

KAZAKHSTAN

Protestant (Adventist)

Yklas KABDUAKASOV

Age: 54 years

Date and place of arrest: On 14th August 2015, in Astana

Charges: Spreading “incitement of social, national, clan, racial or religious discord”.

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges.

Article of the criminal code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 2 ("Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious discord" by repeat "offenders" with prison terms of between five and ten years).

First court decision: On 9th November 2015, the Astana Saryarka District Court No. 2 sentenced him to seven years of house arrest.

Last court decision: On 28th December 2015, the Astana City Court increased the punishment to two years imprisonment in a labour camp.

Place of detention: On 27th January 2016 he was transferred from the KNB secret police Investigation Prison in Astana to a general regime labour camp in Pavlodar.

Other information: Yklas, a Seventh-day Adventist, discussed his faith and offered Christian books to others. He was arrested by the National Security Committee (KNB), which had been closely monitoring him for a year.

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Sunni Muslims (Tablighi Jamaat)

Serzhan Dalelkhanovich AKHMETOV

Age: 34 years.

Charges: Member of the Tablighi Jamaat missionary movement.

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the organization (Part 1) and participation (Part 2) in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or a sentence up to six years imprisonment. He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 for participating in the activities of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to one-year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016.

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Orazbek APAKASHEV

Date of birth: On 3rd November 1971

Date and place of arrest: On 29th September 2015, in Karaganda Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 for organising the activity of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: On 29th September 2015, Temirtau City Court (Karaganda Region) sentenced him to three years imprisonment.

Adi BAKYT

Age: 38 years

Date and place of arrest: On 19th December 2014 in Aktobe

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in “the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out”, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment.)

Last court decision: On 29th April 2015, he was sentenced to two years of restricted freedom (the time he will have to serve will be reduced because of the four months and ten days spent in pre-trial imprisonment).

Other information: Arrested alongside Bakitkali Konirbayev and Samat Shadmanov.

Baurzhan BEISEMBA

Age: 34 years

Date and place of arrest: On 1st August 2016.

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat movement

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the participation in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or sentence up to six years imprisonment. He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 of organising the activity of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced to 2 ½ years’ imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016.

Estai DZHAKAYEV

Age: 37 years

Date and place of arrest: On 17th February 2015

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405. Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment) and Part 2 (Participating in "the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out", resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 11th March 2016, he was sentenced to a three year ordinary regime prison term.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Vakha Surkhayev.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2170.

Kublandy ISATAYEV

Age: 39 years

Place of residence: Village of Kobda in Aktobe Region, about 50 kms (35 miles) from Kazakhstan's northern border with Russia.

Date and place of arrest: On 6th October 2016

Charges: Participating in the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in "the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out", resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to one-year imprisonment to be served in a labour camp.

Other Information: The case was presented to court on 7th September, with hearings on 21st September and 5th and 6th October, according to court records. As Isatayev had not been in pre-trial imprisonment, he was arrested in the court room at the end of the trial.

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Rauan KARAGYZOV

Age: 30 years

Charges: Member of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the organization (Part 1) and participation (Part 2) in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or a sentence up to six years imprisonment. He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 for participating in the activities of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to 1 ½ years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016.

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Ruslan KAIRANOV

Date of birth: On 14th August 1980

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 337-1, Part 2 ("Organizing or participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organization after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out").

First court decision: He was sentenced to 18 months in prison by Taldykorgan City Court on 14th January 2015 but it was reduced to one year on appeal.

Khalambaki KHALYM

Age: 31 years

Date of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment) and 174 Part 1 ("incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism" with imprisonment of two to seven years or restricted freedom for the same period).

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2 extended his pre-trial detention for one additional month.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Khalym was sentenced to a 2 ½ year prison term in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison.

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek Kozhageldinov, Nurzan Nuradilov, Erbolat Ormabekov and Kubaidolla Tyulyubavev.

Bakirkali KONIRBAYEV

Age: 50 years

Date of arrest: On 19th December 2014

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in “the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out”, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment.)

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 29th April 2015 by Aktobe City Court No. 2, to two years of restricted freedom (the amount he will have to serve will be reduced because of the four months ten days he spent in pre-trial imprisonment).

Other information: He was arrested alongside Samat Shadmanov, Adi Bakyt.

Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV

Age: 38 years

Date of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Statement of the defendant: Kozhageldinov insisted to the Judge that he had done nothing wrong and he was a normal Muslim who tries to observe all the rules prescribed in Islam.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2 extended his pre-trial detention for one additional month.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Kozhageldinov was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Khalambaki Kalym, Nurzan Nuradilov, Erbolat Ormabekov and Kubaidolla Tyulyubavev.

Aykhan Samarkanovich KURMANGALIYEV

Date of birth: On 7th November 1976

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 337-1, Part 2 (“Organizing or participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organization after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out”).

Last court decision: Sentenced to 20 months in prison by Taldykorgan City Court on 14th January 2015.

Nurzan NURADILOV

Age: 33 years

Date of arrest: 23rd September 2015

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Statement of the defendant: Nuradilov insisted to the Judge that he had done nothing wrong and he was a normal Muslim who tries to observe all the rules prescribed in Islam.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 (organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First: court decision: On 23rd November 2015, Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2 extended his pre-trial detention for one additional month.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Nuradilov was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a regime labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison.

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek Kozhageldinov, Khalambaki Kalym, Erbolat Ormabekov and Kubaidolla Tyulyubavev.

Erbolat OMARBEKOV

Age and date of birth: He was born on 10th July 1971.

Date of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2 extended his pre-trial detention for one additional month.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Ormabekov was sentenced to two years imprisonment in labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison.

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek Kozhageldinov, Khalambaki Kalym, Nurzan Nuradilov and Kubaidolla Tyulyubavev

Eldos Mukhametkarymovich OTARBAYEV

Age : 30 years

Charges: Member of the Tablighi Jamaat movement

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the organization (Part 1) and participation (Part 2) in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or a sentence up to six years imprisonment). He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 for participating in the activities of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to 1 ½ years' imprisonment in a labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016

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Ulan SMAGULOV

Age: 40 years

Charges: Member of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the organization (Part 1) and participation (Part 2) in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or a sentence up to six years imprisonment). He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 for participating in the activities of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to 1 ½ years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016.

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Serik SEITZHAPAROV

Date of arrest: Seitzhaparov was not arrested, but had to sign a declaration that he would not leave his home town while the investigation and trial proceeded.

Charges: Convicted of Tablighi Jamaat membership

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: On 12th February 2016, Seitzhaparov was sentenced to two years restricted freedom. Restricted freedom means that he must stay at home but is unable to leave his town or city and is banned from visiting restaurants, cafes or places of public entertainment. The specific restrictions of this case are unknown.

Other information: Seitzhaparov awaited trial at home. He had to sign a declaration that he would not leave his home town while the investigation and trial proceeded.

Bauyrzhan SERIKOV

Age: 38 years

Date of arrest: On 7th October 2015.

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Statement of the defendant: He denies the allegations.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court ordered pre-trial imprisonment on 9th October 2015. In late December 2015, Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court extended the pre-trial detention order until 7th February 2016.

Last court decision: On 28th March 2016, Serikov was sentenced to two years in prison, starting from his original arrest on 7th October 2015.

Place of detention: KNB secret police investigation prison – Karaganda.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Aidin Shakentayev and Murat Shopenov.

Samat SHADMANOV

Age: 41 years

Date of arrest: On 19th December 2014

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in "the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out", resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment.)

Last court decision: On 29th April 2015, he was sentenced to two years of restricted freedom (the amount he will have to serve will be reduced because of the four months ten days he spent in pre-trial imprisonment).

Other information: He was arrested alongside Bakitkali Konirbayev and Aidin Shakentayev.

Aidin SHAKENTAYEV

Age: 33 years

Date of arrest: On 7th October 2015.

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Statement of the defendant: He denies the allegations.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court ordered pre-trial imprisonment on 9th October 2015. In late December 2015, Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court extended the pre-trial detention order until 7th February 2016.

Last court decision: On 28th March 2016, Shakentayev was handed a thirty month prison sentence, starting from the date of his arrest, 7th October 2015.

Place of detention: KNB secret police investigation prison – Karaganda.

Other Information: Arrested alongside Bauyrzhan Serikov and Murat Shopenov.

Murat SHOPENOV

Age: 33 years

Date of arrest: On 7th October 2015.

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Statement of the defendant: He denies the allegations.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court ordered pre-trial imprisonment on 9th October 2015. In late December 2015, Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court extended the pre-trial detention order until 7th February 2016.

Last court decision: On 28th March 2016, Shopenov was sentenced to two years in prison, starting from the date of his arrest, 7th October 2015.

Place of detention: KNB secret police investigation prison – Karaganda.

Other Information: Arrested alongside Bauyrzhan Serikov and Aidin Shakentayev.

Vakha SURKHAYEV

Age: 54 years

Date and place of arrest: On 11th March 2016, Alakol District Court, Ushural

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405. Part 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 11th March 2016, he was arrested in the court room after the verdict was announced and sentenced to 1 year 3 months in prison.

Place of Detention: Investigation Prison in Taldykorgan

Other information: Arrested alongside Estai Dzhakayev. He was handed to the court on 17th February, the trial began on 29th February with sentencing on 11th March.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2170.

Serik TASTENBEKOV

Age: 40 years.

Charges: Member of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the organization (Part 1) and participation (Part 2) in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or a sentence up to six years imprisonment). He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 for participating in the activities of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to 1 ½ years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016.

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Duman TOLEUKHANOV

Age: 40 years

Charges: Member of the Tablighi Jamaat movement

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405 of the Criminal Code states that the organization (Part 1) and participation (Part 2) in activities banned by the court in connection with extremism or terrorism carries a fine or a sentence up to six years imprisonment). He was specifically convicted under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 for participating in the activities of the Tablighi Jamaat movement.

Last court decision: He was sentenced on 10th October 2016 to 1 ½ years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016.

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Murat TAKAUMOV

Age: 31 years

Date of arrest: On 18th November 2015

Charges: Participation in the banned movement Tablighi Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (“Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out”, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court detention: On 2nd June 2016, he was sentenced to nine months in prison.

Place of detention: KNB secret police investigation prison – Astana

Saken TULBAYEV

Date of birth: On 16th June 1969

Date of arrest: On 11th February 2015

Charges: Member of Tablighi Jamaat, incitement of religious hatred or antagonism, participating in the activity of a banned religious association.

Article of criminal code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 ("Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism" with imprisonment of two to seven years or restricted freedom for the same period) and Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 ("Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out", resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: Sentenced on 2nd July to four years and eight months in prison and banned from conducting any religious activity for three years following his release, until the end of 2022.

Place of detention: Almaty Investigation Isolation Prison, then Pavlodar labour camp.

Other information: On 24th September 2015, Tulbayev was moved to the Pavlodar labour camp. He was beaten after his transfer to a labour camp and prevented to pray the namaz (Muslim prayers).

Kubaidolla TYULYUBAYEV

Age: 54 years

Date of arrest: On 28th September 2015 in the southern city of Taldykorgan

Charges: Participation in the banned "extremist" Muslim missionary movement Tablighi Jamaat.

Statement of the defendant: He said in the 22nd January 2016 hearing he had gone to a mosque but insisted that when Tablighi Jamaat was banned in court in 2013 he and his friends had ceased their activity with the group.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 405. Part. 1 ("Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2 extended his pre-trial detention for one additional month.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Tyulyubayev was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

Other information: Tyulyubayev is a retired police officer. KNB secret police Investigator, Belesov, told Tyulyubayev that if he confessed that he would be freed.

Mamurzhan Rashidovich TURASHOV

Date of birth: On 24th April 1973.

Charges: Creation or leadership of a banned group

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code or law: Criminal Code Article 337-1, Part 2 (“Organizing or participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organization after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out”).

First court decision: He was sentenced to three years in prison on 2nd December 2014 at Saraim District court.