

# URGENT ACTION

## RESTORE HEALTHCARE FOR ASYLUM SEEKER

Since March 19, Afghan asylum seeker Tabriz Saifi has finally been able to receive free life sustaining dialysis three times a week, though at a hospital far from his home in Bursa province, Türkiye. This is only a partial restoration of his healthcare access, as it does not cover essential medication or treatment for his two amputated fingers, a result of his diabetes. To address all of Saifi's complex health needs, the Directorate of Migration Management must fully restore his access to healthcare.

### TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on **Second UA 22.25**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

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**Presidency of Migration Management**  
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*Send a copy of your letter to the address below*

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Dear Mr. Hüseyin Kök,

I am writing for your urgent intervention to ensure that Afghan asylum seeker, **Tabriz Saifi**, has his access to essential, life-sustaining healthcare fully restored. Tabriz Saifi, who is blind and dependent on dialysis three times a week, continues to face limitations in healthcare access which means his health remains jeopardized and at risk.

After the Bursa Migration Management Department rejected the Saifi family's (mother, father, and adult siblings) application for international protection on February 28, Tabriz Saifi's healthcare was interrupted.

Following interventions by the Human Rights Foundation of Türkiye, the family's lawyers, and previous appeals to your office, Tabriz Saifi has been receiving free dialysis treatment since March 19, though at a hospital two bus rides away, taking him two hours to reach. Following dialysis, which is exhausting, he must return home in a taxi, representing a financial burden. While his access to free dialysis provision has been a positive step, the strain on Tabriz Saifi has been immense.

Additionally, Tabriz Saifi requires treatment for his two recently amputated fingers, for which he is not receiving care, nor does he have free access to necessary medication.

I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that Tabriz Saifi's full access to free healthcare is restored, enabling him to continue receiving dialysis three times a week, as well as other treatment required for his complex health condition, in accordance with Türkiye's human rights obligations, including the right to health.

Yours sincerely,

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Tabriz Saifi** is 29 years old and suffers from chronic kidney disease, requiring dialysis three times a week. Additionally, he is almost completely blind and relies on the support of his mother, father, and siblings.

The family applied to the Human Rights Foundation of Türkiye in July 2021 for medical and psychosocial support, which they have been receiving, particularly in relation to the torture and other ill-treatment the father, Nasruddin Saifi, was subjected to in Afghanistan and the impact of this on the entire family.

In February 2017, Nasruddin Saifi submitted an application for international protection on behalf of the entire family. This application was rejected in February 2021 by the Provincial Directorate for Migration Management in Yalova. The family challenged the decision at the Bursa Administrative Court, which upheld the decision to deny international protection to the Saifi family. Following a further appeal, the regional administrative appeals court overturned the Provincial Directorate's decision.

The family's application for international protection was rejected for the second time on February 28, 2025, following an interview with Tabriz Saifi, despite the fact that the main applicant is his father. The family's lawyers have highlighted a number of serious irregularities in relation to the interview, including the fact that Tabriz Saifi was made to sign a document he could not read due to his vision impairment.

Under Article 3 of Türkiye's Law on Foreigners and International Protection, an applicant for international protection is defined as an individual who has sought protection and about whom a final decision has not been made. Article 80/e of the Law also states that anyone who appeals the decision to reject their application of international protection has the right to remain in the country. Additionally, Türkiye has ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, meaning it has an obligation to ensure access to the right to health of all without discrimination.

**PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET:** Turkish, English, or your own language.

**PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL:** June 2, 2025

**NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN:** Tabriz Saifi (He/him)

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