

RUSSIA

Muslims

Said Nursi Followers

Ziyavdin DAPAYEV

Age: 33 years

Place of residence: Mahachkala

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016 during multiple raids in cities of Dagestan

Charges: Involvement with the banned Nurdzhular organisation

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 1 (Organisation of an extremist organisation, or of extremist activities) and part 2 (Participation in an extremist organisation).

Place of detention: Investigation Prison No. 1 in the Dagestan capital Makachkala

Other information: Dapayev, and his brother Sukhrab KULTYEV, were originally detained alongside fourteen other people on suspicion of involvement in a Nurdzhular organisation. Most of those were released after questioning, but Dapayev and Kultuyev remain in custody. Dapayev's name has been added to the Rosfinmonitoring list of "terrorists and extremists". In May 2011, Dapayev was previously convicted of "extremist" activity for alleged involvement in Nurdzhular and received a three-year suspended sentence.

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Andrei DEDKOV

Age: 36 years

Place of residence: Krasnoyarsk

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016, in Krasnoyarsk

Charges: Involvement with the banned Nurdzhular organisation, organising a "cell of adherents", and holding study groups at various addresses in Krasnoyarsk between 25th May 2015 and 10th March 2016

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activities)

Place of detention: Krasnoyarsk's Investigation Prison

Other information: This is the third time Dedkov has faced charges related to the Nurdzular movement. Dedkov appears on the Rosfinmonitoring list of "terrorists and extremists".

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Yelena GERASIMOVA

Place of residence: Krasnoyarsk

Date and place of arrest: On 8th August 2013, during the major end-of-Ramadan festival Eid-ul-Fitr

Charges: Running a Nurdzhular women's cell

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organisation of extremist organisation or of extremist activity)

Last court decision: On 10th August 2015, the case against her was dropped due to the expiration of the statute of limitations.

Other information: On 27th November 2014, the case began with a preliminary hearing at Soviet District Court after having been passed around the Krasnoyarsk court system for the previous six months. Since then, all twenty-five hearings have been adjourned because of her frequent absences (due to her pregnancy). She was arrested alongside Tatyana GUZENKO.

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Tatyana GUZENKO

Age : 48 years

Place of residence: Krasnoyarsk

Date and place of arrest: On 8th August 2013, during the major end-of-Ramadan festival Eid-ul-Fitr

Charges: Running a Nurdzhular women's cell

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organisation of extremist organisation or of extremist activity)

Last court decision: In July 2015, she was fined 100,000 Roubles (approximately €1,546 Euro).

Other information: On 27th November 2014, her case, combined with Gerasimova's, began with a preliminary hearing at Soviet District Court, after having been passed around the Krasnoyarsk court system for the previous six months. Since then, all twenty-five hearings have been adjourned. She was arrested alongside Yelena GERASIMOVA.

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Bagir KAZIKHANOV

Age: 31 years

Place of residence: Ulyanovsk

Date and place of arrest: On 9th April 2014, and then again on 25th February 2015, in Ulyanovsk.

Charges: Creating a cell of a banned Nurdzular organisation and participating in its activities

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Creation of extremist organisation or of extremist activity)

Last court decision: On 25th February 2015, he was sentenced to 3 ½ years to be served in a general-regime correctional colony by Lenin District Court in Ulyanovsk.

Other information: Kazikhanov was remanded in custody from his arrest in Moscow on 9th April until 26th October 2014. Afterwards, he was put under house arrest. Bagir Kazikhanov was the first reader of the works of the late Turkish Islamic theologian, Said Nursi, to receive a jail sentence in Russia since September 2013.

Yevgeny KIM

Age: 41 years

Date and place of arrest: On 26th December 2015, he was arrested when he and his friends, including their children, had gathered at home to celebrate the birthday of the Muslim Prophet Mohammed.

Charges: Disseminating the religious ideas of the international religious association Nurdzhular, fully aware of the fact that.. [it] had been recognised as extremist and its activities prohibited on the territory of the Russian Federation. The charges claimed that his speeches at his meetings ‘were aimed at inciting religious hatred’, promoted the ‘superiority of the Turkic peoples’, and contained ‘negative evaluations’ of Armenians and Russians.

Statement of the defendant: He says that such an organisation [Nurdzhular] does not exist and denies engagement in extremist' activity.

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organisation of extremist organisation or of extremist activity)

Last court decision: Unknown

Sukhrab KULTUYEV

Age: 31 years

Date of birth: 13th November 1981

Place of residence: Makhachkala

Date and place of arrest: In March 2016 during multiple raids in cities of Dagestan

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 282.2 Part 1 1 (Organizing an extremist organisation or of extremist activity), and part 2 (Participation in extremist organisation).

Place of detention: Investigation Prison No. 1 in the Dagestan capital Makachkala

Date of release: He was released from detention at the beginning of September 2016. He is still under travel restrictions.

Other information: He and his brother, Artur KULTUYEV, were originally detained alongside fourteen other people on suspicion of involvement in "Nurdzhular". Most of those were released after questioning, but Dapayev and Kultuyev remain in custody. His name appears on the Rosfinmonitoring list, the list of alleged "terrorists and extremists" maintained by the Federal Financial Monitoring Service. Most of those were released after questioning, but Dapayev and Kultuyev remain in custody.

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Imam Komil ODILOV

Date and place of arrest: On 6th December 2015

Charges: On 11th December 2015, he was charged with organising a 'cell' of the banned 'extremist' organisation Nurdzhular and was ordered to be detained until 1st February 2016. He was placed in pretrial detention on 'extremism' criminal charges.

Statement of the defendant: He says that such an organisation [Nurdzhular] does not exist and denies engagement in extremist' activity.

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2 Part 1 (Organisation of extremist organisation or of extremist activity)

Last court decision: Unknown

Other information: He has already served a one-year suspended sentence for alleged "extremist" activity and is currently appealing to the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in Strasbourg. Odilov is an imam and cleric at the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Asiatic Russia. Odilov was arrested previously in May 2013 for the same charges and served a one-year conditional sentence although the investigation and trial lasted two years. In 2014, Odilov appealed to the European Court of Human Rights. As of 20th January 2016, Odilov remained in detention.

Andrei REKST

Age: 22 years

Date of birth: 14th March 1994

Place of residence: Krasnoyarsk

Date and place of arrest: On 13rd March 2016 in Krasnoyarsk

Charges: Involvement with the banned Nurdzhular organisation

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 282.2, Part 2 (participating in an extremist organisation or of extremist activities).

Date of release: He was released on bail on the 23rd March 2016 and was placed under house arrest.

Place of detention: House arrest

Other information: He was arrested alongside Andrei DEDKOV. Their names appears on the Rosfinmonitoring list, the list of alleged "terrorists and extremists" maintained by the Federal Financial Monitoring Service.

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