

TAJIKISTAN

Muslims

Abdumajid ABDUKADIROV

Age: 34 years

Date and place of arrest: In January 2016, in Bobojon village in the Sogd Region

Charges: Participation in the banned Salafi Muslim Movement

Statement of the defendant: He claims that the only thing presented as evidence was that he prayed differently and taught not according to the Hanafi school of jurisprudence, but the Salafi school of jurisprudence.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 307-3 Part 2 (Punishes participation in the activity of political parties, social, religious, or other organisations liquidated or banned by a court for extremist activity with imprisonment of five to eight years)

Last court decision: On 18th April 2016, he was sentenced to seven year prison terms by Sogd Region's Bobjon Gofurov District Court.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Imam Khamid KARIMOV who leads the mosque in Bobojon village.

Gufron ANVAROV

Date and place of arrest: Between 9th and 14th May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

Charges: Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-2 (Membership in a banned organisation, punishable by a fine of 1,000-2,000 Somoni [approximately €117 – €235 Euro] or by imprisonment from two to five years, with deprivation of the right to occupy certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to three years)

Place of detention: Khujand District Police Detention Centre

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2180

Otabek AZIMOV

Date and place of arrest: In April 2016, in Dushanbe

Charges: Membership of the Salafi movement and participating in extremist activities

First court decision: He was sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment.

Last court decision: The case went to the court of appeals but the outcome is not yet known.

Other information: The court refuses to divulge any information as to why the sentences are so harsh or what crimes were committed until after the appeals have been heard.

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Romish BOBYEV

Date and place of arrest: In April 2016, in Dushanbe

Charges: Membership of the Salafi movement and participating in extremist activities

First court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years imprisonment.

Last court decision: The case went to the court of appeals but the outcome is not yet known.

Other information: The court refuses to divulge any information as to why the sentence is so harsh or what crimes were committed until after the appeals have been heard.

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Khurshed BOFAROV

Date and place of arrest: Between 9th and 14th May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

Charges: Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-2 (Membership in a banned organisation, punishable by a fine of 1,000-2,000 Somoni [approximately €117 – €235 Euro] or by imprisonment from two to five years, with deprivation of the right to occupy certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to three years)

Place of detention: Khujand District Police Detention Centre

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Imam Sulaymon BOLTUYEV

Date and place of arrest: In late March 2016, in Sogd Region

Charges: Inciting religious hostility

Statement of defendant: He denies the accusations.

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 189, Part 1 (Actions, which lead to arousing national, racial, local or religious hostility, or dissension, humiliating national dignity, as well as propaganda of the exclusiveness of citizens by a sign of their relation to religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using means of mass media, shall be punishable by up to five years of restriction of liberty or imprisonment)

Other information: Imam Boltuyev of the cathedral Mosque in Guliston was arrested alongside Imam Maksud URUNOV of the cathedral Mosque in Kanibadam, Imam Abdujamil YUSUPOV of the cathedral Mosque in Bobojon Gofurov District, and three other unidentified imams, two of whom were from Khujand and Kanibadam. Additional information about the cases against them, trial dates or their condition have not been forthcoming.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2172

Fazliddin GADOYEV

Place of residence: City of Roghun

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016, in the village of Kalai Nav in Rogun

Charges: Participation in the banned Salafi Muslim movement and praying in the Salafi style

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 189, Part 1 (Actions, which lead to arousing national, racial, local or religious hostility, or dissension, humiliating national dignity, as well as propaganda of the exclusiveness of citizens by a sign of their relation to religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using means of mass media, shall be punishable by up to five years of restriction of liberty or imprisonment)

Last court decision: In August 2016, he was sentenced to 3 ½ years imprisonment by a court in Dushanbe.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2180 and <https://news.tj/en/news/18-residents-roghun-jailed-public-calls-forcible-changes-constitutional-order>

Abdurahmon ISMOILOV

Date and place of arrest: In April 2016, in Dushanbe

Charges: Membership of the Salafi movement and participating in extremist activities

First court decision: He was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Last court decision: The case went to the court of appeals but the outcome is not yet known.

Other information: The court refuses to divulge any information as to why the sentence is so harsh or what crimes were committed until after the appeals have been heard.

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Farhod KARIMOV

Age: 31 years

Date and place of arrest: In January 2016, in Bobojon village in the Sogd Region

Charges: Participation in the banned Salafi Muslim Movement

Statement of the defendant: He claims that the only thing presented as evidence was that he prayed differently and taught not according to the Hanafi school of jurisprudence but the Salafi school of jurisprudence.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-3 Part 2 (Punishes participation in the activity of political parties, social, religious, or other organisations liquidated or banned by a court for extremist activity with imprisonment of five to eight years)

Last court decision: On 18th April 2016, he was sentenced to seven year prison terms by the Sogd Region's Bobjon Gofurov District Court.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Imam Khamid KARIMOV who leads the mosque in Bobojon village.

Imam Khamid KARIMOV

Date and place of arrest: In January 2016, in Bobjon village in the Sogd Region

Charges: Participation in the banned Salafi Muslim movement

Statement of defendant: He said that his "only guilt was active propagation of Islam in Sogd and teaching others to do so."

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-3 Part 2 (Punishes participation in the activity of political parties, social, religious, or other organisations liquidated or banned by a court for extremist activity with imprisonment of five to eight years), and 189, Part 1 (Actions, which lead to arousing national, racial, local or religious hostility, or dissension, humiliating national dignity, as well as propaganda of the exclusiveness of citizens by a sign of their relation to religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using means of mass media, shall be punishable by up to five years of restriction of liberty or imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 18th April 2016, he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment by the Sogd Region's Bobojon Gofurov District Court.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2180

Imam-hatyp Muboroksho KHASANOV

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016, in the Kalai Nav village of Rogun

Charges: Participating in the banned Salafi Muslim Movement and for praying in the Salafi style

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 189, Part 1 (Actions, which lead to arousing national, racial, local or religious hostility, or dissension, humiliating national dignity, as well as propaganda of the exclusiveness of citizens by a sign of their relation to religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using means of mass media, shall be punishable by up to five years of restriction of liberty or imprisonment)

Last court decision: Unknown.

Place of detention: Unknown.

Other information: The imam was arrested alongside the village doctor Fazliddin GADOYEV and twenty-five others. They were taken to the Prdavs Police in Dushanbe. Some of the younger prisoners have been released. The family members believe that their relatives were actually arrested for wearing their beards long in the Salafi manner.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2180

Alisher OLIMOV

Date and place of arrest: Between 9th and 14th May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

Charges: Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-2 (Membership in a banned organisation, punishable by a fine of 1,000-2,000 Somoni [approximately €117 – €235

Euro] or by imprisonment from two to five years, with deprivation of the right to occupy certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to three years)

Place of detention: Khujand District Police Detention Centre

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Doyud OKHUNOV

Date and place of arrest: Between 9th and 14th May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

Charges: Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-2 (Membership in a banned organisation, punishable by a fine of 1,000-2,000 Somoni [approximately €117 – €235 Euro] or by imprisonment from two to five years, with deprivation of the right to occupy certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to three years)

Place of detention: Khujand District Police Detention Centre

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Muhammadi RAHMATULLO (Alias. Mullah Muhammadi)

Age: 43 years

Date and place of arrest: On 11th February 2016

Charges: Three charges, including inciting religious enmity

Other information: He is a conservative leader of a Tajik Salafist movement. No information has been provided on the date or outcome of official legal proceedings or place of detention. Salafism was banned in Tajikistan in 2009.

Source: <http://www.eurasianet.org/node/77276>

Kobil SANGINOV

Date and place of arrest: Between 9th and 14th May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

Charges: Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-2 (Membership in a banned organisation, punishable by a fine of 1,000-2,000 Somoni [approximately €117 – €235 Euro] or by imprisonment from two to five years, with deprivation of the right to occupy certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to three years)

Place of detention: Khujand District Police Detention Centre

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Muhammadsayid SAYIDOV

Age: 35 years

Date and place of arrest: In January 2016, in Bobojon village in the Sogd Region

Charges: Participation in the banned Salafi Muslim Movement

Statement of the defendant: He claims that the only thing presented as evidence was that he prayed differently and taught not according to the Hanafi school of jurisprudence but the Salafi school of jurisprudence.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-3 Part 2 (Punishes participation in the activity of political parties, social, religious, or other organisations liquidated or banned by a court for extremist activity with imprisonment of five to eight years)

Last court decision: On 18th April 2016, he was sentenced to a seven year prison term by the Sogd Region's Bobjon Gofurov District Court.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Imam Khamid KARIMOV who leads the mosque in Bobojon village.

Khurshed SUVANOV

Date and place of arrest: In April 2016, in Dushanbe

Charges: Membership of the Salafi movement and participating in extremist activities

First court decision: He was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Last court decision: The case went to the court of appeals but the outcome is not yet known.

Other information: The court refuses to divulge any information as to why the sentence is so harsh or what crimes were committed until after the appeals have been heard.

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Mirzomuhammad RAHMATOV

Age: 32 years

Date and place of arrest: In January 2016, in Bobojon village in the Sogd Region

Charges: Participation in the banned Salafi Muslim Movement

Statement of the defendant: He claims that the only thing presented as evidence was that he prayed differently and taught not according to the Hanafi school of jurisprudence but the Salafi school of jurisprudence.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 307-3 Part 2 (Punishes participation in the activity of political parties, social, religious, or other organisations liquidated or banned by a court for extremist activity with imprisonment of five to eight years)

Last court decision: On 18th April 2016, he was sentenced to seven year prison terms by the Sogd Region's Bobjon Gofurov District Court.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Imam Khamid KARIMOV who leads the mosque in Bobojon village.

Imam Maksud URUNOV

Date and place of arrest: In late March 2016, Sugd Region

Charges: Inciting religious hostility

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 189, Part 1 (Actions, which lead to arousing national, racial, local or religious hostility, or dissension, humiliating national dignity, as well as propaganda of the exclusiveness of citizens by a sign of their relation to religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using means of mass media, shall be punishable by up to five years of restriction of liberty or imprisonment)

Other information: He is the Imam of the cathedral Mosque in Kanibadam and was arrested alongside Imam Abdujamil YUSUPOV of the cathedral Mosque in Bobojon Gofurov District, Imam BOLTUYEV of the cathedral Mosque in Guliston and three other unidentified imams, two of whom were from Khujand and Kanibadam. Additional information about the cases against them, trial dates or their condition have not been forthcoming.

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Imam Abdujamil YUSUPOV

Date and place of arrest: In late March 2016, Sugd Region

Charges: Inciting religious hostility

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 189, Part 1 (Actions, which lead to arousing national, racial, local or religious hostility, or dissension, humiliating national dignity, as well as propaganda of the exclusiveness of citizens by a sign of their relation to religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using means of mass media, shall be punishable by up to five years of restriction of liberty or imprisonment)

Other information: He is the Imam of the cathedral Mosque in Bobojon Gofurov District and was arrested alongside Sulaymon BOLTUYEV of the cathedral Mosque in Guliston, Imam Maksum URUNOV of the cathedral Mosque in Kanibadam and three other unidentified imams, two of whom were from Khujand and Kanibadam. Additional information about the cases against them, trial dates or their condition have not been forthcoming.

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Other prisoners

Name	Date of Birth	Place of residence	Charges	Date of arrest	Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code & other information
Mulloh Abdulloh		Qurghontepa	Suspicion of being a leader of Tablighi Jamaat in Qurghontepa	2009	Charged with Article of the Criminal Code 307, in prison.

Murodbek Galandarov		Sarband	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	2011	
Suhrob Sharifov		Khatlon	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	2010	Charged with Article of the Criminal Code 307, fined 26,700 somoni.
Abdulloh Ishogov	1977	Isfara	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	01.2015	3 years in prison
Zarif Nuriddinov	1981	Isfara	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	01.2015	3 years in prison
Payravjon Ashurov	1983	Isfara	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	01.2015	3 years in prison.
Abdujalol Valiev		B. Ghafurov	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	2012	3 years in prison.
Tohir Zoirov		B. Ghafurov	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	2012	3 years in prison.
Amrokhon Ergashov	1947	Kulob	Suspicion of membership in Tablighi Jamaat	2015	Sentenced with Articles of the Criminal Code 307, 187 and 195 to 12 years in prison.