

## UZBEKISTAN

Most of the prisoners below are **Sunni Muslims** who have been accused of alleged separatism, extremism, planning to overthrow the government and/or belonging to a banned Islamist movement. They are not known to have committed acts of violence.

Followers of the Turkish theologian **Said Nursi**, who lived and died in the 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> century, were also imprisoned for the same reasons, although they do not use or advocate violence or terrorism. Nursi's works are banned in Uzbekistan for allegedly inciting hatred and enmity against non-believers, which is not the case.

**Four Sufi leaders** were sentenced to prison terms because their religious group has not been registered by the state and is therefore deemed illegal.

**Three Christians** were in prison for two weeks in 2017. They do not want their names to be publicized and the reasons of the 15-day administration prison term are unknown.

### Protestants

#### *Arrests of three (unnamed) Protestants in April 2017*

**Place of residence:** Nukus, Karakalpakstan's regional capital

**Date and place of arrest:** In April 2017, in Karakalpakstan Region

**Charges:** Meeting for worship in a home

**Last court decision:** In late April 2017, they were given 15-day administrative prison terms.

**Date of release:** On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Other information:** The men were "starved" while in NSS secret police custody. They asked not to be named for fear of state reprisals.

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### **Mikhail BALYKBAYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18 June 2017, in Karshi City.

**Charges:** Carrying out a religious meeting without authorization

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Administrative Code Article 240, Part 1. This punishes "Carrying out of unauthorised religious activity, evasion by leaders of religious organisations of registration of the charter of the organisation, the unauthorised organisation and conduct of worship by religious ministers, and the organisation and conduct of special children's and youth meetings, as well as vocational, literature and other study groups not relating to worship" with fines of 50 to 100 times the minimum monthly wage or a prison term of up to 15 days.

**Last court decision:** On 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, Judge Azamat Khushvakhtov handed down a five-day prison terms to Balykbayev.

**Date of release:** On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Other information:** Karshi City Police raided a meeting for worship organised by Council of Churches Baptists for about 200 deaf church members.

Karshi City Administrative Court tried five church members accused of organising the meeting for worship. The five - Viktor Tashpulatov, Mikhail Balykbayev, Jahongir Shadmonov, Svetlana Andreychenko and Munira Gaziyeva – were accused of violating Administrative Code Article 240, Part 1. Tashpulatov and Balykbayev received a five-day prison term. Jahongir Shadmonov, Svetlana Andreychenko and Munira Gaziyeva were sentenced to a fine of three times the minimum monthly wage, 449,325 Soms.

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### **Viktor TASHPULATOV**

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### **Sunni Muslims**

#### **Furkat ABDULLAYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Navoi

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ((1) Production, storage, (2) distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, (3) [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 he was sentenced to twelve years in detention.

**Place of detention:** Prison 64/29 in Navoi

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851)

### **Zuhriddin ABDURAIMJANOV**

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

**Date and place of arrest:** On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016, at the Dustlik Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan customs border point in Andijan Region

**Charges:** Possession of "illegal" Islamic religious materials on his mobile phone

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 246, Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control... [weapons, narcotics, etc.] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

**Last court decision:** On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016, he was sentenced to a three-year term of imprisonment in a labour camp.

**Place of detention:** Prison UYa 64/61, in Karshi, in Kashkadarya Region

**Other information:** He is an ethnic Uzbek, Russian citizen, born in Kyrgyzstan. Relatives expressed concern over his health, as he had a liver operation shortly before his arrest.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2241](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2241)

### **Mansurkhon AKHMEDOV**

**Age:** 30 years

**Charges:** Possession of a music CD claimed to contain a sermon on the Islamic Caliphate

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Jonibek TURDIBOYEV. The prosecutors used the testimony of a jailed relative, Madatjon INAMUTDINOV, to convict him.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2191](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2191)

## **Nodir BARNAYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Navoi

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** Prison 64/29 in Navoi

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## **Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV**

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

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**First court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdulkhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2322](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2322)

## **Mehrinisso HAMDAMOVA**

**Age:** 46 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Charges:** Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan

**Statement of defendant:** She claims that she was simply teaching Islam in a mosque in Karshi.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Article 159 (Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and article 244-1 ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official, [c] if conducted with foreign finances or aid, [d] uses mass media, telecommunications networks, or the world wide web).

**First court decision:** In April 2010 she was sentenced to seven years in jail.

**Last court decision:** On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016, she was due to be released, but was moved to a new prison to be tried again on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for unknown charges.

**Place of detention:** In a labour camp in Tashkent Region

*Source:* <http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?country=33> ,  
<https://www.wrn.org/articles/41762/?&place=russia-cis> ,  
<http://www.refworld.org/docid/5832c2114.html>

## **Zulhumor HAMDAMOVA**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Charges:** Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan

**Statement of defendant:** She claims she was simply teaching Islam in a mosque in Karshi.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Article 159 (Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and article 244-1 ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official, [c] if conducted with foreign finances or aid, [d] uses mass media, telecommunications networks, or the world wide web).

**First court decision:** In April 2010 she was sentenced to six and a half years in jail.

**Last court decision:** She was due to be released in May 2016, but her sentence was increased by three years on unknown charges.

**Place of detention:** In a labour camp in Tashkent Region

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<https://www.wrn.org/articles/41762/?&place=russia-cis>  
<http://www.refworld.org/docid/5832c2114.html>

## **Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV**

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

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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## **Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV**

**Date of birth:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 1975

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich

KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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### **Abdugani KAMOLOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Kyzyltepe, Navoi Region

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/46 in Navoi

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile)

### **Zukhriddin KAMOLOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/47 in Kyzyltepe, Navoi Region

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### **Rakhmatillo KHAMDAMOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols

containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/49 in Shaikh-Ali near Karshi

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### **Shakirzhon KHAMDAMOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/47 in Kyzyltepe, Navoi Region

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### **Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV**

**Date of birth:** 25<sup>th</sup> November 1970

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**First court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin



Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdulkhakimovich INAGAMOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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### **Bobur KHATAMOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** Karshi Labour Camp

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile)  
<https://wwrn.org/articles/41206/>

### **Bakhtiyor KHUDAIBERDIYEV**

**Age:** 34 years

**Place of residence:** Russia

**Date and place of arrest:** On 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016, at the Tashkent Airport

**Charges:** Possession of extremist materials

**Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code:** Article 159 (Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** In August 2016, he was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

**Place of detention:** He was originally held at the NSS secret police detention center, Yunusabad District, Tashkent. His new location after being sentenced is currently unknown.

**Other information:** Officials and Khudaiberdiyev's lawyer have refused to provide details of the case, stating its secretive nature.

Source: <http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?country=33>  
[http://www.ecoi.net/local\\_link/332181/460140\\_en.html](http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/332181/460140_en.html)

## Gayrat KHUSANOV

**Place of residence:** Tashkent Region

**Date and place of arrest:** On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Statement of the defendant:** He says he was meeting to read the Koran, discuss his faith, and to learn how to pray.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official)

**Last court decision:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012, he was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Yukorichirchik District Court.

**Place of detention:** Yangibazar Detention Centre in Tashkent Region

*Source:* [http://www.ecoi.net/local\\_link/228659/350800\\_de.html](http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/228659/350800_de.html)

<http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/519625c04.pdf>

## Davron KOMOLIDDINOV

**Age:** 24 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016, in Krasnoyarsk, Russia

**Charges:** Enciting ethnic, racial, or religious hatred, attempt to undermine the constitutional order of Uzbekistan, and participation in a religious extremist organization

**Statement of the defendant:** He claims that while in Russia he accessed online sermons and teachings of religious leaders and performed Islamic prayers. He also accessed media from Uzbekistani imams and copied their photographs to his social media page.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Articles 156 (Acts intended to humiliate ethnic honour and dignity, insult the religious or atheistic feelings of individuals, carried out with the purpose of inciting hatred, intolerance, or divisions on a national, ethnic, racial, or religious basis, as well as the explicit or implicit limitation of rights or preferences on the basis of national, racial, or ethnic origin, or religious beliefs), 159 (Attempts to change the Constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**First court decision:** He was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Fergana Regional Court.

**Last court decision:** The sentence was upheld by the court of appeals.

**Place of detention:** Prison colony 64/61 in Karshi

**Other information:** Torture and ill treatment have been used against him to force false confessions to the crimes that he alleges he did not commit.

*Source:* <http://www.ahrca.eu/uzbekistan/torture-prevention/888-torture-concerns-for-prisoner-in-uzbekistan> , [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2191](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2191)

### **Rakhmatilla MAKHMUDOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Zangiota, Tashkent Region

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** Prison 64/65 in Zangiota, Tashkent Region

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### **Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1969

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Articles 159, Part 1 (Public calls or dissemination of materials containing such calls for illegal change of the State order), Article 241, Part 2 (Failure to report about or concealment of serious crimes) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**Last court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five and a half years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdulkhakimovich INAGAMOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2288](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288)

## Zoirjon MIRZAYEV

**Age:** 28 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014, at Keles Train station, in Tashkent Region

**Charges:** Possession of extremist materials

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 246 Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

**Last court decision:** On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

**Other information:** Officials found twenty-nine recordings of Muslim sermons on his mobile phone which were considered “extremist”.

*Source:* <https://wwrn.org/articles/46454/>

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1954](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1954)

## Zuboyd MIRZORAKHIMOV

**Date and place of arrest:** On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013, in Bekabad District, Tashkent

**Charge:** Possession of extremist materials

**Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 246 Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

**First court decision:** On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 he was sentenced to a five-year prison term.

**Last court decision:** In November 2013 an appeal was rejected.

**Place of detention:** Tashkent Prison

**Other information:** Sermons downloaded to his mobile phone were deemed “extremist”.

*Source:* [http://www.ecoi.net/local\\_link/280321/410431\\_de.html](http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/280321/410431_de.html)

## Ulugbek OTAKUZIYEV

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part

1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/45 in Almalyk, Tashkent Region

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile)

### **Ravshan RAHMATULLAYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** Around 28<sup>th</sup> December 2012

**Charges:** Illegal establishment or reactivation of illegal public associations or religious organisations, as well as active participation in their activities

**Statement of the defendant:** He says he met in private for joint prayers and Koran reading

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Articles 216 (Illegal establishment or reactivation of illegal public associations or religious organisations, as well as active participation in their activities), 244-1 Part 3 ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official, [c] if conducted with foreign finances or aid, [d] uses mass media, telecommunications networks, or the world wide web), and 246 Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment).

**Last court decision:** On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013, he was sentenced to six years in prison in Tashkent.

**Place of detention:** Karshi [Qarshi] Labour Camp

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1900](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1900) , <http://bit.ly/2t13iC9>

### **Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV**

**Date of birth:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 1972

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**First court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2288](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288),

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2322](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2322)

## **Akmaljon RASULOV**

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1990

**Place of residence:** Shymkent, in southern Kazakhstan

**Date and place of arrest:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, at Gisht-Kuprik customs border point in Tashkent Region's Zangiota District

**Charges:** "Deliberately trying to import into Uzbekistan banned religious materials"

**Statement of defendant:** He told the Court that he received these messages on his phone from others, and did "not know that they are banned in Uzbekistan".

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 246, Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc.] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

**First court decision:** On 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

**Last court decision:** On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Tashkent Regional Court dismissed his appeal against his conviction.

**Place of detention:** Prison UYa 64/65 in Zangiota, Tashkent Region

**Other information:** He was tortured during pre-trial investigation.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2241](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2241)

## **Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV**

**Date of birth:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 1977

**Date and place of arrest:** On 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**Last court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been sentenced in a separate case. On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, he was sentenced to five and a half years' imprisonment. He was convicted under Criminal Code Article 216 (illegal organisation of public or religious organisations) and Article 241. That sentence has been combined with the sentence handed down on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

*Source:* [http://forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2288](http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288)

## **Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV**

**Date of birth:** 18<sup>th</sup> October 1971

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

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison) and Article 241, Part 2 (Failure to report about or concealment of serious crimes)

**First court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2322](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2322)

### **Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV**

**Date of birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 1976

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**First court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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### **Mukhmadin SOTIVOLDIYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/6, Chirchik, Tashkent Region

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile)



## **Avazbek TURAYEV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Tashkent Region

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

**Place of detention:** Prison in Tashkent Region

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile)

## **Rakhmonzhon TURABAYEV**

**Date of birth:** In 1984

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Koson near Karshi

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to thirteen years of detention for leading an "illegal religious meeting."

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/51, Koson, near Karshi

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851&layout\\_type=mobile](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile)

## **Jonibek TURDIBOYEV**

**Date of birth:** In 1986

**Charges:** Possession of a music CD claimed to contain a sermon on the Islamic Caliphate

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Mansurkhon AKHMEDOV. Prosecutors used testimony of a jailed relative Madatjon INAMUTDINOV to convict him.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2191](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2191)

## **Khayrullo TURSUNOV**

**Age:** 40 years

**Place of residence:** Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Date and place of arrest:** On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Aktobe Kazakhstan, and again on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Uzbekistan

**Charges:** Extremist religious activity

**Statement of the defendant:** He claims he practiced his faith outside of state run mosques, and then fled to Kazakhstan.

**First court decision in Kazakhstan:** On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Aktobe City Specialized Administrative Court approved his detention, which was subsequently extended several times by the court.

**Extradition decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012, Kazakh Deputy General Prosecutor Khalimoc approved the decision to extradite him to Uzbekistan.

**Second court decision:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012, Astana Regional Court referred Tursunov's appeal to Aktobe City Court No. 2.

**Third court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> December 2012, Judge Kusanova upheld the extradition.

**Fourth court decision:** On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013, a panel of Judges at Aktobe Regional Court rejected Tursunov's appeal and upheld his extradition.

**Last court decision:** In June 2013, he was sentenced to sixteen years in prison by the Kashkadarya Regional Criminal Court.

**Place of detention:** Originally he was held in Aktobe, Kazakhstan. On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 he was moved to Almaty. On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 he was moved to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2149](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2149)

## **Ravshanbek UMARBAYEV**

**Date of birth:** In 1969

**Date and place of arrest:** In 2010, in Karshi

**Charges:** Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison) and Article 159, Part 4 (Violent attempts to change the Constitutional order).

**Last court decision:** On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to fourteen years of detention for leading an "illegal religious meeting."

**Place of detention:** In strict regime prison 64/33 in Karshi

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1851](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851)

### **Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV**

**Date of birth:** 26<sup>th</sup> March 1973

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

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Articles 159, Part 1 (Public calls or dissemination of materials containing such calls for illegal change of the State order), Article 241, Part 2 (Failure to report about or concealment of serious crimes) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

**Last court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to five and a half years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdulkhakimovich INAGAMOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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### **Shuhrat YUNUSOV**

**Place of residence:** Tashkent Region

**Date and place of arrest:** Between mid-May and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Statement of the defendant:** He claims he was meeting to read the Koran, discuss his faith, and to learn how to pray.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning)

**Last court decision:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012, he was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Yukorichirchik District Court.

**Place of detention:** Yangibazar Detention Centre in Tashkent Region

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1770](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1770)

## **Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV**

**Date of birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1970

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

**Charges:** Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison) and Articles 159, Part 3, Point a (acts punishable under Part 1 or Part 2 of Article 159 committed repeatedly or by a dangerous recidivist)

**Last court decision:** On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

**Place of detention:** Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

**Other information:** The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdulkhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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## **Said Nursi Followers**

### **Nutfullo AMINOV**

**Age:** 37 years

**Date and place of arrest:** In early 2010

**Charges:** Participation in an extremist organisation

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum

monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** In June 2010, he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

*Source:* <http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/54f815844.pdf>

### **Ikrom MERAJOV**

**Age:** 42 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008, in Bukhara

**Charges:** Participation in an extremist organisation

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

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

**Place of detention:** A labour camp near Chirchik in the Tashkent Region

**Other information:** He was a University lecturer and studied works written by Said Nursi.

*Source:* <http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/49f18f342.pdf>

### **Ilkhom RAJABOV**

**Age:** 36 years

**Date and place of arrest:** In early 2010

**Charges:** Participation in an extremist organisation

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** In June 2010, he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2045](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2045)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1465](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1465)

### **Tukhtakul SHODIYEV**

**Age:** 32 years

**Date and place of arrest:** In early 2010

**Charges:** Participation in an extremist organisation

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

**Last court decision:** On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010, he was sentenced to seven years in prison.

*Source:* [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1465&printer=Y](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1465&printer=Y)

## **Botir TUKHTAMURODOV**

**Date and place of arrest:** In April 2009 in Bukhara

**Charges:** Participation in an extremist organisation

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

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

**Last court decision:** In 2015, his term of imprisonment was extended to an additional three years in a labour camp.

**Other information:** Officials told Tukhtamurodov and his relatives that he will not be freed until the authorities get back his brother Bobirjon Tukhtamurodov from Russia, where he sought refuge in January 2010.

*Source:* <http://www.refworld.org/docid/56c56f1c4.html>

## **Sufis**

### **Four SUFI LEADERS**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, in Bukharan Region

**Charges:** Participation in an illegal (not state-sanctioned) religious group

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Criminal Code Article 216 (Illegal establishment or reactivation of illegal public associations or religious organisations shall be punished with a fine and imprisonment of up to five years; participation in such a group,

illegal religious activity, or in present of minors shall be punishable by a fine or imprisonment up to three years)

**Last court decision:** On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, the four religious leaders were sentenced to four years in prison.

**Other information:** Names of the four prisoners are currently unknown.

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