



28th January 2019

Dimitrios Papadimoulis MEP

***European Parliament
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Dear Mr. Papadimoulis,

You chose to demonstrate for the freedom of Ahmed H., a Cyprian citizen of Syrian origin, on 14th June 2017 in the European Parliament. Together with some of your fellow-MEPs, you urged the Hungarian authorities to let go Ahmed H. in spite of the crime he had committed.

Ahmed H. was the man who led an aggressive physical attack on the Hungarian state border with Serbia on 16th September 2015. He led and incited a crowd that stormed the border, attacked border guards, and attempted to break through the border fence and illegally enter Hungary. Several policemen were injured, and Ahmed H. was taken into custody. He was subsequently charged and sentenced by the Hungarian court to a 5-year prison term for his actions.

He has now served 2/3 of his term and has been let out of prison and simultaneously expelled from Hungary. However, it seems that, curiously, no country wants to admit him. Therefore, he is currently kept in police custody.

Since you found it so important to personally express your support and solidarity with this man, and went as far as trying to influence an ongoing trial by pressing for his freeing despite the obvious (and since proven) crime, I now turn to you with the following request:

I urge you strongly to use your considerable influence as an MEP and intervene with your national government to accept Ahmed H. into your country.

I look forward to your quick and successful intervention.

Faithfully yours,

Balázs Hidvéghi
Director of Communications