

Human Rights Commissioner on the disappearance of Syrian Blogger Amina Abdallah

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On 6 June the well-known Syrian blogger Amina Abdallah was apparently abducted by the Syrian security services in Damascus. Since then there has been no sign of her. Amina Abdallah wrote openly in her blog about her longing for a Syria that was more open and free.

Markus Löning, the Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy, today (8 June) made the following statement on her disappearance:

“The obvious kidnapping of Amina Abdallah has exposed the general amnesty – declared by President Assad himself only a few days ago and expressly intended to apply to political prisoners – as a sham. The Syrian people are still waiting in vain for earnest, radical reform. I call upon the Syrian leadership to cease forthwith its repression of the civilian population and to release Amina Abdallah immediately.

The Syrian people’s right to freedom of expression – a right claimed by Amina Abdallah – must be respected by the Syrian Government without exceptions.”

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