

## **TAJIKISTAN**

Most prisoners are Muslims, allegedly belonging to banned movements: Tabligh Jamaat, Salafists and Muslim Brothers.

Most prisoners are Sunni Muslims who are followers of **Tabligh Jamaat**. This movement has been banned in Tajikistan since 2006 although it does not use or advocate violence. It does not call for the overthrow of the political regime in Tajikistan either.

Other Muslims sentenced to prison terms are said to be **Salafists**. 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 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.

Other Muslims were accused of membership in the **Muslim Brothers**, which is listed as a terrorist organization in Russia and a number of Muslim majority countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE... It is not clear whether those prisoners were really members of that organization but they were not sentenced for committing violent acts. Their arrest and their imprisonment are clear violations of human rights.

Only one **Christian** is known to be in prison.

### **Protestant**

#### **Bakhrom KHOLMATOV (Pastor)**

**Age:** 42 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Tajikistan's northern Sogd Region

**Charges:** Singing extremist songs in church and so inciting 'religious hatred'. The National Security Committee (NSC) claimed that songs based on Biblical passages, such as "Praise God, oh the godless country", "God's army is marching", and "Our fight is not against flesh and blood" are "extremist and call on people to overthrow the government".

**Article of criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 189, Part 1 ("Inciting national, racial, local or religious hatred or dissension, humiliation of national dignity, as well as propaganda of the superiority of citizens based on their religion, national, racial, or local origin, if committed in public or using the mass media").

**First court decision:** On July 2017, he was sentenced to three years in prison by Khujand City Court.

**Last court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Sogd Regional Court.

**Place of detention:** First at the National Security Committee secret police in Dushanbe

**Other information:** He is the pastor of the Sunmin Sunbogym (Good News of Grace) Protestant Church in the regional capital Khujand. Sunmin Sunbogym Protestant Church in Khujand was officially registered with the State Committee for Religious Affairs in 1993 as a "missionary centre". In early February 2017, the NSC secret police, together with the State Committee for Religious Affairs and other law-enforcement agencies, began raiding Sunmin Sunbogym's affiliated congregations in Sogd Region.

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[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2291](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2291),  
[http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2298](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2298), <https://vom.com.au/tajikistan-pastor-imprisoned-three-year-term/>

## **Jehovah's Witness**

### **Daniil ISLAMOV**

**Age:** 18 years

**Place of residence:** Dushanbe

**Date and place of arrest:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, Dushanbe

**Charges:** Refusing to wear the military uniform and taking the military oath

**Article of criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 376, Part 1 (punishes evasion by an enlisted serviceman of fulfilment of military service obligations by way of inflicting on oneself injury (self-mutilation) or evasion by simulation of sickness or by other deception)

**Last court decision:** On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, he was sentenced to six months imprisonment, by Judge Alisher Rafikozda, Chair of Qurghonteppa Military Court in the southern Khatlon Region.

**Place of detention:** Temporary detention prison in Kurganteppa.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2327](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2327)

## Sunni Muslims

### **Gufron ANVAROV**

**Date and place of arrest:** Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

**Charges:** Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

**Statement of the defendant:** It is not known if he confirms or denies his belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood.

**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)

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to six years in prison.

**Place of detention:** Khujand District Police Detention Centre

**Other Information:** He was arrested alongside Kobil SANGINOV, Khurshed BOFAROV, Alisher OLIMOV and Dovud OKHUNOV.

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<http://www.uscirf.gov/sites/default/files/2017.USCIRFAnnualReport.pdf>

### **Khurshed BOFAROV**

**Date and place of arrest:** Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

**Charges:** Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

**Statement of the defendant:** It is not known if he confirms or denies his belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood

**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)

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to six years in prison.

**Place of detention:** Khujand District Police Detention Centre

**Other Information:** He was arrested alongside Kobil SANGINOV, Gufron ANVAROV, Alisher OLIMOV and Dovud OKHUNOV.

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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. As of 1 November, he was still awaiting his trial.

Source: [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2172](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2172)

### **Alisher OLIMOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

**Charges:** Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

**Statement of the defendant:** It is not known if he confirms or denies his belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood

**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)

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to six years in prison.

**Place of detention:** Khujand District Police Detention Centre

**Other Information:** He was arrested alongside Kobil SANGINOV, Gufroon ANVAROV, Dovud OKHUNOV and Khurshed BOFAROV.

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<http://www.uscirf.gov/sites/default/files/2017.USCIRFAnnualReport.pdf>

### **Doyud OKHUNOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

**Charges:** Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

**Statement of the defendant:** It is not known if he confirms or denies his belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood

**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)

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to six years in prison.

**Place of detention:** Khujand District Police Detention Centre

**Other Information:** He was arrested alongside Kobil SANGINOV, Gufron ANVAROV, Alisher OLIMOV and Khurshed BOFAROV.

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### **Kobil SANGINOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in the Kanibadam District of Sogd

**Charges:** Membership of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Organisation

**Statement of the defendant:** It is not known if he confirms or denies his belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood

**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)

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to six years in prison.

**Place of detention:** Khujand District Police Detention Centre

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Alisher OLIMOV, Gufron ANVAROV, Dovud OKHUNOV and Khurshed BOFAROV.

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<http://www.uscirf.gov/sites/default/files/2017.USCIRFAnnualReport.pdf>

### **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)

**Place of detention:** Detention Centre in Sogd

**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. As of 1 November, he was still awaiting his trial.

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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. As of 1 November, he was still awaiting his trial.

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### **Sunni Muslims**

#### **Tablighi Jamaat**

### **Mulloh ABDULLOH**

**Place of residence:** Qurghonteppa

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2009

**Charges:** Suspicion of being a leader of the banned Tablighi Jamaat in Qurghonteppa

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 307 (Public calls for extremist activity)

**Other information:** Trial and sentencing information is unknown, but he is in prison.

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**Payrayjon ASHUROV**

**Age:** 32 years

**Place of residence:** Isfara

**Date of arrest:** In January 2015

**Charges:** Suspicion of membership in the banned Tablighi Jamaat

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to three years in prison.

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**Amrokhon ERGASHOV**

**Age:** 68 years

**Place of residence:** Kulob

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2015

**Charges:** Suspicion of membership in the banned Tablighi Jamaat

**Article of criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code article 187 (Organising a criminal community or organisation), article 195 (Illegal buying, selling, keeping, transportation or carrying of weapons, ammunitions or explosives), and article 307 (Public calls for extremist activity).

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to twelve years in prison.

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**Abdulloh ISHOGOV**

**Age:** 38 years

**Place of residence:** Isfara

**Date and place of arrest:** In January 2015

**Charges:** Suspicion of membership in the banned Tablighi Jamaat

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to three years in prison.

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**Zarif NURIDDINOV**

**Age:** 34 years

**Place of residence:** Isfara



**Date of arrest:** In January 2015

**Charges:** Suspicion of membership in the banned Tablighi Jamaat

**Last court decision:** He was sentenced to three years in prison.

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### Salafist

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### **Otabek AZIMOV**

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

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

**First court decision:** On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 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. He was convicted alongside Romish BOBOYEV, Abdurahmon ISMOILOV and Khurshed SUVANOV.

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#### **Romish BOBOYEV**



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

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

**First court decision:** On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 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. He was convicted alongside Otabek AZIMOV, Abdurahmon ISMOILOV and Khurshed SUVANOV.

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<https://news.tj/en/news/four-jailed-dushanbe-membership-salafist-movement>

### 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.

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<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 banned Salafi movement and participating in extremist activities

**First court decision:** On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 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. He was convicted alongside Otabek AZIMOV, Romish BOBYEV and Khurshed SUVANOV.

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<https://news.tj/en/news/four-jailed-dushanbe-membership-salafist-movement>

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, he was sentenced to a 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.

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### 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment by the Sogd Region's Bobojon Gofurov District Court.

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside four members of his Mosque, Muhammadsayid SAYIDOV, Abdumajid ABDUKADIROV, Mirzomuhammad RAHMATOV and Farhod KARIMOV.

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### 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 Firdavsi 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.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Muhammadi RAHMATULLO (Alias. Mullah Muhammadi)**

**Age:** 43 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Charges:** Three charges, including inciting religious enmity and being a leader of the banned Salafi movement

**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.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Khurshed SUVANOV**

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

**Charges:** Membership of the banned 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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