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French Journalist Detained at Iraq Border, Arrested on Terror Charges

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French journalist Loup Bureau was arrested in Şırnak on charges of assisting a terror organisation on 2 August 2017. The journalist was first detained on 26 July at the Habur crossing, where he was crossing into Turkey from Iraq. Authorities have said the French journalist was arrested on charges of "aiding and abetting a terrorist organisation." He was placed in Şırnak Prison and a gag order was imposed on his case. BBC Turkish reported that the journalist visited Erbil, the capital of the Kurdistan region, and returned two weeks ago to Turkey, where he was detained under a prosecutorial warrant. An academic thesis he wrote on the People's Protection Units (YPG), a Kurdish militia force in Syria, and some of the photographs he had taken were used as evidence.

UPDATES

15 Sep 2017: On 15 September 2017, Loup Bureau's lawyers announced that he had been released from prison and was soon to be expelled from Turkey.

↪ Tweet by Martin Pradel, Loup Bureau's lawyer

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ↪ EFJ-IFJ report (in French only): "Appel des syndicats de journalistes français à libérer Loup Bureau "
- ↪ Report on Mapping Media Freedom: "Turkey: French journalist detained at Iraq border, arrested on terror charges"

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