

TURKEY

Protestant

Pastor Andrew BRUNSON

Age: 50 years

Date and place of arrest: On 7th October 2016 in Aliaga

Charges: He was indicted on 13th March 2018 in Izmir's 2nd Criminal Court: Membership in an armed terrorist organization and espionage (Gülen movement), as well as establishing links with the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and obtaining espionage information for political and military purposes.

Statement of defendant: He does not accept any of the allegations or accusations.

Last court decision: On 12th October 2018, a Turkish court convicted the Evangelical Presbyterian pastor on terrorism and espionage charges related to the failed 2016 coup against Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The court sentenced Brunson to more than three years of prison time, but released him on the same day on account of Brunson's time already served in detention and good behavior.

Place of detention: Kiriklar Prison

Date of release: 12th October 2018

Other information:

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