabouts remained unknown for five months, Riyadh recalled.

Ahmed Ibrahim, 21, a member of the Kurdish Future Movement, said that he had recently released from the Asayish prisons, on October 29, 2018, following his appearance before one of its courts in Qamishli after 132 days of detention:

“At about 9:30 pm on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, after my recent return from Iraqi Kurdistan, leaving the Peshmerga ranks I’ve joined earlier, the Asayish militiamen arrested me with Mohammed Daham Ayo, member of the consultation body of the KDP, from near Halabja park in Qamishli, and drove us, blindfolded, to Alaya prison in Qamishli. Mohammed was, however, released after less than a day, while I was kept in solitary confinement for 13 days before I was sent to another prison of Asayish where I spent 119 days, 110 of which in isolation. After a week in Alaya prison, I was investigated on charges of forming armed groups under the Kurdish National Council’s command, which I totally denied. I told them that I returned to Syria to take care of my family and make ends meet. I was interrogated on a regular basis every 20 days until I was released on October 29, 2018 after I appeared before an Asayish court near Qamishli.”, Ahmed said.

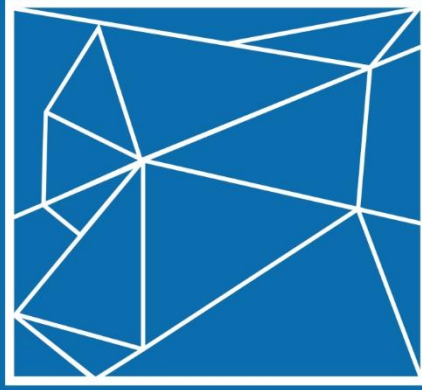
The opponent politician, Ahmed Ibrahim, said that his family did not know his whereabouts throughout his detention period although they asked about him at the security services centers of the Autonomous Administration more than once.



Ahmed Ibrahim, member of the Kurdish Future Movement.

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