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## RWB welcomes US journalist's release in Syria

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Reporters Without Borders is relieved to learn that Peter Theo Curtis, a freelance journalist and author held hostage by the Jihadi group Al-Nosra in Syria since October 2012, was released yesterday.

*"We welcome Theo Curtis' release after 22 months in captivity and we hope that similar efforts will be made to save the lives of other hostages held by militants in Syria,"* said Reporters Without Borders assistant research director Virginie Dangles.

**Curtis**, 45, who writes under the name of Theo Padnos, was abducted by Al-Nosra, Al-Qaeda's official wing in Syria, in southern Turkey [as he was about to cross into Syria to report on the situation there](#).

His abduction was kept secret until his release, just days after [Islamic State posted a video online showing US journalist James Foley's staged execution](#) by one of its militants. The video also showed **Steven Sotloff**, another US journalist who Islamic State is threatening to execute.

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