

## KAZAKHSTAN

Most prisoners are Sunni Muslims who are **Tabligh Jamaat** followers. This movement has been banned in Kazakhstan since 2013 although it does not use or advocate violence. It does not call for the overthrow of the political regime in Kazakhstan either.

Other Muslims sentenced to prison terms are said to be **Salafists** or **Wahhabis**. It must be said that their teachings are in egregious contention with Article 5 of the ICCPR which reads as follows:

Nothing in the present Covenant may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms recognized herein or at their limitation to a greater extent than is provided for in the present Covenant.

Salafists and Wahhabis promote an “Untermensch” worldview in which Muslims are superior to and have more rights than non-Muslims. They promote segregation between men and women leading to gender inequality. They promote judicial practices which blatantly contradict Article 7 of the ICCPR: “No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”

Sentencing ‘controversial’ imams and preachers to prison terms because they promote such an ideology is a violation of human rights and imprisoning them is not a solution to the security issue that they may pose. Although it is the right of a state to protect its population against radicalization and foreign ideologies that promote degrading and inhumane treatments, its policies must remain in line with international human rights standards.

Only one **Protestant** and two **Jehovah’s Witnesses** are still in prison in 2017.

### Protestant

**Yklas KABDUAKASOV**

**Date of birth:** 19<sup>th</sup> February 1961

**Date and place of arrest:** On 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015, in Astana

**Charges:** Incitement of social, national, clan, racial or religious discord

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the charges.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative 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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, he was sentenced to seven years of house arrest by the Astana Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Second court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015, his punishment was increased to two years imprisonment in a labour camp by the Astana City Court.

**Last court decision:** In November 2016 the Supreme Court refused to accept his appeal.

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

**Other information:** He is a Seventh-day Adventist, and had 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. He is due for release at the beginning of October.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2145](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2145) ,

[https://www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp\\_prisoner\\_245\\_profile.html](https://www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp_prisoner_245_profile.html) ,

<https://vom.com.au/kazakhstan-yklas-kabduakasov-sentenced-to-two-years-imprisonment/> ,

[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2286](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286)

## Jehovah's Witnesses

### **Teymur AKHMEDOV**

**Date of birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 1956

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 by the National Security Committee.

**Charges:** Inciting religious discord and advocating religious superiority

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the charges and said they were fabricated. During May and June 2016, seven men invited Teymur to a rented apartment, claiming to be interested in the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. They also met at Teymur's home later in the year. Unbeknownst to Teymur, these seven "Bible students" covertly video recorded their conversations.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017, he was sentenced to sixty days in pre-trial detention, as suggested by a KNB investigator, by Judge A.I. Isayeva of Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Second court decision:** On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, his appeal against the pre-trial detention was rejected by Judge Eleonora Ungarsynova of the Judicial Chamber for Criminal Cases of the Astana City Court.

**Third court decision:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp by Astana City Court. The Judge also banned him from conducting "ideological/preaching activity in the area of religion" for three years after the end of his sentence. He lodged an appeal on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**Last court decision:** On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017, his appeal was rejected by Astana City Court.

**Place of detention:** Astana Interior Ministry Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Asaf GULIYEV. He is suffering from cancer and needs hospitalisation. He is married and has three sons.

*Source:* <http://www.rferl.org/a/kazakhstan-jehovah-s-witness-hate-charges/28393870.html> ,  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2252](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2252) , <http://bit.ly/2regreq> ,  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2277](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2277) ,  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2286](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286)

## **Asaf GULIYEV**

**Date of birth:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 1973

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Charges:** Inciting religious discord and advocating religious superiority.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative 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).

**Last court decision:** On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017, he was given a five-year restricted freedom sentence.

**Place of detention:** No. 12 detention facility of Astana

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Teymur AKHMEDOV.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2252](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2252) ,  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2262](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2262)

## **Muslims**

### **Rustam MUSAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 1985

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Charges:** Inciting religious hatred, talking to others about his Islamic faith during meetings

**Statement of the defendant:** He 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:** Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism with a prison term of two to seven years)

**Last court decision:** On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

**Place of detention:** He was transferred from the LA-155/18 Investigation Prison to a labour camp in East Kazakhstan Region.

**Other information:** He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism". He was convicted even though an "expert analysis" commissioned by the KNB did not find any incitement in the recorded conversations.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2229](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2229)

## Sunni Muslims

### **Imam Abdukhalil ABDUZHABBAROV**

**Age:** 42 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017, in Almaty Airport

**Charges:** Inciting religious hatred 'with serious consequences'

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the charges

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Old Criminal Code Article 164, Part 3 (equivalent to the new Criminal Code Article 174, Part 3).

**First court decision:** On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017, he was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment by Oral City Court.

**Source:** [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311),  
[https://www.ecoi.net/local\\_link/345983/477301\\_en.html](https://www.ecoi.net/local_link/345983/477301_en.html)

## Tablighi Jamaat

As of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017, sixty Sunni Muslims who are followers of the peaceful Tablighi Jamaat movement have been given criminal convictions since December 2014. So far in 2017, eighteen Tablighi Jamaat followers are known to have been given criminal convictions for exercising their freedom of religion or belief.

### **Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 1965

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

**Source:** [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2272](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272)

## **Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV**

**Date of birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 1965

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

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## **Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 1968

**Date and place of arrest:** On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, in Almaty Region

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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) 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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016, he was sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the 'expert analyses' commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge (approximately €300 Euros).

**Place of detention:** Almaty Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV, Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV BAKITKALI.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2245](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245)

## **Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 1969

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

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### **Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In November 2016, in Atyrau

**Charges:** Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tablighi Jamaat

**Article of the 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) 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).

**First court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

**Other information:** He was tried alongside Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2292](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292),

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311)

### **Serzhan Dalelkhonovich AKHMETOV**

**Date of birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 1982

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, he was sentenced to a one-year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

**Other information:** He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

### **Orazbek APAKASHEV**

**Date of birth:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1971

**Date and place of arrest:** On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in Karaganda Region

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015, he was sentenced to three years imprisonment by the Temirtau City Court (Karaganda Region).

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2108](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2108)

### **Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV**

**Date of birth:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 1981

**Date and place of arrest:** In November 2016, in Atyrau

**Charges:** Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tablighi Jamaat

**Article of the 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) 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).

**First court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to three years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

**Other information:** He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311)

### **Bakhytzhhan Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 1963

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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)

**Last court decision:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for four years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

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### **Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV**

**Date of birth:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 1971

**Date and place of arrest:** On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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) 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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the ‘expert analyses’ commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge [approximately €300 Euros].

**Place of detention:** Almaty Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV, Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV.

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## **Baurzhan BEISEMBA**

**Date of birth:** 29<sup>th</sup> March 1982

**Date and place of arrest:** On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016

**Charges:** Involvement in 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

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## **Estai DZHAKAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 1978

**Date and place of arrest:** On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Alakol District Court, Ushural

**Charges:** Involvement in 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, he was arrested in the court room after the verdict was announced and sentenced to a three year ordinary regime prison term.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison in Taldykorgan

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Vakha SURKHAYEV. On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016, he was handed to the court. The trial began on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with sentencing on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Both men had not been under arrest before the trial, but were arrested in the

court room on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Judge Akbergenov said the sentences therefore run from 11 March. They have lodged appeals.

Source: [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2170](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2170)

### **Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV**

**Date of birth:** 12<sup>th</sup> September 1975

**Date and place of arrest:** On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, in Almaty Region

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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) 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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016, he was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the ‘expert analyses’ commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge (approximately €300 Euros).

**Place of detention:** Almaty Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV, Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV.

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### **Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV**

**Date of birth:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 1977

**Date and place of arrest:** On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, in Almaty Region

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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) 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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016, he was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the ‘expert analyses’ commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge (approximately €300 Euros).

**Place of detention:** Almaty Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV, Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV.

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### **Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In November 2016, in Atyrau

**Charges:** Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat

**Article of the 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) 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).

**First court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

**Other information:** He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311)

### **Kublandy ISATAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1977

**Place of residence:** Village of Kobda in Aktobe Region, about 50 kms from Kazakhstan's northern border with Russia

**Date and place of arrest:** On 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, he was sentenced to one-year imprisonment in a labour camp.

**Other information:** On 7<sup>th</sup> September, the case was presented to court with hearings on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## **Rauan KARAGYZOV**

**Date of birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 1986

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

**Other information:** He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## **Khalambaki KHALYM**

**Date of birth:** 12<sup>th</sup> August 1984

**Date and place of arrest:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

**Article of the 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for one additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, he 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV, Nurzan NURADILOV, Erbolat ORMABEKOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2153](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153)

### **Bakitkali KONIRBAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1966

**Date and place of arrest:** On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 he was sentenced to two years restricted freedom by Aktobe City Court No. 2. The four months and ten days he spent in pre-trial imprisonment will be considered as a part of those two years.

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Samat SHADMANOV and Adi BAKYIT.

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### **Oralgazi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1966

**Date and place of arrest:** On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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) 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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the ‘expert analyses’ commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge [approximately €300 Euro].

**Place of detention:** Almaty Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV, Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV, Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV and Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2245](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245)

### **Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV**

**Date of birth:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 1977

**Date and place of arrest:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Statement of the defendant:** He 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:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for one additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. He was arrested alongside Khalambaki KALYM, Nurzan NURADILOV, Erbolat ORMABEKOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2153](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153)

### **Aykhan Samarkanovich KURMANGALIYEV**

**Date of birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> November 1976

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** 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:** On 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015, he was sentenced to twenty months in prison by Taldykorgan City Court.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2162&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2162&layout_type=mobile)

### **Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV**

**Date of birth:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 1983

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2272](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272)

## **Nurzan NURADILOV**

**Date of birth:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 1980

**Date and place of arrest:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Statement of the defendant:** He 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:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for an additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, he 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV, Khalambaki KALYM, Erbolat ORMABEKOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2153](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153)

## **Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS**

**Date of birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1961

**Place of residence:** Atyrau

**Date and place of arrest:** In November 2016, in Atyrau

**Charges:** Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tablighi Jamaat

**Article of the 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) 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).

**First court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

**Other information:** He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2292](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292),

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311)

## **Erbolat OMARBKOV**

**Date of birth:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 1971

**Date and place of arrest:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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).

**First court decision:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for an additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV, Khalambaki KAYLM, Nurzan NURADILOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2153](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153)

## **Eldos Mukhametkarymovich OTARBAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 1986

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a labour camp.



**Other information:** He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## **Iliyan RAIYMZHAN**

**Date of birth:** 8<sup>th</sup> February 1992

**Date and place of arrest:** In April 2017

**Charges:** Involvement in Tabligh Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Article 405, Part 1 punishes "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.

Article 405, Part 2 punishes "participation 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" with a fine or up to two years' imprisonment.

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to two years and a half in prison by Tekeli Court in Almaty Region on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017. The Judge also banned him from exercising freedom of religion or belief for some years after his prison term.

**Place of detention:** Almatinskaya Oblast, g. Taldykorgan, Spetsgorodok No. 20, Sledstvenny izolyator LA-155/16, Kazakhstan

**Other information:** Iliyan Raiymzhan is an ethnic Kazakh born in China. He is married with young children. The case was initiated by the National Security Committee (KNB) secret police. Prosecutors claim Raiymzhan was a member of Tabligh Jamaat and had studied at its centres abroad, including in India, Bangladesh and elsewhere.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2307](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2307)

## **Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK**

**Date of birth:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 1965

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV and Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2272](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272)

### **Bauyrzhan SERIKOV**

**Date of birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 1977

**Date and place of arrest:** On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the allegations.

**Article of the 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).

**First court decision:** On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 he was ordered pre-trial detention by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court. In late December 2016, his pre-trial detention was extended until 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court.

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

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

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Aidin SHAKENTAYEV and Murat SHOPENOV.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

### **Samat SHADMANOV**

**Date of birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 1975

**Date and place of arrest:** On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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:** On 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## **Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In November 2016, in Atyrau

**Charges:** Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat

**Article of the 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) 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).

**First court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

**Other information:** He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311)

## **Aidin SHAKENTAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 1982

**Date and place of arrest:** On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the allegations.

**Article of the 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)

**First court decision:** On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 he was ordered pre-trial detention by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court. In late December 2016, his pre-trial detention was extended until 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court.

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

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

**Other Information:** He was arrested alongside Bauyrzhan SERIKOV and Murat SHOPENOV.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## **Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV**

**Date of birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> December 1962

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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)

**Last court decision:** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for four years after the end of his prison term.

**Other information:** He was convicted alongside Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2272](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272)

## **Murat SHOPENOV**

**Date of birth:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 1982

**Date and place of arrest:** On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the allegations.

**Article of the 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)

**First court decision:** On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 he was ordered pre-trial detention by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court. In late December 2016, his pre-trial detention was extended until 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court.

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

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

**Other Information:** He was arrested alongside Bauyrzhan SERIKOV and Aidin SHAKENTAYEV.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## **Ulan SMAGULOV**

**Date of birth:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 1957

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 he was sentenced to 1½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

**Other information:** He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## Vakha SURKHAYEV

**Date of birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> March 1963

**Date and place of arrest:** On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Alakol District Court, Ushural

**Charges:** Involvement in 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, he was arrested in the court room after the verdict was announced and sentenced to one year and three months in prison.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison in Taldykorgan

**Other information:** He was formerly a member of the pro-presidential Nur Otan party and the government-sponsored Assembly of the Peoples of Kazakhstan. He was arrested alongside Estai DZHAKAYEV. On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016, he was handed to the court. The trial began on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with sentencing on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Both men had not been under arrest before the trial, but were arrested in the court room on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Judge Akbergenov said the sentences therefore run from 11 March. They have lodged appeals.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

## Murat TAKAUMOV

**Date of birth:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 1984

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Article of the 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 detention:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, he was sentenced to nine months in prison.

**Place of detention:** KNB secret police investigation prison – Astana

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2153&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153&layout_type=mobile) ,  
[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2223](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223)

### **Serik TASTENBEKOV**

**Date of birth:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 1971

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

**Other information:** He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

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### **Duman TOLEUKHANOV**

**Date of birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 1975

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**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:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

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### **Dmitry Valeryevich TSILENKO**

**Date of birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 1991

**Date and place of arrest:** On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization, and incitement of religious hatred or antagonism

**Article of the 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).

**First court decision:** Tsilenko's case was handed for trial to Kostanai City Court No. 2 on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. His trial began under Judge Lyazzat Mukhamedzhanova on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Serik Yergaliyev of Kostanai Regional Prosecutor's Office led the case against him in court. After repeated hearings, Judge Mukhamedzhanova found Tsilenko guilty on 12<sup>th</sup> May under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1. She sentenced him to three years' ordinary regime labour camp, to count from the date of his arrest in October 2016.

**Last court decision:** On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Kostanai Regional Court rejected his appeal against his three-year prison term. He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism" on 1 August.

**Place of detention:** Tsilenko's address in Kostanai Investigation Prison (until his expected transfer to labour camp in early August 2017): Kostanaiskaya Oblast, g. Kostanai, ul. Dzhangildina 9, Sledstvenny izolyator UK-161/1, Kazakhstan

**Other information:**

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## **Saken TULBAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 1969

**Date and place of arrest:** On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization, and incitement of religious hatred or antagonism

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative 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:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, he was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison, and was banned from conducting any religious activity for three years following his release, until the end of 2022.

**Last court decision:** On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Supreme Court lifted Tulbayev's ban, but imposed two new conditions instead: He will be banned from sharing his faith with others and banned from membership of "extremist" organisations.

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

**Other information:** On 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

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## **Mamurzhan Rashidovich TURASHOV**

**Date of birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 1973

**Charges:** Creation or leadership of a banned group

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** 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:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, he was sentenced to three years in prison by Saraim District court.

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## **Kubaidolla TYULYUBAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1962

**Date and place of arrest:** On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in the southern city of Taldykorgan

**Charges:** Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

**Statement of the defendant:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016, He said in a hearing that he had gone to a mosque, and 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:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for one additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

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

**Place of detention:** Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

**Other information:** He is a retired police officer. KNB secret police investigator Belesov told TYULYUBAYEV that if he confessed he would be freed.

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## **Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV**

**Date of birth:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 1962

**Date and place of arrest:** In November 2016, in Atyrau

**Charges:** Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat



**Article of the 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) 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).

**First court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

**Other information:** He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV and Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV.

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2292](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292),

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2311](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311)

## Salafists

### **Satimzhan AZATOV**

**Date of birth:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 1989

**Date and place of arrest:** In early January 2017, in Astana

**Charges:** Inciting religious hatred and promoting terrorism

**Statement of the defendant:** He denied the charges.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017, he was sentenced to pre-trial detention, as requested by the KNB, by Judge Akmaral Isayeva of Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

**Last court decision:** On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017, he was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison.

**Place of detention:** Astana KNB Investigation Prison

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2262](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2262) ,

[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2286](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286)

### **Kuanysh BASHPAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1987

**Date and place of arrest:** On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016, at Astana Airport

**Charges:** Criticising the state-controlled Muslim Board and insulting the religious feelings of Kazakhstan's traditional Muslims

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 (Inciting social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or discord).

**Place of detention:** Pavlodar City Police Investigation Prison

**Last court decision:** On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017, he was sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp by Pavlodar City Court No. 2. He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism" on 1 July.

**Other information:** He has a Master's degree in Islamic theology from Medina. BASHPAYEV's closed trial began under Judge Kayirbek Yelemesov at Pavlodar City Court No. 2 with a preliminary hearing on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The full trial began on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2262](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2262) ,  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2286](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286) ,  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2272](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272)

## **Denis KORZHAVIN**

**Date of birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 1983

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017, in Almaty

**Charges:** Inciting religious hatred

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism with a prison term of two to seven years)

**First court decision:** On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017, Judge Maral Dzharilgasova of Almaty's Almaly District Court ordered KORZHAVIN to be held in two months' pre-trial detention, until 18 April.

**Last court decision:** On 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' restricted freedom by Judge Nariman Begaliyev of the city's Almaly District Court. He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism" on 1 July.

**Place of detention:** Almaty's Investigation Prison No. 18

**Other information:** He is an ethnic Russian who converted to Islam. He then studied his faith at Medina University in Saudi Arabia before returning to Kazakhstan.

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2286](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286)

## **Nariman SEYTZHANOV**

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1989

**Date and place of arrest:** On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Charges:** Inciting religious hatred

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 ("Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or discord")

**First court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Judge Kairat Khasenov of Kokshetau City Court approved the prosecutor's request to hold him in pre-trial detention for two months, until 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Second court decision:** On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the same Judge extended the pre-trial detention for a further month, until 15 April 2017.

**Third court decision:** On 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Judge Ilyas Kakim at Kokshetau City Court. He appealed to Akmola Regional Court.

**Last court decision:** On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Akmola Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** Kokshetau's Interior Ministry Investigation Prison No. 20

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