

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on the 12th Anniversary of the Detention of United States Citizen Austin B. Tice in Syria

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This week marks 12 long, terrible years since American Austin Tice was abducted in Syria. We have repeatedly pressed the Government of Syria to work with us so that we can, at last, bring Austin home. Today I once again call for his immediate release.

The freedom of the press is essential, and journalists like Austin play a critical role informing the public and holding those in power accountable. We stand in solidarity with Austin, his family, and all Americans wrongfully detained and held hostage abroad. I will continue to do everything possible to advocate for and pursue his release and support his loved ones until he is safely returned home.

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