Advocacy dossier

Firas Al-Tawahieh Al-Abadi

فراس الطواهية العبادي

Imprisoned (serving sentence) **Jordan**

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The case at a glance

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Status **Imprisoned (serving sentence)**	Arrested **13 Jul 2026**	Country **Jordan**
Sentence One year in prison (court and date not published)		

What we ask

We call on the authorities to:

01 Release Firas Al-Tawahieh Al-Abadi immediately and unconditionally.

02 Drop all charges related to the peaceful exercise of fundamental rights.

03 Ensure unrestricted access to legal counsel, family, and adequate medical care while in detention.

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How the case unfolded

13 July 2026

Arrest

Arrested to serve a one-year prison sentence

Jordanian security forces arrested Firas Al-Tawahieh Al-Abadi to begin serving a one-year prison sentence in a case related to his peaceful expression and his opposition to the government. The court and date of the judgment have not been published.

3 August 2026

Detention conditions and health

Rights groups raise concern for his health in detention

Women Journalists Without Chains said he was being held despite serious medical conditions and reports that he had suffered several strokes, which raised concern for his safety in detention.

30 September 2026

Other act

CIVICUS Monitor records his imprisonment; no release reported

The CIVICUS Monitor cited his arrest as an example of detention used in retaliation for expression in Jordan and noted the concerns about his health. It reported no release, and no later source found reports one. On the one-year term, his sentence would run until about July 2027.

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The full story

Update, 12 November 2026: Firas Al-Tawahieh Al-Abadi is believed to remain in prison in Jordan, serving a one-year sentence that rights groups link to his opposition views and peaceful expression. He was arrested on 13 July 2026 despite reported serious health problems. No release has been reported.

Background and Work

Firas Al-Tawahieh Al-Abadi is a Jordanian political activist and critic of the government. The CIVICUS Monitor describes his case as related to his peaceful expression and his opposition to the Jordanian authorities, and places it in a section on detention used in retaliation for online expression. Women Journalists Without Chains describes him as an activist sentenced for his opposition views. Published sources give few further details of his activism; the Jordanian news site Khaberni describes him as a political activist.

The Arrest

On 13 July 2026, Jordanian security forces arrested him to begin serving a one-year prison sentence. The sources consulted do not name the court, the date of the judgment or the specific offences, and no statement from the authorities has been found.

His arrest came in a period in which rights groups reported a series of detentions in Jordan. Women Journalists Without Chains, in the same statement, reported the arrest of eight men later transferred to Marka prison without disclosed charges, the arrest of a retired intelligence colonel, Sahm Al-Hawamdeh, after he raised corruption allegations, and the imprisonment of the 71-year-old sports journalist Aisha Salman Al-Alaiwat, known as Rima Al-Abbadi, under the Cybercrime Law.

Detention Conditions and Health

According to Women Journalists Without Chains, he suffers from severe medical conditions and has reportedly had several strokes. The organisation said this raised serious concern for his safety in detention. The CIVICUS Monitor also noted that he was being held despite concerns about his health. No information has been published on where he is held or on the medical care he receives.

On 27 August 2026, the Jordanian news site Khaberni reported that the governor of Balqa had banned a sit-in planned at the Midfa roundabout in Salt to demand his release, citing public order and traffic flow.

Legal Proceedings

The only published detail of the judgment is its length: one year in prison. If served in full from 13 July 2026, the term would end in about July 2027. No appeal, pardon or early release has been reported.

International Response

Women Journalists Without Chains raised his case in a statement dated 3 August 2026 on arbitrary detentions and politically motivated prosecutions in Jordan. The CIVICUS Monitor, citing that organisation and the Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK, documented his arrest in its update of 30 September 2026 on Jordan.

Latest updates on this case Scan the code or visit:https://humena.org/defenders/firas-al-tawahieh-al-abadi/

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