

## **Mazen Darwish (m)**

**Adoption Status:** Not Adopted

**Country:** Syria

**Occupation:** Syrian lawyer, regarded as one of the country's most prominent activists and advocates of free speech. He is also the president of the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (CMFE).

**Detained Since:** February 2012

**Charges:** N/A

**Sentence:** N/A



**Additional:** Having already been arrested back in April 2008 and imprisoned for 10 days after reporting on riots near Damascus, he was then was arrested in February 2012. He's being held along with 15 other journalists but has not been charged with any offence. There has been no news from him since his arrest. In 2012, Darwish was honored as the Reporters Without Borders Journalist of the Year, for his tireless efforts for freedom of expression in Syria. In June of 2014, President Bashar al-Assad announced a general amnesty and began releasing prisoners from government jails. Rights lawyers have said that prominent prisoners of conscience, including Mazen Darwish, were expected to be freed under the amnesty.

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